

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING MR. PATRICK CERMAK FOR RECEIVING THE LEWIS UNIVERSITY SIGNUM FIDEI AWARD

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Patrick Cermak, President and Chief Operating Officer of Wight and Company, for receiving the Lewis University Signum Fidei Award. The Signum Fidei Award, meaning "sign of faith," honors a distinguished member of the community that embodies the Lasallian mission of faith and service to the community.

Throughout his career, Pat has taken on many roles to help others succeed. Since joining Wight and Company in 2001, he has led the company's daily operations and overseen its financial management. Under his leadership, Wight and Company has experienced steady growth and instituted numerous initiatives including the Wight Sustainability Forum. The broad base of support for Pat's leadership demonstrates his credentials as an effective leader and his ability to work collaboratively to build long-term partnerships.

Pat Cermak has always strived to serve others unconditionally. He has been deeply involved with the Metropolitan Planning Council and Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. His tireless work has helped ensure that Chicagoland remains vibrant and sustainable. In another role, Pat serves as an Executive Board Member of the Design Futures Council. His work through this organization continues to shape the future of the architecture, engineering, and construction industry to benefit the people that it serves.

But in talking about all that Pat Cermak has done and achieved, it is essential to mention that what is most important to him is his faith and his family, and all who know him know what a kind and caring man he is.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Patrick Cermak on this tremendous honor. He is a man who lives out the values of faith and service to the community in all that he does. I thank him for his service and wish him and his family the best.

RECOGNITION OF EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. HURD of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 50-year anniversary of the El Paso Community College in El Paso, Texas. Since opening in 1969, El Paso Community College has provided students with quality and affordable education.

With 28 students graduating in 1971, the ELCC has since graduated over 80,000. It boasts 5 campuses in the El Paso area, including its first campus at Fort Bliss Army Base. The college's more than 130 distinct programs give their average of 29,000 enrollees per semester a diverse array of career options to choose from.

Under President William Serrata, I know El Paso Community College will continue to thrive and benefit the members of the El Paso community for years to come, living true to their motto as the "Best Place to Start—and Finish." I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating their 50th anniversary.

HONORING DR. ERIC HOLMES FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO YORK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former York City School District Superintendent Eric Holmes, who retired earlier this year after over thirty years of exceptional service with the district.

Beginning as a high school social studies teacher, Dr. Holmes served in a number of leadership capacities for the York City School District, before being named the district's 14th superintendent on July 1, 2013.

Dr. Holmes led the district to success during challenging times, including seeing the district through a state-mandated financial recovery plan. The district added a STEAM-science, technology, engineering, arts and math-academy through 10th grade and improved its benchmarks for student achievement.

Following the announcement of his retirement, Dr. Holmes said during an interview that: "It's a team effort, and that's the only way we would be able to accomplish our goals."

We know that good teams have great leaders and that is true of Dr. Holmes and his leadership with the York City School District. I thank him for his many years of service improving the lives of countless students in York County.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHARIS BIBLE COLLEGE

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to honor the 25th Anniversary of Charis Bible College. It is nothing short of miraculous to observe the growth that has taken

place within the past quarter-century. Charis was founded as Colorado Bible College in 1994 and was originally located in Colorado Springs.

Charis has grown from its first graduating class of 33 people in 1996, to include 26 campuses in the United States and 22 international locations. Charis's main campus has moved from the Springs to Woodland Park and is located on a beautiful piece of property overlooking Pikes Peak.

In my district, the Charis campus provides multiple programs of Bible-based education including a practical government degree. It also hosts faith-based events throughout the year with discussions on Christian art, culture, and politics.

Charis Bible College was created by Andrew Wommack, who has been a pioneer in Christian education and ministry. His vision to have men and women steeped in scripture has changed countless lives in my district and around the world.

It was not Andrew's original plan to create a college, but he was inspired by 2 Timothy 2:2 which says "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." 25 years after receiving an answer to his prayer, Andrew is continuing to innovate and inspire new students.

Charis students and graduates have invested themselves in our nation through prison ministry, care for the homeless, church planting, healing of the sick, relief from addiction, service in our schools, establishment of Christian businesses, and practicing grace-touched citizenship that transforms culture, in the tradition of William Wilberforce.

It is my hope and prayer that as Charis continues to grow, it will continue its mission in Woodland Park for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING JUDY PRESTON OF RONAN

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Judy Preston of Ronan, for serving her community and her leadership of the Bread Basket in Ronan.

An experienced project manager, Judy understands the importance of building effective business logistics. She serves as the organizational leader for Skill Builders, a company aimed at helping businesses improve overall performance. She is also a graduate of the Leadership Montana program which helps enhance participants' leadership skills.

Judy recently concluded her two-year term as board chair of the Ronan Bread Basket, a nonprofit organization that has provided food to neighbors in need for more than 30 years. Under her leadership, the emergency food pantry grew to triple its original size, increasing its capacity to serve others. The group's board expanded to 11 members.

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Before her departure, The Montana Food Bank Network presented Judy with the Glacier Award: For Moving Mountains to End Hunger for reducing hunger in Montana and promoting food security through her work with the Ronan Bread Basket.

As chair of the board, Judy also implemented the Backpack Program in the Ronan school district. The program provides students with nutritious foods before weekends and holidays so they can have proper nutrition when school is out of session. During her term as chair, Judy led the fundraising efforts that enabled over 4,500 meals to be distributed to students in Ronan.

Madam Speaker, for her leadership of the Ronan Food Basket and her dedication to making sure no family or student in Ronan went hungry, I recognize Judy Preston for her spirit of Montana.

HONORING IAN PATRICK
SCHWARBER, A TRUE SON OF
AKRON, OH

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Ian Patrick Schwarber, who passed away on September 17, 2019. Ian was a loving husband, son, brother, uncle, and friend who devoted his life to creating a vibrant and prosperous community for the next generation.

Ian was born on October 31, 1980, in Akron, Ohio to Donald and Patricia Schwarber. Ian attended St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School and graduated from Archbishop Hoban High School. During his time at Hoban, Ian was a multi-sport athlete, lettering in both football and baseball. Ian was involved in a severe accident that damaged his leg and left him bedridden for nearly a year. Ian's strong faith and his perseverance—two of his most defining characteristics—brought him through this time and would ultimately guide the course of his life.

Upon graduation from Hoban, Ian left Akron to attend the University of Charleston where his passion for music and songwriting manifested itself into his band Blue Flashing Light. Along with his brother, Joshua, and his bandmates, Ian shared his talent and gifts with the world. Ian would later return to his hometown to finish college and earn his master's degree in Applied Politics from the University of Akron. Anyone who knew Ian recognized his brilliant light and his unwavering commitment to serving others. Whether it was his involvement with community nonprofit organizations like Project Learn Summit County and the Autism Society of Greater Akron, or to broader issues like expanding STEM opportunities to underserved youth and entrepreneurship, Ian gave one thousand percent of his time, energy, and talent.

Ian is most known for his entrepreneurial and innovative spirit that drove him into his next venture as the co-founder of the University of Akron's EXL Center, an initiative designed to help students emerge as civically-engaged, adaptable leaders, ready to join in the enterprise of building strong and sustainable communities. After launching the EXL

center, Ian transitioned into the IT landscape, becoming the Chief Strategy Officer and a co-owner of DriveIT, a Tech-centric adult training center. Ian would later become Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer at Akron-based IT services company CenterLink Technologies. Aside from his professional contributions, Ian was most proud of the family he created with his wife, Mackenzie Justice. Their children, Mary Justice and Jack, were the most precious gifts in his life.

Madam Speaker, Ian Schwarber was a true son of Akron. He was relentless in the promotion of any effort to amplify Akron and was a wellspring of ideas to move the community forward. Ian was willing to work with anyone to see a dream grow wings and take flight. May we all redouble our own efforts to love and serve others the way Ian so generously did during his life.

SIMPLE FAFSA ACT

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Simple FAFSA Act.

Because today FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, is anything but simple.

In fact, the 108-question application can be so daunting that as many as 40 percent of students and parents simply cannot complete it.

And that means they cannot get the help they need to make college more affordable, even though we have money available for them.

In fact, \$2.6 billion went unclaimed for the 2018–2019 academic year.

So, let us do something to help these students and their families.

The Simple FAFSA Act reduces the number of supporting documents and many of the questions on the current FAFSA.

Verifying income will be much easier as parents will be able to retrieve and use the previous year's income data when applying under the bill.

Low-income students and families—like many in the Marianas—just need to file the FAFSA once, as opposed to annually, to automatically qualify for a full Pell Grant and attend Northern Marianas College debt-free.

The process is even faster for families receiving a means-tested benefit, like Medicaid, who will be able to skip all financial questions on the form.

And the legislation opens FAFSA to DREAMers and students with prior drug offenses so our country can fully benefit from their potential.

By simplifying the FAFSA, we help more students and their families receive the aid they need to succeed in their education and future careers.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation to make college more accessible and affordable for all Americans.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF JANE DIFLEY FROM THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF NH FORESTS

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jane Difley on the event of her retirement as President of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

A licensed forester, Jane's esteemed career included time at the American Forest Foundation and the Vermont Natural Resources Council before joining the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests in 1996. In addition, Jane was the first woman elected to serve as the President of the Society of American Foresters. During her 23 years with the Forest Society, Jane has been a tireless advocate for land conservation in the Granite State.

At the helm of the Forest Society, Jane successfully heightened the pace of land conservation efforts in the face of increasing development. Under her direction, the Forest Society more than doubled the size of its conserved Forest Reservations to 56,000 acres and played a role in the conservation of over 290,000 acres overall. She advocated for the important role of Granite State forests in community recreation, wildlife habitat, and environmental health.

The important work accomplished during Jane's tenure at the Forest Society will serve as an enduring testament to her commitment to New Hampshire's forests. On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Jane for her service and wish her the best of luck in her new chapter.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF FORMER PRESIDENT OF BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY DR. SAMUEL L. MYERS, SR.

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to express my heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Samuel L. Myers, Sr. on reaching his milestone centennial birthday this past April 18, which is being celebrated on September 27 at a gathering of friends, family, and community and national leaders at National Harbor in Maryland. From speaking out against segregation in the military as an Army captain during the Second World War to becoming one of the first African Americans to earn a doctorate in economics from Harvard University, from his efforts as part of the Civil Rights Movement to expand access to higher education to his championing of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) for more than half a century, Dr. Myers' life has been one of blazing trails and breaking down barriers.

In 1967, Dr. Myers assumed the position of President of Bowie State University, the oldest HBCU in Maryland and one of the oldest in the country. Under his administration, enrollment increased 200 percent and tensions between the student body and officials were

calmed by his skilled diplomacy and determination to ensure that high-quality education always came first. After ten years at Bowie State, Dr. Myers began an eighteen-year tenure as President of the National Association for Equal Opportunity (NAFEO). Representing 117 HBCUs, Dr. Myers fought tirelessly to secure much-needed funding for these colleges and universities to expand and offer more courses and degrees. I am proud, Madam Speaker, to be a member of the Congressional HBCU Caucus and to support Bowie State University and other HBCUs as they work hard to carry out their important mission of making educational achievement and career success more equitable in our country.

Even after his retirement from NAFEO, Dr. Myers has been a force for good in the community, working since 1995 as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Minority Access, Inc., an organization that works to expand the access of under-represented groups to institutions of higher education, federal and state governments, and private corporations. Dr. Myers has spent decades fighting for the public good, for equality, for justice, and for opportunity. His impact on education in my home state of Maryland and in our country cannot be measured and will surely be long-lasting. I hope my colleagues will join me in thanking Dr. Myers for his lifetime of service and wishing him a very happy 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE NAMING OF
THE VERMONT AVENUE EXIT ON
STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 10 IN
HONOR OF THE EL SALVADOR
COMMUNITY CORRIDOR

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the El Salvador Community Corridor (Corridor), the first designated Salvadoran community in the City of Los Angeles.

This vibrant Corridor, located in the Pico Union area in the southern region of downtown Los Angeles, honors the rich history, heritage and contributions of the Salvadoran American community. Murals throughout the Corridor depict the cultural pride, struggles and dreams of Salvadoran Americans.

Forty years of internal political turmoil forced individuals from the Republic of El Salvador to flee the country and seek peace and security in the United States. Today, it is estimated that nearly one million Salvadorans reside in Los Angeles, making Los Angeles home to the largest population of Salvadorans outside of El Salvador.

You cannot tell the story of Los Angeles without telling the stories of the Salvadoran American community—and of the community leaders, public servants, artists, teachers, neighbors, family members and friends who enrich Los Angeles in countless ways.

In 2012, the City of Los Angeles declared a section of Vermont Avenue as the El Salvador Community Corridor, a long over due recognition of the economic and cultural contributions of Salvadoran American individuals, families, and organizations. This designation—an important step for the community—created a special place for residents to celebrate their

culture through businesses, retail, colorful art, food, clothing, and traditions.

This year, we celebrate the naming of the Vermont Avenue exit on State Highway 10 in honor of the Corridor. Another important step in honoring the integral role of the Salvadoran American community in the economy, culture and identity of Los Angeles.

I ask all Members to join me in commending the countless contributions of the Salvadoran American community to Los Angeles and recognizing integral economic and cultural role of the El Salvador Community Corridor.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALBERT N.
BULLOCK, POSTHUMOUSLY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Albert N. Bullock “Al” who passed away at the age of 96 on August 16, 2019 in Daly City after a remarkable life. Al was an unflappable photographer who filmed the attack on Pearl Harbor and covered many events that shaped the Bay Area, including the Patti Hearst kidnapping, the assassinations of Mayor Moscone and Harvey Milk and the Jonestown mass murder where I met him. He will always have a special place in my heart.

Al was born in Utica, New York on March 5, 1923. He joined the U.S. Navy at age 17 which changed his life. His first job was washing airplanes and working in a photo lab where he discovered his talent and love for taking pictures. When a place in the Navy photography school opened, he was picked and received what he called the best education possible in photography, motion pictures and navigation. He graduated as a second class photographer's mate and was immediately hired by the government. He was shipped to Pearl Harbor and as fate would have it, the year was 1941. On December 7th, Al was on Ford Island and as the Japanese were dropping bombs right on top of him, he filmed the carnage with a hand-cranked 16mm camera. Ford Island was the strategic center of operations for the U.S. Navy in the Pacific, the location of Battleship Row. Assigned as a flag cameraman on the USS *Santa Fe*, he spent the entire war moving from one campaign to the next. In March 1945, he shot historic photos and footage of the burning and listing USS *Franklin* 50 miles off the coast of Japan. The USS *Santa Fe* rescued many sailors and helped put out the fires on the *Franklin*. Al was 22.

In 1950, Al moved to San Mateo in my Congressional District and held a variety of jobs selling China and silverware, taking photos and filming car races. One day in the 60s, he was filming a race that ended in a fiery crash. Roger Grimsby, an anchor and the news director at KGO-TV, watched him as he kept filming. He approached Al asking, “You have any blood in your veins?” He bought the footage for \$25 and used it on the air that day. Thus began Al's pursuit to become a cameraman for KGO. In 1962, Grimsby, known as “Grim Grimsby” for his gruff no-nonsense delivery of the news, finally relented and hired him. Al stayed at KGO for 30 years covering

the John F. Kennedy assassination, the Vietnam War, the birth of the free speech movement, the kidnapping of newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, and the Loma Prieta earthquake.

He also covered a story that shaped my life and cemented my commitment to public service. Al flew to Guyana with my mentor and boss Congressman Ryan who took a delegation there to investigate the commune Jim Jones had built in Jonestown. Relatives and friends of Jones' followers suspected that he was holding them against their will. They were right and some 40 followers were ready to defect with our delegation. What unfolded was one of the deadliest mass murders in history. Congressman Ryan was assassinated on the airstrip in Port Kaituma, shot 45 times. Three journalists and one defector were shot dead. I was shot five times, left for dead but survived. In the commune, more than 900 followers were murdered with cyanide-laced Kool-Aid. Al was on a plane back to the Bay Area. Upon hearing the news he immediately returned to Guyana to cover the aftermath. Just nine days later, back in San Francisco, Al was sent to cover the assassinations of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk. He witnessed and captured one of the most tumultuous and trying periods in Bay Area history.

Al's superb work was recognized with many awards including the California Press Photographer of the Year and the prestigious Silver Circle of the National Academy of TV Arts and Sciences in 2003.

Al Bullock is preceded in death by his ex-wife Edythe and survived by their three children, Candace, Bob and Georgette, their six grandchildren, Stephanie, Lindsey, Sean, Erin, Matthew, and four great-grandchildren, Kelly, Katie, Tyler and Adam.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Albert N. Bullock who served our country and led by example. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, a mentor to many, Mr. KGO to his colleagues, and one of a kind. He will be deeply missed.

RECOGNIZING MAX DISPOSTI AS
CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Max Disposti, founder of the North County LGBTQ Resource Center, as my next Constituent of the Month. A longtime North County resident, Max's tireless work to open the Center filled a void in support services and resources for LGBTQ families and has made a positive impact on countless lives in our community.

Before Max founded the Center in 2011, many lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual, and questioning youth and families had nowhere to turn in North County, lacking a sense of community that was desperately needed. With the help of others in the community like Maria Al Shamma, who now serves as Board Chair for the Center, Max is able to provide our LGBTQ neighbors with a safe place to receive resources and feel more comfortable in their community. Max and many others at the Center provide critical services such as support

groups for youth, seniors, and military service members, HIV and AIDS testing and prevention, counseling and assistance with housing and meals. They also provide civil rights advocacy, classes, and workgroups.

Ultimately, one of the most significant benefits of the Resource Center is its ability to make the LGBTQ community more visible in North County. Everyone in our community should feel safe and welcome. Unfortunately, that has not always been the experience of our LGBTQ neighbors. There is much more that we need to do to ensure that LGBTQ individuals have the same rights and protections as anyone else. That's why I was proud to help introduce and pass the Equality Act to finally, fully end discrimination against LGBTQ Americans. I'm proud to stand with Max and so many others in North County's LGBTQ community in fighting for equality.

I launched a Constituent of the Month program to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond to make our region a stronger place for everyone to live and thrive. Max's contributions to our community are extraordinary, but I also want to recognize everyone else who helped launch the North County LGBTQ Resource Center and work to keep its doors open every single day. I thank them for everything they have done and will continue to do for the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, due to scheduling conflict, I missed votes. Had I been present, on Vote 539, I would have voted "no," and on Vote 540, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I was absent Friday, September 20, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 539 and "nay" on Roll Call No. 540.

RECOGNIZING ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR ITS 150 YEARS AS A CONGREGATION

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the St. Peter Lutheran Church for 150 years of unfaltering service to its community. The church began in 1869 with a congregation of 26; the growing number of attendees quickly surpassed the capacity of the small church, and a new building was constructed across the street. In 1894, a community formed around the church, which became

known as the town of Saint Peter. In 1971 a parochial school was added to the church grounds which still operates today.

To celebrate this historic occasion, the church will be holding honorary services dedicated to the anniversary on Sunday, November 10, 2019, at 9 AM. Immediately after the service there will be a presentation of the church's history, featuring memorabilia collected throughout the last 150 years.

I extend my well wishes to Reverend Ryan Meyer, the congregation, and the church anniversary committee as they celebrate this exciting event.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the St. Peter Lutheran Church and their entire congregation for their service and commitment to their community and to their faith throughout the past 150 years. I look forward to seeing the Saint Peter Lutheran Church continue to prosper.

HONORING THE FARMER'S DAUGHTERS' DRIVE-IN FOR 50 YEARS OF BUSINESS IN SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Farmer's Daughters' Drive-In for 50 years of business in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Farmer's Daughters' was founded in 1969 by Mr. Eddie Winslow and was run by his daughter Glenda Clausen and her husband Tom until 2006. It was then that Annette Osher bought the community staple. Ms. Osher has kept the community favorite alive and well. Small businesses like Farmer's Daughters' form the backbone of our North Country communities. They generate employment and job creation, while driving investment. Beyond that, small businesses become a part of the social fabric that makes our communities unique. Most small businesses survive fewer than five years so the 50th anniversary of a business is a momentous achievement.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate Annette Osher for reaching to this milestone. Annette is a great example of the entrepreneurial and community spirit that defines New York's 21st District. I look forward to her continued success.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RAY GREEN

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor and remember the life of Ray Green, who passed away on August 7, 2019, at age 91.

Born in Cascade, Iowa in 1927, Ray displayed a natural gravitation towards leadership. Ray Green began his studies at my alma matter, Loras College, in Dubuque, Iowa. Not long after he started his education at Loras,

Ray left to serve in the United States Army, where he fought in Italy during World War II. After returning from war, Ray finished his schooling and went on to start his long career in the automotive industry.

While working in auto sales, Ray advanced quickly at every stop that he made. In 1964, Ray Green was able to purchase his first car dealership in Monmouth, Illinois. Over the years, Ray owned and managed several car dealerships throughout Central Illinois. Ray also worked to improve his industry by serving as a director on many national auto retailer boards. All of Ray's hard work cemented his place as an inductee into the Automotive Hall of Fame.

Ray Green was a small and cunning businessman, but he was also known for his generosity and community service. He was heavily involved with the Knights of Columbus, Rotary Club, and the America Legion. Ray was also known for supporting those seeking a Catholic education. He helped to raise millions of dollars for Loras College and Routt Catholic High School, in Jacksonville, Illinois.

We mourn the passing of Ray Green, a friend and hero to many. He left a lasting impact on those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

TRIBUTE TO RANDON LANE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to our region have been exceptional. After serving ten years on the Murrieta City Council, my good friend Randon Lane recently stepped down to take a position with the U.S. Department of Transportation, here in Washington, D.C.

After graduating from college, Randon began a career in business working for Fortune 500 companies including AT&T Broadband, Nextel and Sprint. Until recently, Randon served as a Public Affairs Manager for The Southern California Gas Company, the largest natural gas provider in the nation. In addition to his business career, Randon has long been active in public service. In 2003, he was appointed to the Murrieta Planning Commission. In the following years Murrieta witnessed an incredible 70 percent population explosion, one of the largest population increases in the nation during that period.

In 2008 Randon was elected to the Murrieta City Council. While successfully leading Murrieta as Mayor in 2011 and 2016, he along with the City Council continued to prioritize investments in infrastructure and public safety. Forbes named Murrieta the No. 1 post-recession "boom town" in America and FBI statistics rank Murrieta the third safest city in the Nation among cities with populations over 100,000 residents. Randon's strong leadership led his council colleagues to appoint him to represent them on agencies locally, regionally, statewide and nationally. Randon and his wife, Bridget "Bo", have been married for 21 years, 17 of those in Murrieta. Together they have a daughter, Chelsea, 27 and son-in-law Sean and two sons, Randon, Jr., 15 and Joshua, 11.

Randon has contributed immensely to the betterment of our region and I am proud to

call him a dedicated public servant, American and friend. To conclude, Madam Speaker I want to thank Randon for his service to the Inland Empire—his dedication, insight and passion will be greatly missed. I wish him the very best in his new position with the Department of Transportation.

HONORING ARCHBISHOP MARY
FLOYD PALMER

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Archbishop Mary Floyd Palmer, affectionately known as Bishop Mary. On March 16, 2019, Bishop Mary was installed as the first woman Presiding Prelate of the Philadelphia Council of Clergy, Inc.

The Philadelphia Council of Clergy, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1994 as an ecumenical group of multi-cultural faith-based leaders who desire to alleviate suffering, overcome oppression and foster justice and peace, not only in Philadelphia but in all communities nationwide.

Bishop Mary is the eldest daughter of Rev. Dr. Melvin and the late Mrs. Elizabeth Floyd. Bishop Mary is a graduate of the Philadelphia High School for Girls and has obtained a Doctor of Ministry. In July 2009, Bishop Mary was ordained and consecrated to the Episcopal Office of Bishop in Atlanta, Georgia. In May 2011, Bishop Mary was selected by the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Congress of Black Women to receive their prestigious "Woman of the Year in Ministry" award.

In 2006, Bishop Mary entered full-time ministry as a Motivational Speaker. She is passionate about prison ministries and she serves as a volunteer instructor teaching a weekly Reality Life Skills Class for male inmates since 1988. In October 2011, she became Founder and Pastor of The Samaritan Temple, a place where hope exists. Bishop Mary serves as the Corresponding Secretary for the National Congress of Black Women, Philadelphia Chapter and actively serves in several capacities on several committees.

On behalf of the 3rd Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I am pleased to offer my sincere congratulations to Archbishop Mary Floyd Palmer in achieving this historic appointment as the first woman Presiding Prelate of the Philadelphia Council of Clergy, Inc.

HONORING DR. MICHAEL
CHERINGTON

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Dr. Michael Cherington for his 85th birthday.

Dr. Michael Cherington of Castle Rock, Colorado was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1934. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and later attended the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. As such, he was destined to continue his career on the East

Coast until a mentor directed him to take a year for residency. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Colorado Springs with his first wife, and that same year, he was drafted into the United States Army.

While in Colorado, Dr. Cherington opened his own private practice in neurology and he taught at the University of Colorado Medical School. He served his community very well in both capacities while helping thousands of patients across the state. He most notably cared for patients with varying degrees of neurological damage from lightning strikes. As a matter of fact, towards the end of his practice, he wrote an article about lightning strikes and the injuries they can cause, and it was published in "SportsMedicine."

Later, he became known as "The Lightning Doctor" after publishing many articles about lightning injuries and how to avoid such injuries. This eventually led to the creation of the Lightning Data Center in Denver, which brought together many lightning experts across several different areas of expertise and discipline. As "The Lightning Doctor," he was featured on many local television stations, as well as, ABC's 20/20, National Geographic, and Unsolved Mysteries.

To this day, Dr. Cherington still lives happily in Colorado, almost sixty years later. In his spare time, he greatly enjoys spending time with his wife Nancy, his children, and nine grandchildren. I would like to thank Dr. Cherington for all his contributions and wish him a very Happy Birthday.

CONGRATULATING INDIANA HIGH
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE
YEAR BRUCE D. JENNINGS

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bruce D. Jennings on being named the 2018 Indiana High School Principal of the Year.

Annually since 1992, the Indiana Association of School Principals has recognized outstanding principals across our great state of Indiana. In his 12 years as principal at Bremen High School, Mr. Jennings has truly been an extraordinary educator, and it is clear this high honor is well-deserved. However, his impact goes far beyond the walls of Bremen High School.

In addition to his role as principal, Mr. Jennings has served his community in compassionate and philanthropic ways that have helped to advance educational opportunities for the next generation. As a member and advisor of organizations like the Marshall County Community Foundation, the Bremen Dollars for Scholars Organization, and Indiana University's Educational Leadership Program, Mr. Jennings works hard to build a bright future for Hoosier students and lead by example for educators across the country. His record of leadership and dedication reflects positively on Bremen High School and the northern Indiana community, and I am grateful for his innovative ideas that promote creativity, confidence, and discovery.

Mr. Jennings' ability to connect with students and teachers and share his passion for

learning empowers everyone at Bremen High School to reach the next level of success. He is a true inspiration and valuable role model to us all, and I have no doubt Bremen students are well-equipped for whatever their futures may hold.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I want to thank Bruce Jennings for all he has done to educate, guide, and support his students and faculty. It is a privilege to represent principals like Mr. Jennings who help make our schools vibrant and our students' futures bright.

CELEBRATING THE 200TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE OLD
MCKENDREE CHAPEL

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Old McKendree Chapel in Jackson, Missouri on the occasion of its bicentennial. The Old McKendree Chapel was built in 1819 and held their first services on September 14th, a year and a half before Missouri was granted statehood.

The chapel was constructed by Methodist pioneers, who had been meeting at the site since 1809. It was named for the circuit-riding preacher, William McKendree, who visited the congregation in 1818. McKendree went on to become the first native-born bishop of the Methodist Church in the United States. The chapel was actively used until 1888. By the 1920s, the chapel was in disrepair and faced the threat of demolition.

Through the efforts of Rev. William Stewart, then pastor of New McKendree Church in Jackson, the historic chapel was saved. Restoration was completed in 1933 and the McKendree Chapel Memorial Association was founded to preserve the landmark for the enjoyment of future generations.

Today the chapel continues to serve as a holy place in the community. It is a national Methodist shrine visited by families from across the country each year.

For its contributions to the Jackson community and its place in Missouri history, it is my great pleasure to celebrate the Old McKendree Chapel today before the U.S. House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on September 9, 2019 during roll call no. 515, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 1420, Energy Efficient Government Technology Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 516, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 1768, Diesel Emissions Reduction Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL
DUMPLING DAY**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor National Dumpling Day. National Dumpling Day was inaugurated back in 2015 in Brooklyn, NY and is now celebrated across America every year on September 26.

Dumplings made their humble beginnings in Ancient China, almost 1,800 years ago, where they were known as jiaozi. In America, dumplings were introduced in the mid-1800s by Chinese laborers building the transcontinental railroad. From Korean mandu and Chinese soup dumplings, to the Indian samosa and Tibetan momo, dumplings have become a world delicacy and bear tremendous cultural significance in our Asian Pacific American communities. Today, families come together across our country to the table to wrap, cook and enjoy this delightful treasure.

In the 7th Congressional District of New York, we are proud to have CJ TMI Foods, a part of CJ America, as one of the country's largest dumpling manufacturers and the founder of National Dumpling Day. Since 1989, CJ TMI Foods has been a minority-owned business, creating fresh and tasty dumplings and noodles. The company has grown exponentially over the years by expanding into new facilities and employing over 400 people. I admire their trailblazing mission of connecting and inspiring individuals of all cultural identities through exposure to Asian food.

Dumplings are more than just delicious comfort food, they are a bonding experience among many of our families. I ask my colleagues in the 116th Congress to join me in celebrating National Dumpling Day and recognizing the value these ubiquitous and delicious pockets of dough carry, unifying neighbors and sparking joy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House Chamber on September 19 and 20, 2019, due to an illness in my family. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on Roll Call No. 537; "yes" on Roll Call No. 538; "no" on Roll Call No. 539; and "yes" on Roll Call No. 540.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUDDHIST CHURCH OF FLORIN

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, it is with delight that I rise to honor the 100th Anniversary of the Buddhist Church of Florin as the congregation and greater community gathers

for this historic occasion. This historical Church has served as the heart of the Florin Japanese-American community and a hub for social and religious gatherings alike.

In the 1890's, the Issei arrived in Florin and thrived in our region. In 1919, a few decades after the Issei's arrival, Japanese-American strawberry and grape farmers from Florin, Mayhew, and Elk Grove gathered to form the Buddhist Church of Florin. Tragically, World War II brought turmoil to our community and the church with Executive Order 9066. Because of the order of the relocation of all persons of Japanese ancestry, the church was locked and not in use until residents returned to the region after release.

Since the return of the congregation, the Buddhist Church of Florin has flourished and is now dedicated to sharing the wisdom and compassion of the Buddhist teachings, remembering the history of the Issei and Florin, and most importantly, provide a space for the community to connect. The Church provides social and cultural events, monthly low-cost lunches for seniors, and youth athletics such as basketball and martial arts.

Madam Speaker, as Florin residents and the greater community gather to celebrate this momentous day, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Buddhist Church of Florin.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my votes on the following dates, September 17–20, due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted: "nay" Roll Call No. 531; "yea" Roll Call No. 532; "yea" Roll Call No. 533; "yea;" Roll Call No. 534; "yea" Roll Call No. 535; "yea" Roll Call No. 536; "yea" Roll Call No. 537; "yea" Roll Call No. 538; "nay" Roll Call No. 539, and "yea" Roll Call No. 540.

HONORING JIM MALATICH

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jim Malatich for his over forty years of dedicated efforts in serving our community. During his time in human services, Jim worked as the former Director of the Adult Public Mental Health Programs for Travis County, and as the Chair for the Mental Health Directors Consortium for the Texas MHMR Centers.

Mr. Malatich is widely credited with piloting a wrap-around program for people needing mental health, substance abuse, and medical services long before the concept was commonplace. Further, during his time in Dallas, he implemented and chaired the Adult Community Resource and Coordination Group, the North Texas Behavioral Health Authority Provider Advisory Council, and the Collin County Criminal Justice Plan.

Most recently, Jim has served as the Chief Executive Officer for Hope's Door New Beginning Center, an organization offering intervention and prevention services to individuals and families affected by intimate partner and family violence. Jim is an active member of the Texas Council on Family Violence State Board of Directors; the Board of Directors of the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance; the Advisory Board of the Collin County Council on Domestic Violence; and the State Policy Development Board.

Now as Jim prepares to enjoy his much-deserved retirement, our entire Collin County community extends its most heartfelt thanks and best wishes.

WELCOMING ROBERT W. IULIANO

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Robert W. Iuliano as he is installed as the 15th President of Gettysburg College on September 28, 2019.

Mr. Iuliano is a tremendous addition to Gettysburg College, which has been educating students in Adams County since 1832. A leader in the academic community, he has two decades of experience in higher education.

Before assuming office in July, Mr. Iuliano served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Deputy to the President at Harvard University. In this position, he helped to shape the university's progress in important areas such as admissions, student life, athletics, governance, and finance.

Mr. Iuliano is a graduate of Harvard College and the University of Virginia School of Law. After clerking for the Honorable Levin H. Campbell of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, he worked in the labor and litigation departments of the Boston law firm Choate, Hall & Stewart. Subsequently, he was a federal prosecutor in the United States Attorney's Office in Boston.

As this new chapter of Gettysburg College history commences, I welcome Mr. Iuliano and his family to Pennsylvania's 13th District and look forward to working together.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD MCEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on September 10, 2019 during roll call no. 517, On Ordering the Previous Question to H. Res. 548, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 205), Protecting and Securing Florida's Coastline Act; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1146), Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1941), Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 518, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 548, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 205), Protecting and

Securing Florida's Coastline Act; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1146), Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1941), Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 519, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 2852, Homebuyer Assistance Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

CONGRATULATING DR. LEWIS
SQUIRES ON CHIROPRACTOR OF
THE YEAR

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Dr. Lewis Squires, a West Michigan resident who was recently named Chiropractor of the year by the Michigan Association of Chiropractors.

This prestigious award perfectly captures Dr. Squires' 41 years of leadership, service, and dedication to Communities in West Michigan and beyond. Through his outstanding work, Dr. Squires has improved the lives of countless Michiganders, reducing chronic pain, providing rehabilitative care, and encouraging a holistic approach to one's well-being.

Dr. Squires has dedicated his life to elevating the chiropractic profession, both directly to people and within the health care industry itself. He has played a crucial role in unifying chiropractors across Michigan, where his leadership earned him a spot on the Michigan Association of Chiropractors Board of Directors.

Receiving the Chiropractor of the Year award is the culmination of numerous recognitions that Dr. Squires has earned. Dr. Squires has also been presented with the Outstanding Alumni President Award from the Michigan Palmer International Alumni Association, the Public Service Award from the Mason County Central High Schools, and was named Mason County's Favorite Chiropractor from 2011–2016.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dr. Lewis Squires on being named Chiropractor of the Year, and to thank him for his many years of service to Mason County and all West Michigan.

LILLIAN STEWART

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Ms. Lillian Stewart and to extend my deepest condolences to her family upon her passing at the blessed age of 95. Ms. Stewart was a devoted mother, grandmother, and community activist. I am also privileged to have been able to call Ms. Stewart my friend.

Born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, in 1923, Ms. Stewart was born the middle of five children. She spent her formative years in Washington, D.C., where she attended Gar-

net-Patterson Junior High School and Cardoza High School.

After graduating from high school, Ms. Stewart went on to continue her education, completing a post-graduate course in Cosmetology at Madame CJ Walker's College of Beauty Culture; a foreign language course at the University of the District of Columbia; and medical secretary training by the District of Columbia Medical Society; and earning a Montgomery Ward Consumer Education "Art of Interior Decorating Home Fashion Forum" certificate.

Ms. Stewart spent much of her professional career at Howard University Hospital, where she served in several support and junior management positions. She retired from the hospital as Hospital Utilization Review Coordinator. Upon retirement, Ms. Stewart dedicated her time to a range of community activities and small business ventures. She was active in the AARP Shepherd Park Chapter No. 2667, chair of the Southwest Advisory Council-Southwest Health Clinic and was a DC Public Notary. Ms. Stewart was also an outspoken activist. She actively protested the planned closure of DC General Hospital, located in a predominately African American neighborhood, in 2001.

As a mother, Ms. Stewart encouraged a pursuit of education in her children. She was privileged to live to witness her three children's professional accomplishments in communications, medicine, and photography. She also leaves behind six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

On a personal note, I had the honor of spending private time with Ms. Stewart thanks to her loving son Dwight who has been a dear friend for decades. I loved being with her. She brought me joy and made me laugh. Her colorful descriptions and deep insights were remarkable. I attended mass with her on several occasions and she demonstrated in words and deeds her belief in God, who she knew was all merciful and loving. I will deeply miss Ms. Stewart, but her indomitable spirit will endure forever.

Today, I join Ms. Stewart's family in celebrating her life and enduring legacy. May she rest in power and in peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRED KELLER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on 9/20/19 because I was attending a funeral in Pennsylvania. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on H.R. 1423, FAIR Act, and "yea" on Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 1423 offered by Rep. JORDAN (R-OH).

IN RECOGNITION OF HELEN
BLACKWELL

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. MEADOWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Helen

Blackwell. Mrs. Blackwell was a tireless champion for conservative principles.

Mrs. Blackwell served as the Virginia State Chairman of Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum for 25 years. She was also the director of the Virginia Conservative Alliance and the Voting Integrity Project, of which she was the original chairman. A dedicated political activist, Mrs. Blackwell was elected chairman of the Arlington County, Virginia Republican Committee three times and was the Republican captain of the Lyon Village precinct in Arlington for 41 years. She served on the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia and was a Delegate from Virginia to the 2008 Republican National Convention.

Mrs. Blackwell was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She attended one year at Randolph-Macon Womans College and received her B.A. in History of Art and M.B.A. from Louisiana State University, where she was the co-founder and secretary of Students for Conservative Government. She was a volunteer docent for many years at the National Gallery of Art.

Since 1972, Mrs. Blackwell resided with her family in Arlington, Virginia. She was a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother who lived out her conservative principles every day of her life. Mrs. Blackwell was an active member of Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church and the Eleanor Wilson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Her activism has left an indelible impact on the conservative movement, and she leaves a legacy of dedication, kindness, and boldness for years to come. Helen Blackwell will be dearly missed by many in this Chamber.

IN HONOR OF ERIC LARSON'S
SERVICE TO THE SAN DIEGO
COUNTY FARM BUREAU

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, the success of any organization is entirely dependent upon its leadership. The San Diego County Farm Bureau (SDCFB) is a strong and effective advocate for our local agriculture industry, not only in San Diego County, but throughout California. At the helm for the past 23 years has been Eric Larson as its Executive Director. Eric recently announced his retirement from this position and I rise today and ask the House to join me in thanking him for his dedicated service and in congratulating him on this new chapter in his life.

Like many young people, Eric was first introduced to agriculture in school as a member of the Encinitas 4-H Club and San Dieguito High School Chapter of the Future Farmers of America. This would lead to a 48-year career that included everything from cut flower and nursery crop production to serving as General Manager of the California Floriculture Growers Association for 13 years to eventually leading the SDCFB.

Eric's standing in the agriculture industry grew with his positions on the Board of Directors with the Living Plant Growers Association, the San Diego County Flower and Plant Association, and the San Diego County Water Authority. Simultaneously, dedication to local

community was also an important aspect to Eric's character where he served the City of Carlsbad as a Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Planning Commissioner and twice being elected to the City Council.

For over 100 years, the SDCFB has successfully championed our local agriculture industry and Eric came to the Bureau in 1996 immediately continuing this legacy of leadership. During Eric's tenure as Executive Director, the SDCFB was honored as the California Farm Bureau "County of the Year" three times, successfully relocated and acquired income property, launched San Diego Grown magazine, established the San Diego Farm & Nursery Expo, kept members informed on all important issues, defeated two countywide ballot measures opposed by farmers, shielded farmers from the State of California's drought water use restrictions, created the San Diego Regional Irrigated Lands Group, initiated strategic planning to better serve members, and elevated the standing of local farmers and the Farm Bureau in the eyes of elected officials, regulatory agencies and the public as a whole.

Eric's strong reputation of mastering complex issues and helping create successful strategies toward achieving goals is well-earned. On many occasions, my office has used Eric as a resource to not only ensure we had a full understanding of matters affecting our agriculture community, but to also help us effectively communicate on a broad range of policy issues. Eric's retirement is well-deserved and, while he will definitely be missed, I am confident Eric's leadership and advocacy will continue in new and exciting ways.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on September 11, 2019 during roll call no. 520, On Agreeing to the Amendment, Gosar of Arizona Part B Amendment No. 3, as Modified, to H.R. 205, Protecting and Serving Florida's Coastline Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 521, On Passage of H.R. 205, Protecting and Securing Florida's Coastline Act of 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 522, On Agreeing to the Amendment, Gosar of Arizona Part F Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 1941, Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 523, On Agreeing to the Amendment, Gosar of Arizona Part F Amendment No. 7 to H.R. 1941, Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted, "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 524, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 1941, Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 525, On Passage of H.R. 1941, Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF EDDIE
AGUERO

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the service Eddie Aguero has provided to the residents of the State of California and to our nation. Today, Mr. Aguero is being recognized for his twenty-five years of service to California Volunteers. I ask my colleagues to stand with me in celebration of his commitment to our community.

Made at Sacramento State and a U.S. Air Force veteran, Mr. Aguero has dedicated his life to service. Prior to his last twenty-five years with California Volunteers, he worked at the Sacramento Job Corps as Recreation Supervisor and Counselor to the young people attending for academic and technical training. He later served as the CalSERVE Program Manager for the California Conservation Corps. In this capacity, he implemented and managed grants. He also served in other capacities where he oversaw projects from start to finish for 150 corps members.

In 1994, Mr. Aguero began his career at California Volunteers, which was known as the California Commission at the time. During his time with the organization, he served as an Assistant Director of Programs, Training and Technical Assistance Director, Disability Coordinator, and Manager of Program Operations. Mr. Aguero has also been at the forefront of disaster release efforts. In response to Hurricane Katrina, he oversaw the deployment of AmeriCorps members and most recently for the Camp Fire in Paradise. Over the years, he has partnered closely with AmeriCorps programs, providing them with essential training and technical assistance, focused on developing the capacity of program associates to oversee programs, and much more. Mr. Aguero's efforts have not gone unnoticed. The legacy of his work garnered him the honor as one of twenty AmeriCorps Trailblazers in 2014.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Eddie Aguero for his successful career and his tireless advocacy for service programming and engaging Californians in service. Mr. Aguero is a true California treasure and a leader in our community. I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing him congratulations for the past three decades of service and best wishes for his continued service.

IN HONOR OF THE EXTRAORDINARY
LIFE AND LEGACY OF
MRS. JUANITA ABERNATHY

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life and legacy of Mrs. Juanita Abernathy, a selfless and determined leader in the struggle for civil rights, whose direction and tireless engagement were integral to the progress of the movement. From the Montgomery bus boycott to the marches from Selma to Montgomery

and on Washington, D.C., and beyond, Mrs. Abernathy played a key role in our nation's proudest instances of citizen activism. She fought boldly alongside her husband, the Reverend Dr. Ralph Abernathy, and their dear friends and fellow architects of the movement, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mrs. Coretta Scott King, to enact necessary and meaningful change, whose effects reverberated throughout our country. While many male leaders of the civil rights movement have rightfully become household names, the women whose struggles and sacrifice were equal and whose participation was necessary, have not enjoyed the same recognition. Mrs. Juanita Abernathy was a brilliant, courageous leader in her own right, and today we recognize her remarkable and distinct contributions.

Mrs. Abernathy was born on December 1, 1931 in Uniontown, Alabama, the youngest of Alexander and Ella Gilmore Jones' eight children. Mr. and Mrs. Jones, who made their living as dairy, beef and cotton farmers, did well for themselves, and were named the most successful farmers in the Black Belt by Tuskegee Institute in the 1940s. At an early age, Mrs. Abernathy was sent to live with her older sister to attend an African American boarding school, Selma University Prep School, from kindergarten through graduation. In the ninth grade, she met her future husband, the Rev. Dr. Ralph Abernathy, who wrote in his memoir that he was impressed by her audacious spirit and inherent dignity. Both were on display at the local grocery store when a white clerk refused to carry Mrs. Abernathy's groceries to her car. She replied that if he was unable to carry her groceries to the car, he should instead go ahead and return the groceries to the shelves. In 1952, after Mrs. Abernathy completed her B.S. in business education at Tennessee State University in Nashville, she and Dr. Abernathy were married.

Mrs. and Dr. Abernathy moved to Montgomery, Alabama, where she became a secretary for the Alabama chapter of the NAACP and taught high school courses on business education, while Dr. Abernathy served as pastor of the First Baptist Church on Ripley St. In 1954, the couple hosted a new pastor, who had been brought in to lead the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his wife, Coretta Scott King. In 1955, around the family dining room table, Mrs. Abernathy wrote the business plan for the Montgomery bus boycott, a plan which later served as a blueprint for the Civil Rights Movement. Meant to last only one day, the boycott went on for 381 days, eventually leading to the courts desegregating public transit and the country. In retaliation to the success of the Montgomery bus boycott, the Abernathy house was bombed while Dr. Abernathy was in Atlanta with Dr. King, establishing the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Thankfully, Mrs. Abernathy, who was home with her oldest daughter Juandalyann, and pregnant with her youngest, Donzaleigh, was safe, though firefighters said that if the bomb had landed only a foot away, it would have exploded the house's main gas line. That same night Dr. Abernathy's church was bombed. Over the years, Mrs. Abernathy endured terror, harassment and unbridled hatred from white supremacists in her community and beyond; and yet, in the face of unimaginable threats, Mrs. Abernathy maintained her innate dignity and bravery.

In 1961, Mrs. Abernathy and her husband moved to Atlanta, Georgia where she worked closely with the Kings to integrate Atlanta's public schools. Upon learning that Spring Street Elementary School was the school favored by the children of Georgia Tech professors, Mrs. Abernathy sent her children Donzaleigh, Juandalynn and their late brother Ralph Abernathy III, who became some of the first children to integrate, alongside two of the Kings' children. Mrs. Abernathy took great pride in her children's cultural and classical education, bringing them to Europe and, in Atlanta, to attend the opera. At this same time, understanding the inextricable link between racial and economic inequality in this country, Mrs. Abernathy fought to establish a National Food Stamp Program for low-income families and a National Free Meal Program for public school children.

Mrs. Juanita Abernathy was perhaps the last living member of Dr. King's inner circle, but her legacy supersedes even such prominent relationships. In addition to her work during the Civil Rights Movement, Mrs. Abernathy has travelled around the world three times on peace missions, served on the board of MARTA for over a decade and became a national sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics, ranking second in the nation in recruitment. A true servant leader, Mrs. Abernathy's brilliant mind, full heart and resilient spirit should serve as a reminder to us all of what constitutes a life well lived. When she sat at President Barack Obama's inauguration, it was in a place of honor, directly behind former President Bill Clinton.

On a personal note, I was honored to get to know Mrs. Abernathy during her many pilgrimages to my hometown of Selma, Alabama for the annual commemorations of "Bloody Sunday" and the March from Selma to Montgomery. She was a powerful force for change and a proud product of Alabama's Black Belt, who passionately protected the legacy of her husband and their lifelong work to advance civil rights in this nation. Mrs. Abernathy graciously encouraged me to run for Congress and honored me with her presence in Selma on election night when I won in November 2010. I saw in her face that night the pride she felt witnessing the election of Alabama's first black Congresswoman. It was a time that had come because of her personal courage and sacrifices to pave the way for future generations of black children like me to succeed. I know there comes great responsibility in standing on her broad shoulders and I seek to honor that privilege every day in my efforts to protect and further the progress made and legacy of the Freedom Fighters for Justice like Mrs. Juanita Abernathy. To her family, I thank them for sharing their parents with the world. Their mother's passion, courage and determination will always live on in the hearts and actions of those she touched.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute and honor to Alabama native Mrs. Juanita Jones Abernathy on the passing of this Civil Rights icon and true American heroine whose tremendous efforts helped this nation on its path towards a more perfect union.

HONORING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. The Joint Base, and the tens of thousands based there who serve our country, is a critical part of the fabric of our community, economy, and national security.

Bases McGuire, Dix and Lakehurst have stood as a unified base for a decade, but each has a rich history. Fort Dix was established during World War I, and trained soldiers that helped liberate Europe During World War II. McGuire Air Force Base was a hub for operations during the Cold War, and Lakehurst Naval Air Station was home to some of the Navy's most historic missions.

Today, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst continues in that proud tradition of serving at the vanguard of our nation's defense. The servicemen and women training and operating at the Joint Base continue to be deployed overseas to project American security and protect America's interests.

Furthermore, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst is an absolutely critical part of New Jersey's economy. The Joint Base is one of our state's largest employers and generates billions in income to support our communities. It is also a point of incredible pride for the people of Burlington and Ocean Counties.

I appreciate the work that those stationed at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst do on a daily basis to keep our nation safe and support families living in New Jersey. On behalf of my neighbors in Burlington and Ocean Counties, I congratulate our base leadership and servicemembers for a successful ten years serving our community and country, and look forward to continuing that work in the years and decades to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HARRINGTON LIBRARY

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Harrington Public Library in Plano, Texas. The first library to ever call Plano Home, Harrington opened its doors in 1969.

With a collection of over 15,000 volumes, Harrington offers our community a multitude of classes ranging from languages, Test prep, money management, and much more.

I would like to thank the library, their staff, and volunteers for all of their hard work in cultivating a strong appreciation for literacy, learning, and imagination.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Harrington Public Library on 50 years of serving the city of Plano.

TRIBUTE HONORING SHAWN B. HARLEY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Shawn B. Harley upon his retirement as Meteorologist-In-Charge after dedicating 31 years to the National Weather Service, including more than two decades in Jackson, Kentucky.

Meteorologists provide the first line of defense for residents to prepare and seek safe shelter during severe weather events. When a violent and historic storm produced a deadly tornado outbreak in Eastern Kentucky on March 2, 2012, the Jackson Weather Service provided the most accurate and vital storm tracking information and urgent local warnings that undoubtedly saved countless lives. That fateful day was just one of many that required fast, accurate and minute-by-minute tracking of the meteorological team in Jackson, led by Shawn Harley. I want to commend Shawn for dedicating his time and talents to help protect the people of Southern and Eastern Kentucky for 23 years.

In addition to his career in meteorology, Shawn has extended his heart of service by volunteering with the Red Cross and becoming a board member. He also works with the youth group at the First United Church of Jackson and dedicates time to help the Holy Cross Catholic Church. Shawn and his wife, Susan, have also cooked and served hearty meals for the Haven House, a homeless shelter in Breathitt County, and assisted with projects for local senior citizens. It is clear that Shawn's courage of conviction has impacted families and individuals who are most-in-need, and I applaud his spirit of philanthropy and goodwill for the people of our region.

Finally, I want to congratulate Shawn on his retirement from the National Weather Service, including assignments that have spanned across Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. My wife, Cynthia, and I wish Shawn and his family a retirement filled with many years of joy and happiness.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD MCEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on September 12, 2019 during roll call no. 526, On Agreeing to the Amendment, Young of Alaska Part D Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 1146, Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 527, On Agreeing to the Amendment, Gosar of Arizona Part D Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 1146, Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 528, On Agreeing to the Amendment, Gosar of Arizona Part D Amendment No. 3, as Modified to H.R. 1146, Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act. Had I been

present, I would have voted “no.” I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 529, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 1146, Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted, “nay.” I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 530, On Passage of H.R. 1146, Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

RECOGNITION OF KAZIMIR
PULASKI

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a Polish and American hero: Kazimir Pulaski. Kazimir Pulaski was born in Warsaw, Poland on March 6, 1745, to Polish nobility. At only 15 years old, he joined the Polish resistance fighting against the Russian and Prussian forces that were threatening Poland's freedom. Forced into exile by the Russians, he left Poland for France and met Benjamin Franklin who was on a diplomatic mission in Paris securing support for the colonies in their revolutionary war against the British. Benjamin Franklin's description of how the colonies were rising up, fighting to be a new and independent nation, inspired Pulaski, and he volunteered to go fight alongside the colonists. When in America, Pulaski distinguished himself as a courageous fighter and military tactician. Congress appointed him Brigadier-General in charge of mounted brigades, and that led to Congress, in 1778, establishing the Cavalry and appointing General Pulaski as its leader. General Pulaski was known as a strong taskmaster, asking much of his men, and yet was also known to use his own personal money to ensure they had the finest equipment when Congress was slow in providing funds. On October 9, 1779, General Pulaski was mortally wounded while riding into the Battle of Savannah, hit by cannon fire. Please join me in honoring General Pulaski, who came to the United States with one purpose, to fight for our cause of independence, and who died on foreign soil, defending not just our liberty and justice, but also the greater principle of freedom.

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to voice my support for National Recovery Month.

Every September, we recognize the importance of increasing awareness and understanding of mental and substance use disorders as well as to honoring the individuals, over 23 million in the United States, who are in recovery.

My experience as the first registered nurse elected to Congress and a former chief psychiatric nurse allows me to examine our nation's healthcare priorities with experience and foresight. We must ensure that our families, communities, and health care systems have the necessary resources and support to effectively address mental health and substance use in our country.

There is much to be done to improve our country's access to treatment services for mental and substance use disorders, and I am determined to continue my work with my colleagues in Congress.

I urge my colleagues to support National Recovery Month.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SAINT
LAWRENCE SEAWAY RENAMING
BILL

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, today, our nation celebrates the 60th Anniversary of the opening of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. On this anniversary, I am introducing legislation to add “Great Lakes” to the name of the Seaway.

This new name, the “Great Lakes” Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation will now reflect the Seaway's enormous role for connecting commerce, promoting economic development, and protecting national security across the nation.

In 1959, Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and U.S. President Eisenhower presided over festivities that marked the opening of the modern Great Lakes Saint Lawrence Seaway.

Sixty years later, the role of the seaway is just as crucial. A 2018 analysis by the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation found that commercial navigation that transits the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario sustains 92,661 jobs in the US, Canada, and supports almost \$13 billion in economic activity.

It is imperative that the United States continues to support the mission of the Seaway and ensure that it receives the recognition it deserves.

RECOGNIZING BAYLOR SCOTT &
WHITE THE HEART HOSPITAL—
PLANO

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Baylor Scott & White The Heart Hospital for being named the Physician Hospital of the Year by Physician Hospitals of America.

Located in Plano, Texas, The Heart Hospital ranks as one of the top performing cardiac surgical programs in the entire nation and provides Collin County with the highest level of cardiac health care.

Since opening in 2007, The Heart Hospital has worked day in and day out to save lives and ensure compassion to everyone who enters their system. Our community is proud to be the home of this state-of-the-art facility and its many astounding health care providers and staff.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating The Heart Hospital—Plano on their recent success and thanking them for all of their hard work.

PUERTO RICO'S MEDICAID
PROGRAM

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico. Madam Speaker, on September 19 the House passed a Continuing Resolution to give us additional time to agree on a funding package for Fiscal Year 2020 without the disruption caused by a government shutdown.

I am grateful to my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for including a provision to extend the application of the 100 percent FMAP to Puerto Rico's Medicaid Program for the next 7 weeks. We know that action was taken in recognition of the unfairness in which the Americans who live in the territories are treated by under our Medicaid program.

Federal spending for Puerto Rico's Medicaid program will likely reach the \$374 million-dollar cap before the expiration of the Continuing Resolution. Because of this, we must act quickly to approve H.R. 2328, which aligns the statutory spending cap with the actual program expenditures, in order to provide a more long-term solution for such an important federal program for our fellow Americans who depend on it.