

the world in support of U.S. and allied operations in Europe, the Pacific theatre and Afghanistan, making significant contributions to our national defense and the training and development of the next generation of active and reserve sailors. Throughout his time in the Navy, Capt. Tiseo has been supported by his wife, Elizabeth, and his three children, Charlie, LuLu and Maggie.

I express my heartfelt gratitude for his service, and wish him the very best of luck and continued success in his retirement from the Navy.

NOTCH FAIRNESS ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the need to right a wrong caused by Congress in 1972 when Congress amended the Social Security Act to adjust the benefits formula to include automatic cost-of-living adjustments. Unfortunately, this new formula was flawed; it resulted in unexpected windfalls for beneficiaries born before 1917.

In 1977, Congress corrected the formula, but beneficiaries born between 1917 and 1926 received significantly less than those born before and after them. Those born during these nine years are referred to as "Notch Babies," and Congress has been attempting to offset this disparity since 1999.

That is why I am introducing the Notch Fairness Act, which would compensate Notch Babies by providing them with either a one-time benefit of \$5,000 payable over a period of four years, or monthly benefits in accordance with a new formula.

Madam Speaker, fixing this disparity in benefits would not only make a real difference to our seniors who rely on this money as their main source of income, but it is the fair thing to do for seniors who were shortchanged by Congress. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING DAVID DEMANT

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of David Demant, who has the honor of being named Humboldt County Citizen of the Year for 2019. Mr. Demant's contributions to the local community are exemplary.

Mr. Demant has been engaged in civic issues since childhood. He joined the newly formed Environmental Club at his middle school in 1969, and wrote his first opinion letter to his Congressman in 7th grade. His activism grew into adulthood when he joined the Friends of the Eel River and became an active union member.

Mr. Demant has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education and a teaching credential from Humboldt State University. He was named Outstanding Music Educator of the Year in 2005 from the California Music Educa-

tor Association, North Coast Section, and he has taught music to North Coast residents ranging from preschool to community college. He has spent over three decades working and educating students in both public and private schools. He served as president of the Eureka Teachers Association, and he played a pivotal role in the annual Labor Day Picnic over many years. Mr. Demant is active in community organizations including the Humboldt and Del Norte County Central Labor Council, organizes local marches, and still finds time to sing to Humboldt County residents in care homes each week.

Mr. Demant has dedicated his life to public service and community improvement. Madam Speaker, please join me in expressing deep appreciation for David Demant's commitment to bettering his community and congratulating him on his service to the North Coast.

IN HONOR OF BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bruce Springsteen, the New Jersey legend who turned 70 years old this week.

There is so much this Jersey Girl could say to honor Bruce Springsteen on his birthday. I could remind you of his 19+ albums, 15 world tours, sold-out Broadway shows, best-selling autobiography, countless Grammys, an Oscar, Kennedy Center Honors, Presidential Medal of Freedom, and membership in the New Jersey Hall of Fame. I could recount his lyrics that are poetic stories of everyday people just trying to get by.

I could tell you of his epic concerts and the way he connects with each audience member in sold-out stadiums and how he makes them feel as though he's singing directly to them. If you're lucky enough to experience it as I have, a live Springsteen show is not something you watch, but nearly 4 hours of power, raw beauty, and sweat that you actively participate in. Or maybe, to best honor him for his 70th birthday, I should proudly say that Bruce Springsteen is the unofficial spokesperson and ambassador of our great state.

He sings for the underdog, for the quiet hero, and for every New Jerseyan who has dared to dream of a better life for themselves. He sings about what is possible when we truly connect with each other and work to better the lives of our neighbors.

Bruce represents not only the best of New Jersey, but the best of America. He reminds us that this great nation of ours is indeed The Promised Land, and that each of us has a responsibility to make it so.

Happy Birthday, Bruce.

DOUGLAS IRBY EARNS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Douglas Irby of Pearland,

Texas for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can achieve.

Only a small percentage of Boy Scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout. This honor requires years of effort to develop the necessary leadership, service and outdoor skills. To earn it, Douglas planned, built and organized a library for First Nation students of Ojibway Heritage School near Winnipeg, Canada. Douglas became aware of the need for a library and reading facility during his canoe trip with Troop 55 during the summer of 2016. Douglas tackled this project with passion and determination, and provided a library for the students of Ojibway Heritage School. This dedication has prepared him to be a leader in his future career. The leadership skills he learned through Boy Scouts are already benefiting communities across the world, just as the contributions of Boy Scouts continue to benefit our local communities in countless ways.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Douglas Irby for becoming an Eagle Scout. We are proud of his continued success and thank him for his dedication to making our community a better place.

RESPONSIBLE BODY ARMOR POSSESSION ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, gun violence continues to plague our streets and our communities. Even more frightening and dangerous is a gunman who is protected by enhanced body armor.

Madam Speaker, every second a shooter is on their feet, more lives are threatened.

Gun violence researchers and the law enforcement community agree that the armored gunman is threatening the safety of our community. Enhanced body armor, which is designed for military use, is increasingly being used in the commission of violence crimes in our streets, and to overcome law enforcement response.

We have seen shootings by gunmen wearing body armor in Riverside, CA, Salt Lake City, UT, Pittsburgh, PA, Cleveland, OH, Binghamton, NY, and many other communities. In 2012, the gunman in the Aurora, CO movie theatre shooting wore a ballistic helmet, ballistic leggings, a throat protector, a groin protector, and tactical gloves. It has also been reported the gunman in Dayton was wearing body armor. Body armor was also found in the home of the Gilroy Garlic Festival's gunman, and the Pulse night club shooter in Orlando, FL, attempted to buy body armor to protect himself during the massacre. One can deduce that had the Gilroy and Orlando shooters been wearing military-grade body armor, the number of casualties would have been far greater.

Shockingly, there are no federal restrictions on civilians' access to this type of military body armor.

That is why I am introducing the Responsible Body Armor Possession Act which would keep military body armor out of the hands of mass shooters by prohibiting the sale, transfer, or possession of enhanced body armor by

civilians. The bill includes exemptions for law enforcement, active duty military, and other public servants whose job responsibilities require them to possess body armor. Ultimately, my legislation will ensure a comprehensive approach to ensuring public safety.

Madam Speaker, there is nothing more dangerous than a well-armed, unstoppable active shooter. Armor designed for warfare has no place in our communities and on our streets. I urge my colleagues to support this critical legislation.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF EL CHICANO

HON. PETE AGUILAR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize El Chicano, an Inland Empire institution that has given a voice to Latinos in my community for 50 years. Owned and operated by Gloria and Bill Harrison, this publication highlights the important role Latinos have played in shaping the history and culture of the Inland Empire and continues to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of the Hispanic-American community in Southern California.

From lack of representation in public office to limited educational opportunities, El Chicano set out to address the inequities felt by Mexican-Americans in our community. Founded by young activists who sought to highlight their own experiences and perspectives as Latinos, the publication began to run independently in 1969, and has celebrated the unique culture and accomplishments of the Southern California Latino community ever since. Over the years, El Chicano has stayed true to its original mission; to give a voice in media to those who needed to be heard.

This Hispanic Heritage month, it is my privilege to recognize 50 years of El Chicano, which plays such a crucial role in the media landscape of the Inland Empire. I want to thank Gloria and Bill Harrison for their unwavering commitment to this publication and to our community, and I look forward to celebrating another 50 years of El Chicano.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SAFE AND
QUIET SKIES ACT

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, today I have introduced H.R. 4547, the Safe and Quiet Skies Act, to ensure that commercial air tour flights are adequately regulated to ensure safety and address current widespread community disruption. I extend a special thanks to my colleague, Congressman Brad Sherman of California, for reintroducing this necessary measure.

The national problem of inadequately regulated commercial air tour flights has been highlighted in my own state of Hawai'i in just the last few months. We have seen three dead in the crash of a commercial air tour heli-

copter into a residential neighborhood and eleven more dead in the crash of a commercial skydiving plane.

These tragedies occurred amidst a rapid increase in commercial helicopter and small plane overflights of all parts of my state including residential, commercial and industrial neighborhoods, cemeteries and memorials, land and marine parks and other recreation areas, and sensitive military installations. These have disrupted whole communities with excessive noise and other impacts, destroyed the peace and sanctity of special places, increased risk to not only passengers but those on the ground, and weakened security and management of defense operations.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) currently has virtually exclusive jurisdiction over these aircraft operations. Following both of these recent tragedies, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), which is responsible for investigating accidents but not for direct safety regulation, strongly recommended to the FAA that safety-related regulation of commercial tour helicopters and small aircraft skydiving operations is generally insufficient.

Regarding ground disruption and risk, the FAA takes the position that its responsibility is strictly operational safety and national airspace efficiency and does not extend to ground disruption and other negative impacts. As a result, the operators, aside from strict takeoff and approach, avoidance of established flight paths and other limited circumstances, are virtually free to fly wherever, whenever and as often as they want. And they do, with little to no self-regulation.

This situation is unacceptable for both safety and community impact concerns. It is also not limited to Hawai'i, with growing concerns in other areas with high commercial tour usage, more dense populations, valuable natural resources, significant defense installations and other factors.

This bill would first require the FAA to implement the NTSB's recommended enhanced safety regulations. It would also prohibit flights over federal property that requires privacy, dignity and respect, to include military installations, national cemeteries and national parks, wildlife refuges and wilderness. It would further require the use of standard equipment to monitor the location of flights, apply the "sterile cockpit rule" to tour flights (meaning in part that the pilot could not also be the tour guide), prohibit flights lower than 1,500 feet over actual ground, and limit decibel levels to those commonly applied to operations in residential areas. Additionally, the bill would allow states, localities, and tribes to impose stricter regulations on tour flights in their jurisdictions with required public engagement.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this bill into law.

WELCOME TO THE 82ND TEXAS
NAACP STATE CONFERENCE CON-
VENTION IN SAN ANGELO,
TEXAS

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, I rise to welcome the 82nd Texas NAACP State Con-

ference Convention to San Angelo, Texas, as they meet from October 3–6, 2019. Since its founding, the NAACP has worked to secure equal rights and eliminate race-based discrimination to ensure the health and well-being of all persons.

I congratulate the San Angelo Chapter as they have the opportunity to host the state convention for the first time since their founding in 1946.

Over the course of the conference, attendees will be exposed to San Angelo's meaningful history by touring the Fort Concho National Historic Landmark and Stables. The NAACP will also be serving the community through a Health Drive and annual NAACP Bike Ride.

I look forward to a successful convention and thank all of those who have worked tirelessly to plan and execute this event. Welcome to San Angelo.

CONGRATULATING LIEUTENANT
GENERAL PAUL LACAMERA ON
HIS NOMINATION FOR PRO-
MOTION AND SELECTION OF
GENERAL OF UNITED STATES
ARMY PACIFIC

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Lieutenant General Paul LaCamera for his recent nomination for promotion and selection of General of United States Army Pacific.

Since 2018, LTG LaCamera has been the Commanding General of both the XVII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, located in North Carolina's 8th Congressional District. Throughout his time at Fort Bragg he has shown profound leadership and unwavering dedication to protect our nation.

LTG LaCamera received a Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Military Academy and a Master of Arts degree from the U.S. Naval War College. After graduating from West Point in 1985, he was commissioned as an Infantry Officer and has proven time and again to be a natural leader with an incredible drive and work ethic. His past assignments include service with the 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia; 4th Ranger Training Battalion and the 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Georgia; 2d Infantry Division, Eighth United States Army, Republic of Korea; 10th Mountain Division (Light), Fort Drum, New York; 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado; and the Office of Security Cooperation, Baghdad, Iraq.

I know I speak for everyone in the Fort Bragg community when I say he will be missed but is well deserving of this promotion. I wish him, his wife Theresa, and their four children the best of luck as they embark on this new adventure in service to our nation.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring LTG Paul LaCamera and his nomination for promotion and selection of General of United States Army Pacific.