

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.

HONORING MARY E. PERRY

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary E. Perry, a long-time community leader and advocate in Wake County, North Carolina, who is celebrating her 90th birthday on October 15, 2019.

Mrs. Perry has served as President of the Wendell-Wake County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for 41 years, amplifying the voices of underrepresented community members. She also was elected the first African American to chair the Wake County Democratic Party and served for 20 years on the East Wake Advisory Council.

Mrs. Perry's service is marked by a resolve to fight injustice—from the early days of the civil rights movement to the present fight for voting rights and equity in education, health care, and housing. In Jim Crow North Carolina, she endured threats as she challenged the practice of segregation at restaurants in Zebulon. This difficult and formative experience strengthened her determination to speak out and stand up for underrepresented communities. More recently, she served as a plaintiff in a NAACP lawsuit against North Carolina's discriminatory voter ID laws. Mrs. Perry also helped empower the next generation of youth leaders to follow in her footsteps by reactivating the Wendell-Wake County NAACP youth council.

Her dedication earned her numerous accolades. The NAACP recognized her as the President of the Year in addition to granting her the Charles McLean Award and the Political Action Trailblazer Award. She received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from then-North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt and the Zeta Sigma Chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Social Act Award. Additionally, she is widely recognized for her devotion to community service, receiving the North Carolina Human Relations Council Community Involvement Award and the East Wake Community Service Award.

In her hometown, Mrs. Perry has attended and offered leadership at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church for over 70 years. She served as President of the Usher Board, Finance Committee Chair, and Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Perry was educated in the Wake County Public School system and received a bachelor's degree from Shaw University in Raleigh, NC. She is the proud mother of four children and has five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Mary E. Perry for her long and fruitful life of service and in sending her best-wishes for her 90th birthday.

REAFFIRMING IMPORTANCE OF
THE UNITED STATES TO PRO-
MOTE THE SAFETY, HEALTH,
AND WELL-BEING OF REFUGEES
AND DISPLACED PERSONS

SPEECH OF

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I am glad that the House is considering H. Res. 444, a bipartisan resolution that I introduced with Representatives DIAZ-BALART, NEGUSE, and LOFGREN to reaffirm U.S. leadership in responding to displacement crises around the world.

We are facing the worst refugee crisis in history. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in 2018, there were more than 70.8 million displaced persons worldwide. This included nearly 26 million refugees, over 41 million internally displaced persons, and 3.5 million people seeking asylum. Put another way, in 2018, 37,000 people were being displaced from their homes each day. About half of all refugees were children. 67 percent came from Syria, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Myanmar, and Somalia and 84 percent were hosted by developing nations.

Beyond the statistics, there are far too many stories of people fleeing despair. Seemingly every day we are presented with new accounts of migrants in Central America escaping gang or domestic violence and seeking refuge in the United States. Across the globe, Syrians, Somalis, Yemenis, and others continue to be displaced by various conflicts.

This refugee crisis requires global leadership and compassion—yet we have seen the Trump Administration drastically reduce refugee admissions into the U.S. In 2018, the United States resettled only 22,000 refugees compared to the 85,000 resettled in 2016. Now, we're hearing reports that the Administration is considering lowering the refugee admissions ceiling for next year to as low as zero to 10,000 people. And while the new fiscal year begins in one week, the Administration still hasn't consulted with Congress—as it's required to do by law—about its plans.

This is a betrayal of our shared American values. And it's a betrayal of our fellow human beings. Refugees are fleeing their homes because they are being persecuted for their race, religion, nationality, for belonging to a particular social group or being of a certain political opinion. They need our assistance.

The United States resettlement program is critical to global humanitarian efforts. These efforts serve to strengthen global security, advance United States foreign policy goals, and support regional host countries while also serving individuals and families in need. Moreover, the resettlement program benefits the interests of the United States.

When I was in the Air Force I saw the need for and the significance of our refugee resettlement program first-hand. In the 1990s, I participated in Operation Pacific Haven, where the United States helped thousands of Kurds flee from northern Iraq to prevent Saddam Hussein from slaughtering them. We first brought them to Guam, where I saw the extensive screening process that the U.S. conducted before bringing many of the refugees

to the mainland. Not only were lives saved in this operation, but decades later our nation continues to benefit from helping those refugees. Knowing the severity of the refugee crisis today, we as a nation must do better to help those in need.

My resolution reaffirms the United States commitment to promote the safety, health, and well-being of the millions of displaced persons. It recognizes the people and organizations who have risked their lives to provide assistance to displaced communities. Moreover, the resolution calls on the Secretary of State and the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations to continue supporting robust funding for refugee protection and humanitarian response overseas and resettlement to the United States; to set robust refugee admissions goals; and to work in partnership with the international community to find solutions to existing conflicts and to promote peace and reconciliation.

I am grateful that it is supported by more than 60 organizations including Church World Service, International Rescue Committee, Oxfam America, and Refugees International, and has been cosponsored by 74 of our colleagues in the House. I also thank my colleagues, Representatives MARIO DIAZ-BALART, ZOE LOFGREN, and JOE NEGUSE, for their partnership on this bipartisan legislation.

The United States was built on the idea that we could create a free country that would serve as a haven for those fleeing persecution. Refugees don't make our country less safe. But, xenophobia, fear and hate do. Today, by passing this bipartisan resolution, Congress will send a clear message that America is stronger when we welcome refugees and help those in need.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

DOUBLE TEN DAY

HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK"**FLEISCHMANN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Madam Speaker, October 10 is the national day of Taiwan. I would like to take this opportunity to wish the people of Taiwan a very Happy Double Ten Day.

Despite its small size, Taiwan is the 11th largest trading partner for the United States overall. The United States is Taiwan's 2nd largest trading partner and a leading destination for Taiwan's overseas investors. These figures represent a strong foundation that has been built between the two industries.

Our close ties are not just for trade and economy. Over the years, Taiwan has proven itself to be a model democracy in the Indo-Pacific. Its embrace of democracy shows a better path for it's people and their future. Washington and Taipei share the same values of democracy, freedom, and rule of laws. The Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) was enshrined in 1979, and later supplemented by the Six Assurances given by President Ronald Reagan in 1982. The TRA and the Six Assurances both formed the cornerstone of our relations with Taiwan. Together we have faced many challenges while displaying a steadfast commitment to one another's security and prosperity.