

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF ILLINOIS STATE POLICE TROOPER GER- ALD ELLIS

HON. DARIN LaHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor Illinois State Police Trooper Gerald "Jerry" Ellis, who passed away Saturday, March 30, 2019, while on duty.

Gerald Ellis was born and raised in Colchester, Illinois, and in 2002, graduated from Colchester Highschool. It was clear early on that Ellis was destined for a career in public service. As a child, he was a member of the Macomb Police Department Explorers post. Ellis also bravely served in Iraq as a soldier in the United States Army. Ellis continued his schooling at Western Illinois University. While pursuing his education, he was selected to participate in the Illinois State Police internship program. This led to Ellis eventually deciding to become a full-time member of the force.

Trooper Ellis had always been committed to his work and his community. He had a tendency to put others before himself. In school, Ellis was known as a hard worker, great student, and to be the one to reach across social lines and bring different groups of people together. Ellis was injured by a distracted motorist earlier in his career while attempting to prevent a man from jumping from an overpass.

In honor of the sacrifice that Trooper Ellis made, it is my privilege to commemorate his life and service today. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Stacy, and their two daughters, who have lost a loving husband and father. We are all blessed to have those like State Trooper Gerald Ellis serving and protecting us.

HONORING PAULETTE LYNCH

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paulette Lynch for her 30 years of leadership to Monterey County's creative sector and to congratulate her on her retirement after 15 years as executive director of the Arts Council for Monterey County. The 20th District of California appreciates Paulette Lynch's dedication to the community and the great progress she has made over the past three decades.

Paulette Lynch spearheaded First Night Monterey in 1992 and successfully led the organization for ten years before becoming Executive Director of the Arts Council for Monterey County in 2004. She also reshaped the Arts Council's mission, creating a greater equity in funding for the arts throughout the

county, developing award-winning programs, and providing unifying leadership in the creative sector on the central coast of California. Further, Paulette restored county funding, diversified the Arts Council revenues, and created the annual Champion of the Arts Gala, an event which honors seven arts nonprofit organizations and individuals who have made profound and lasting contributions throughout Monterey County.

Paulette Lynch has been guided by the phrase "the Arts are the Answer," and demonstrated the transformational benefits of arts in the classroom, community, the juvenile justice systems, and health systems. 35 school districts and 20,000 students, as well as numerous communities, benefited from her dedication. Paulette was previously recognized for her work to improve the quality of life within California's 20th District. She has won several awards and honors throughout her tenure, including the 2008 Monterey County Weekly Editor's Pick for Community Leadership Best of Monterey County, the 2009 City of Seaside 25th Anniversary Award for Lifetime Support of Youth in the Arts, the 2013 Monterey County Commission on the Status of Women Outstanding Woman of Monterey County, the 2013 Monterey County Weekly Top 25 Game-Changing Leaders of Monterey County, and the 2015 National Association of Counties Award for Innovation program Art as Healing Intervention for incarcerated youth at the Monterey County Probation Department Youth Center.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating and thanking Paulette Lynch for her 30 years of service and leadership to Monterey County. Her tireless commitment to improving the lives of everyone in California's 20th District through the arts will not be forgotten, and her legacy in the community will certainly be long lasting. On behalf of Central Coast residents, I thank Ms. Lynch for her contribution to our community and wishing her a long and healthy retirement.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMU- NITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER BUFFALO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge with gratitude and admiration the Centennial Anniversary of the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo, which since its establishment in 1919 has enhanced and encouraged long-term philanthropy in Western New York. Throughout the decades, visionary leadership, dedicated staff and giving donors have built on this Foundation's century of commitment to connecting people, ideas and resources to improve lives throughout our region. For 100 years, the

Community Foundation's proven record of accountability, sustainability and transparency has made the most of the generosity of individuals, families, foundations and organizations who entrust charitable assets to the Foundation's care. Currently, the stated goals of the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo are to improve educational achievement and workforce readiness for low-income residents, increase racial equity, protect and restore significant environmental resources and promote equitable access, and strengthen the region as a center for architecture, arts and culture.

This stalwart organization for local philanthropy proposes, plans, implements and supports many impactful collaborative initiatives. These include Say Yes Buffalo, working to remove barriers preventing Buffalo students from achieving academic success and Read to Succeed, helping children reach their highest potential and awards over two million dollars in annual scholarships to students in the area. Insistent on results-oriented outcomes that improves the health outcomes for families and neighborhoods remains a primary focus of this Foundation's award winning Green and Healthy Homes Initiative and the Wipe Out Lead program.

Racial equity is one of the primary community goals of the Community Foundation believing that we must ensure all members of our region can fulfill their highest potential. Through active support of the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable which includes more than 210 partners working together in different capacities to advance racial and ethnic equity and accelerate shared regional prosperity. Preserving and protecting the heritage of the Michigan Street Baptist Church, Buffalo's oldest African American church remains the life work of the Buffalo Freedom Station Coalition. Capacity building provided by the Community Foundation has helped enhance the efforts of this all-volunteer group dedicated to commemorating and deepening the understanding of the historical role Buffalo residents played in the civil rights and abolitionist movements.

Twenty percent of the world's freshwater runs through our region and the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo is playing a critical role in preserving and restoring Western New York's environmental resources. Convened by the Community Foundation, the Western New York Environmental Alliance, is now an independent, member-run coalition of more than 80 organizations working to protect and steward our natural assets. Our proximity to two Great Lakes and a series of rivers, creeks and streams is highly valued by the Community Foundation as they team with other similar foundations to form the Great Lakes One Water Partnership to advance a new era of water management to benefit people and businesses in the Great Lakes Basin. Cleaner water, remediated land and greener public parks help to foster stronger communal bonds and as such, it is imperative that it is truly accessible to all in our community, region and beyond our borders.

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The Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo proudly extols and celebrates the rich history of architecture, arts and culture that makes Western New York home to the work and legacy of such legends as Louise Bethune, Joseph Dart, Frank Lloyd Wright, H.H. Richardson, Frederick Law Olmsted and Louis Sullivan. Recognizing the value of preservation, performance and visitor experiences delivered with authenticity and creative energy, the Community Foundation continues to invest in organizations that strengthen these sectors. Their understanding of the significant economic impact of such inspirational and unique treasures has led to more than doubling their investment in just the last five years. Arts and culture are alive, thriving and attracting international recognition and adding to our quality of life thanks to such sustained support.

It is in making that connection between the past and present that the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo has chosen the Kleinhans Music Hall as the venue for "The Centennials" celebration on Tuesday, September 24. Edward and Mary Seaton Kleinhans left a gift in 1934 directing the Foundation to build "a suitable music hall for the people of Buffalo." The Foundation ensured their vision was realized and now, 80 years later, their gift continues to provide a home for the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, world-class performances and personal milestones. Looking to the future, this celebration will award one million dollars in honor of 12 local change makers who have made a difference in the lives of Western New Yorkers through a community-wide nomination process. As stated by the Foundation's current President and CEO Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker, "The Centennials will celebrate everything we stand for as an organization—focused forward."

Again, I wish to acknowledge, congratulate and praise the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo on their Hundred Years of extraordinary generosity, impressive accomplishments and collaborative engagement that has improved lives and continues to drive positive change throughout Western New York. Their celebration is well-deserved, and we stand ready to work with them as the next century of opportunity and growth begins for The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

HONORING SPECIALIST FOURTH CLASS JOHN WESLEY DAHR

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Tenth District of Pennsylvania and a grateful Nation to honor the memory and exceptional service and sacrifice of Specialist Fourth Class John Wesley Dahr of Dillsburg, Pennsylvania. Specialist Dahr earned the Distinguished Service Cross for his unhesitating and selfless bravery in combat during the Vietnam War, and made the ultimate sacrifice for the cause of his fellow Soldiers, and for our Nation.

On 8 January 1967, Specialist Dahr was participating in search and destroy missions near Cu Chi with elements of the 25th Infantry Division, when his company was pinned down

by Viet Cong and received heavy incoming fire. Specialist Dahr willingly subjected himself to enemy fire and waded through waist-deep water to aid a wounded comrade. After carrying the wounded Soldier 100 meters to safety, he repeated his heroic actions, rescuing two more Soldiers before returning to the center of the battlefield to combat the enemy.

As he fired upon the Viet Cong, he saw yet another wounded Soldier and ran to his aid. Despite extreme risk to his own life, he stood up in the open to hold the injured warrior above water while he sought help to get them both to safety. Specialist Dahr was mortally wounded during his attempt to rescue a fourth Soldier.

Specialist Dahr's actions set the standard by which all others should be judged. Our Country owes him a debt of eternal gratitude for his extraordinary actions in the line of duty and in the face of terror. Specialist Dahr's tireless, selfless and heroic actions are a credit to himself, his Family, the United States Army and the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my votes on the following dates, September 24, 25, and 27, due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted: "yea" Roll Call No. 541; "yea" Roll Call No. 542; "yea" Roll Call No. 543; "yea" Roll Call No. 544; "nay" Roll Call No. 545; "yea" Roll Call No. 546; "yea" Roll Call No. 547; "yea" Roll Call No. 548; "yea" Roll Call No. 553; "yea" Roll Call No. 554; and "yea" Roll Call No. 555.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CONSERVATION CORPS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of the Orange County Conservation Corps (OCCC), now celebrating their 25th anniversary. Founded in 1993, the OCCC provides at-risk and disadvantaged youth a chance to learn valuable skills while giving back to their community. The OCCC is considered a "Second Chance at Success," ultimately ensuring a positive life for our youth.

The OCCC provides youth with a pathway to earning a high-school diploma, via an on-site charter school. By embracing a culture of teamwork and cooperation, the OCCC instills a strong work ethic in our youth, providing experience and job skills that will make them valuable members of our workforce.

Since 1993, OCCC has served more than 8,000 young adults, recycled 9,000 tons of recyclable materials, and planted over 120,000 trees. Preserving our environment empowers our youth, allowing them to help others and positively affect our community. These stu-

dents can develop their educational, professional, and personal skills.

OCCC has provided corpsmembers with more than \$1.5 million in financial assistance. Over 3,000 high school diplomas and job training certificates have been provided to corpsmembers to seek higher education. OCCC's Corps-to-Career Specialist assists students in transitioning from the corps to their future goals by introducing them to local colleges, trade schools, and ROP programs. Corpsmembers learn resume writing, interviewing skills, and a professional demeanor that will prepare them for a bright future.

Today, we celebrate not only 25 years of success for OCCC, but we honor its future. A future that continues to uphold the values of hard-work, teamwork, and service. It is for these reasons that I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and recognizing the Orange County Conservation Corps for their commitment to our youth and our communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF FIREFIGHTER STEPHEN ALMEIDA

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement of Mr. Stephen Almeida, a 41-year veteran of the Fairhaven Fire Department.

Stephen began his career in 1978 as a call-firefighter and was later appointed as a full-time firefighter for the town of Fairhaven, where he would serve for the next 32 years as a full-time firefighter. Once a full-time firefighter, Stephen rose quickly in his career. He was elected to the Fire Union's Executive Board, and in a few short years would assume the role of Union President of the Fairhaven Firefighters Association, a position he would hold for the next twenty years.

During Stephen's tenure, the town transferred the ambulance service from within the Police Department over to the Fire Department. As Union President, Stephen worked closely with the town and Fire Chief to ensure this undertaking went smoothly. Embracing a proactive approach to fire safety, Stephen was also heavily involved in Fairhaven's fire prevention program. Going above and beyond his duties to permit and inspect, Stephen also volunteered as the town's Santa Claus, arriving not in a red sleigh but rather a red fire truck.

Stephen attributes much of his passion and success to his mentor, Lt. Earl Faunce, who instilled in Stephen the values and traditions of the Fire Department.

Stephen has been married to his wife Cheryl for 37 years. They have 3 children and 4 grandchildren, and I wish them many years of happiness and more time spent with their family.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Stephen Almeida and his commitment to ensuring the safety of his community. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his hard work and dedication as he celebrates his retirement.

HONORING BLACK FINE ART
MONTH

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD the following Proclamation:

Whereas, Black artists inspire the citizens of Chicago with the power of their imaginations and create works that heal, uplift, and transform our community; and

Whereas, Black artists create works in all art forms that reflect a wide range of experiences and perspectives; and

Whereas, the appreciation of the full diversity and complexity of Black lives is crucial for the common good of our local, national, and international communities; and

Whereas, Black artists play a leading role in shaping public attitudes about diversity and provide valuable role models for future generations; and

Whereas, Black artists create work that touches our deepest emotions and builds bridges among people of all ages, abilities, races, religions, and sexual preferences; and

Whereas, Pigment International,TM the Black art collective, in collaboration with The DuSable Museum of African American History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, and in partnership with the bold gallerists, esteemed art purveyors, talented curators, and prominent arts organizations across Chicago, across the country and globally, has organized a new international holiday called Black Fine Art Month, which is celebrated annually during October.

Whereas, the citizens of Chicago are joining with artists and art supporters around the world to celebrate the Black fine art aesthetic and its global impact during this inaugural Black Fine Art Month proclaimed this October 3, 2019; now, therefore be it

Resolved that I, ROBIN L. KELLY, serving as a Member of the House of Representatives, do hereby proclaim October as "Black Fine Art Month," in the Second Congressional District of Illinois.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. EVA
FELDMAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Eva Feldman for receiving the 2019 Distinguished Achievement Award from the Michigan Medicine Alumni Society. Her esteemed work in neurology is worthy of commendation and makes her an excellent recipient of this great honor.

Dr. Eva Feldman received her Ph.D. and M.D. in neuroscience at the University of Michigan Medical School in 1979 and 1983, respectively. After performing her residency in neurology at The Johns Hopkins Hospital—becoming the first neurologist to receive The Johns Hopkins Award for Medical Teaching and Excellence—she returned home to the University of Michigan to complete a Neuro-muscular fellowship in 1988. She has been

part of the University of Michigan faculty ever since and continues to devote her career to understanding neurological disorders and developing new and innovative treatments. Under her supervision, nine scientists have received their Ph.D. degrees, and over 100 postdoctoral fellows and neurologists have been trained to treat neurological diseases.

Today, Dr. Feldman serves as the Director of the University of Michigan ALS Center of Excellence and runs the Program for Neurology Research & Discovery, her own 30-scientist laboratory. In addition, she is the principle investigator of the first two FDA-approved human trials of intraspinal stem cell implantation therapy for ALS. Furthermore, Dr. Feldman formerly directed the A. Alfred Taubman Medical Research Institute until 2017.

Dr. Feldman is renowned for her neurological expertise. Throughout her tenure, Dr. Feldman has published over 420 original peer-reviewed articles, four books, and 70 book chapters, and has received continuous funding from the National Institutes of Health for more than 30 years. She is the Past President of the Peripheral Nerve Society and served as President of the American Neurological Association from 2011 to 2013. In addition to being an elected member of the Association of American Physicians and National Academy of Medicine, Dr. Feldman has earned a vast list of awards and recognitions including the 2016 Castle Connolly National Clinician of the Year Award and the 2017 Endocrine Society Gerald D. Aurbach Award for Outstanding Translational Research, to name only a few. Most recently, Dr. Feldman was honored with the 2019 PNS Alan J. Gebhart Prize for Excellence in Peripheral Nerve Research.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Dr. Eva Feldman for her extraordinary work in neurology. We are grateful for her lifetime of impactful work and wish her many years of continued success. The 2019 Distinguished Achievement Award is well deserved.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOR-
TIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HAR-
VESTERS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of Harvesters and recognize its countless contributions to Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, the Kansas City region, and beyond. As part of a national network of hunger relief organizations, Harvesters is a cornerstone of many communities in the 5th District, and I am truly honored to have such an impactful, admirable organization based in the district I represent.

Harvesters began in Kansas City in 1979 when faith organizations, social service agencies, and businesses partnered to tackle the increasing issue of hunger in the greater Kansas City area. Harvesters is a food bank that acts as a liaison between more than 760 agencies in Missouri and Kansas to coordinate with emergency food pantries, homeless shelters, children's homes, schools, and others to

end food insecurity. During its first year of operation, Harvesters administered 155,000 pounds of food within five counties. The nonprofit has only increased in size and reach in the years since.

In 2018, Harvesters distributed 52,572,724 pounds of food throughout twenty-six counties in Missouri and Kansas. As operations expanded and flourished, the United States Department of Agriculture extended a partnership to Harvesters, offering the organization the opportunity to distribute federal commodities to qualifying agencies. In 2011, Harvesters was nationally recognized as the Food Bank of the Year by Feeding America, the largest domestic hunger relief organization in the United States.

Harvesters operates community-wide programs for children, families, and seniors out of its Topeka and Kansas City facilities. The BackSnack program works with schools to provide over 8,000 nutritious snacks and meals each week to children in the greater Kansas City area. The nonprofit has implemented mobile food pantries throughout Missouri's Fifth Congressional District for families that may not otherwise have access to a grocery store. Harvesters also works with the federal government on the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which delivers boxes of nutritious food to seniors each month. Harvesters is inclusive of all, tailoring each of its programs to the diverse community it serves.

Harvesters set itself apart as an advocate and champion of human dignity in our communities. Throughout its twenty-six county service area, one in eight people are food insecure. The organization recognizes that many individuals and families need food assistance at times, and they strive to provide support with benevolence and compassion. Harvesters staff and volunteers are truly an inspiration to us all.

Madam Speaker, please join with me in celebrating Harvesters' Fortieth Anniversary. Through magnanimous leadership and dedicated service, Harvesters has touched the lives of thousands of residents in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District and beyond. We stand today to celebrate Harvesters' indelible mark on our country and thank them for their enduring work to end hunger in our communities.

RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE WEST
HARPETH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
CHURCH

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th Anniversary of the West Harpeth Primitive Baptist Church.

The West Harpeth Primitive Baptist Church was founded circa 1869 under the leadership of Elder Peter Starnes. The first congregants were former slaves upon whose strong Christian faith the church was founded.

The land was purchased in 1881 and the initial facility was constructed on the property. The land, located near Old West Harpeth Road, is the same site on which their building

stands today. The facility was rebuilt in 1948 and around that time, a separate building was constructed, consisting of a dining room and two restrooms accessed from the outside.

The church was remodeled in 1968 under the pastorate of Elder Walter E. Rodgers. Later in 1986, under the pastorate of Elder Hewitt C. Sawyers, the building was expanded to include a baptistry and indoor restrooms. In 1998, a major renovation was done which included the construction of a new sanctuary, offices, and classrooms. Throughout the church's 150 years, there have been only six pastors.

The church is hosting the 150th Church Anniversary Celebration on October 27, 2019 at 3 p.m., where they will dedicate a historical marker.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate West Harpeth Primitive Baptist Church and their congregants on the historic occasion of their 150th Anniversary, and I know there will be many more years in kingdom building for Christ and service to their community.

RECOGNIZING THE EZIBU MUNTU
AFRICAN DANCE COMPANY AND
THE "REMEMBER THEM" AFRI-
CAN HOLOCAUST COMMEMORA-
TION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Ezibu Muntu African Dance Company and all of the attendees of the "Remember Them" convocation on October 1, 2019, which commemorated the 400-year anniversary of the African Holocaust. The Ezibu Muntu African Dance Company has helped increase awareness about the transatlantic slave trade, and I am grateful for their efforts in organizing this important commemoration.

The 400-year African Holocaust commemoration is an opportunity to mourn and reflect on the enduring impacts of the transatlantic slave trade, and to celebrate all that our community has overcome and achieved since 1619. We must always remember those who were affected by this horrific and painful chapter of history, and learn from our shared past. As we reflect, let us honor the resilience of our community, and reinvigorate our commitment to justice. Together, I know we can create an equitable and fair future for all generations.

Madam Speaker, please join me in expressing my gratitude to the Ezibu Muntu African Dance Company and all of the attendees of the "Remember Them" convocation for their work to better our community. As we look toward our next chapter, let us never forget where we have come from, nor the experiences of those who came before us. I wish them the best for a successful and healing event.

RECOGNIZING DYSAUTONOMIA
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the millions that fight each day against Dysautonomia, a group of debilitating medical conditions that result in a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system. This system is responsible for "automatic" bodily functions such as respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, temperature control and more; the things that many of us have the luxury of taking for granted.

Dysautonomia impacts more than 70 million people around the world including Diabetic Autonomic Neuropathy, Vasovagal Syncope, Pure Autonomic Failure, and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome. This devastating diagnosis significantly impacts the lives of people of any age, gender, race or background across the United States and Western New York.

As is, dysautonomia can be extremely incapacitating, but an often-unseen symptom of this disability is the social isolation that accompanies it. The financial stress on the families of those impacted by this disease warrant our acknowledgement and recognition. Increased awareness about dysautonomia will help patients get treated sooner, save lives and foster support for individuals and families coping with this diagnosis. I am proud to once again affirm that the outstanding character and strong moral fiber of those in the Western New York Community continue to provide the much-needed support for the victims suffering from dysautonomia. Looking ahead, it will be crucial for the community to remain steadfast as they rally around these victims in their ongoing hard fought battle against this disease.

Dysautonomia awareness is a critical component in the early detection of the disease because most patients take years to be properly diagnosed. Dysautonomia International, a non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with dysautonomia, encourages communities to deepen their understanding of this challenging condition; especially during Dysautonomia Awareness Month each October. The tireless efforts of the Dysautonomia community for research and accessible services will be recognized on Saturday, October 5 in my Congressional District; the color turquoise will bathe Niagara Falls and Buffalo City Hall in solidarity of care and concern.

Dysautonomia International continues to raise awareness and funds for this debilitating disease in hopes that one day successful treatments and a cure will be found. Their efforts should be recognized across our nation throughout and beyond the month of October.

Madam Speaker, I recognize Dysautonomia International and Dysautonomia Awareness Month. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the contributions of the professional medical community, patients and family members who are working to educate our citizenry about dysautonomia throughout Western New York. They are deserving of greater understanding, recognition and respect.

HONORING THE CITY OF FORT
BRAGG

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Fort Bragg, California on the 130th anniversary of its incorporation. One of only four cities in Mendocino County, it is the largest coastal city on California's North Coast between San Francisco and Eureka.

Prior to its incorporation as a city on August 5, 1889, the area now known as Fort Bragg was inhabited by Native Americans of the Pomo tribes for more than 10,000 years. It was first encountered by a Bureau of Indian Affairs exploration party in 1855, which led to the establishment of the Mendocino Indian Reservation and Fort Bragg military post in 1857. The military post and reservation were abandoned by 1865, after the majority of the indigenous population was forced to relocate to the Round Valley Reservation in inland Mendocino County.

Fort Bragg's first Mayor, C.R. Johnson, was president of the Fort Bragg Redwood Company. Much of the City's infrastructure was laid out and developed by the timber industry, particularly the Union Lumber Company which formed through the consolidation of smaller companies and established Fort Bragg as a company town. Additionally, Noyo Harbor was a thriving commercial fishing port as well as the only source of outside goods until the California Western Railroad was developed in 1905, creating reliable rail transportation between Fort Bragg and San Francisco.

Today, Fort Bragg has transitioned from timber extraction and commercial fishing to an economy oriented toward tourism and services. With a population of approximately 8,000, it is the largest city on the North Coast and serves as a retail and service hub for more than 20,000 residents as well as hundreds of thousands of visitors who come each year to experience the scenic coastline and temperate climate. Fort Bragg is governed by a City Council comprised of 5 members and has a thriving and diverse population that is dedicated to making the City a warm, inviting, and family-friendly place to live and work.

Madam Speaker, the City of Fort Bragg continues to be a special place with a thriving local economy and inviting atmosphere. Despite the challenges inherent in transitioning into a tourism-focused economy, the City has succeeded in carrying on the values and traditions that epitomize this unique coastal community. Please join me in congratulating the City of Fort Bragg on the occasion of its 130th anniversary, and in wishing it and its residents many more years of vibrance and prosperity.

HONORING THE TOWN OF LEWIS
ON THE DEDICATION OF THEIR
NEW VETERANS PARK

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Town of Lewis, the Veterans Park Committee, American Legion Post

1319 and the many volunteers who coordinated to make this new veteran's park a reality.

The park was proposed in 2014 and since then, many groups have come together to help accomplish this project. The American Legion Post 1319 helped compile the list of veterans from Lewis that participated in each war that the United States has been involved in since the Revolution. Those names were then etched into brass plaques that will be the focal point of the park. The entire community came together to assist with the construction, fundraising and planning, with local businesses also contributing to the effort.

This is a perfect example of the community spirit that makes the North Country so special. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to thank all those who contributed to this amazing effort to honor our veterans. I look forward to this park being a place where future generations can come and reflect on the service and sacrifice that has kept our nation safe.

GREAT PLAINS HONOR FLIGHT 2019

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, in honor of America's heroic veterans, the Honor Flight Network conducts annual trips to Washington, D.C. This is the first ever High Plains Honor Flight, following the conclusion of the Northern Colorado Honor Flight which had taken more than 3,000 of our nation's heroes to visit and reflect at their war memorials over the past decade. On September 15, 2019, High Plains Honor Flight Northern held an Honor Flight that gave many of our courageous veterans this extraordinary opportunity. I am pleased to recognize the September 15, 2019 Honor Flight honoring World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans of Colorado.

Madam Speaker, those who participated in this flight are as follows:

World War II: Charles Assmus, Clarence Carlson, John Dutton, Gordon Norton, Willis Sibley.

Korean War: Michael Abramovich, George Edinger, James Forrest, Alan Gates, Charles Hall, Jason Laguna, Richard Lindemann, Richard McCown, James McWilliams, Gerald Mitchell, Erlis Morse, John Oliver, Bernard Pisciola, Donald Price, Earle Ridgeway, Richard Stoltzfus, Wayne Tobey, Johnny West, Benjamin Zimmerman.

Korean War & Vietnam War: Robert Davison, Gerald McDuffee, Jed Pancoast.

Vietnam War: Ronald Adams, Ronald Albers, Leon Bartholomay, Richard Belt, Hal Bennett, Kenneth Blum, Clyde Bullard, Jr., Kenneth Butcher, Jan Carlson, Allan Cazer, Terry Chandler, Spencer Chapin, Daniel Crego, James Crowell, James Davies, Robert Delva, William Dowling, Gerald Ecker, Carl England, Thomas Evans, Ricky Farrier, Markton Gadbury, Roy George, Don Gooding, Jack Hall, Calvin Hamilton, Robert Jacobson, Charles Jett, Larry Johnson, Daniel Katze, James Keeler, Gene Keys, Daniel King, Raymond Kirchner, Jr., Damian Kisner, Richard Knight, Terrence Kullborn, Dale Langholf, Noel LaRose II, Harvey Lawson, Richard Lawson,

Robert Loner, Jerald Lucas, Antonio Luna, Thomas Mason, Tony Mathias, Bobby Matthews, Charles McConnell, Timothy McGinnis, Allen Meyer, Blythe Mile, Richard Miller, Thomas Mitchell, Robert Montgomery, James Morgan, Richard Morris, Paul Niebel, Larry Odegard, Carol Jean Padilla, Theron Parlin, David Patterson, Mark Patterson, Robert Pennington, Randall Peonio, Arturo Perez, Floyd Peterson, Christopher Petroff, Linda Pickett, Gary Pitt, Donald Posselt, Richard Ranabargar, John Rasmussen, Robert Righi, Gary Schuler, Curtis Shaffer, John Shaffner, Lee Sherbenou, Donald Simmons, Jerry Skelton, Richard Smith, Richard Smith Jr., Jimmy Spence, Donald Spotanski, Roger Stocker, Thomas Tedesco, Virgil Treadway, Ted Turner, Thomas Wartella, Arthur Weidner, Mark Williamson, Garry Wilson, William Woolman, Darell Zimbelman.

It is my distinct pleasure as the U.S. Representative of the 4th District of Colorado to recognize the honor, courage, and sacrifice of these heroes, along with all members of America's Armed Forces. I thank them for their dedication and service to this nation.

PAM FEELY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Pam Feely for receiving the 2019 Board Member of the Year Award from the West Metro Fire Protection District.

Pam has served on the Board of Directors of the West Metro Fire Protection District for 10 years. During her tenure, she has provided strong leadership through a number of significant changes, including a transition in Fire Chiefs.

During the District's merger with the Wheat Ridge Fire Protection District in 2016, Pam served as the lead negotiator and initiated the idea of including former Wheat Ridge Board members on the Board for West Metro. Pam was key to ensuring a smooth transition and successful merger of the two districts for the benefit of the local community. In addition, Pam was instrumental in her foresight of the impact of the Gallagher Amendment on the financial sustainability of the District. She worked to identify a solution to a major challenge facing the District and, in 2018, helped lead the District's efforts in a successful campaign to stabilize the District's budget.

From understanding the importance of the District and its board members within the community to working to ensure all District staff feels appreciated and valued, Pam's excellent leadership and ongoing dedication is invaluable to the District and the community it serves. I extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Pam Feely for her service to the West Metro Fire Protection District and to our local community. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

HONORING SERGEANT FIRST CLASS ELIS A. BARRETO ORTIZ

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of Sergeant 1st Class Elis A. Barreto Ortiz, who was killed in the line of duty earlier this month.

Sergeant Barreto Ortiz grew up in Morovis, Puerto Rico. Following in the footsteps of his father, he joined the Army in 2010 and was assigned to the 259th Transportation Battalion. In 2013, Sergeant Barreto Ortiz was deployed to Afghanistan for a nine-month stint. Four years later, he graduated from the U.S. Army Airborne School and was assigned to the 82nd Brigade Support Battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division based out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

This past June, Sergeant Barreto Ortiz left for his third deployment to Kabul, Afghanistan. His mission was to support and operate alongside a contingent of special operations forces.

On Thursday, September 5th, Sergeant Barreto Ortiz was killed in action when his vehicle was hit by a suicide car bomber. Sergeant Barreto Ortiz was 34 years old and is survived by his wife, two sons, and a daughter.

He is described by those who knew him as a kind and compassionate leader who was proud to serve his country.

During his distinguished and decorated career Sergeant Barreto Ortiz was awarded the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Good Conduct Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Combat Action Badge, the Basic Parachutist Badge, the Army Driver and Mechanic Badge.

Sergeant Barreto Ortiz's death is a painful reminder of the enormous sacrifices our service members and their families make to protect the freedoms we all enjoy.

While Sergeant Barreto Ortiz will be dearly missed, he will not be forgotten. May he rest in peace, with the humble thanks of a grateful Nation.

HONORING HIGH PERFORMING BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS IN CALIFORNIA'S 39TH DISTRICT

HON. GILBERT RAY CISNEROS, Jr.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. CISNEROS. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to congratulate two schools in California's 39th Congressional District. Acacia Elementary School and Robert C. Fisler Elementary School have been recognized as Exemplary High Performing Schools by the Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Schools program. This honor is a direct reflection of the culture of academic excellence built from the combined efforts of students, faculty, parents, volunteers, and local communities.

Acacia Elementary School of Orange County's Fullerton School District owes its distinction to a myriad of innovative teaching and

learning practices. Of these practices, “Balanced Literacy” has been utilized since 2012 and combines reading, writing, listening, and speaking strategies. Complementing this approach are programs such as STEM & Robotics Lab dedicated to the mastery of 21st century applications. The foundation of Acacia’s academic principles lies in presenting real world problems and project-based learning opportunities to students. For students still establishing their first academic identities, it is vital that the materials they are presented with accurately reflect the intricacies of their own environment. Combining this hands-on pathway with personalized strategies has lent a tremendous hand in instilling confidence, agency, and understanding within Acacia’s student body.

Robert C. Fisler Elementary School, also of Orange County’s Fullerton School District, owes its distinction to an academic framework that is supported by a vision of student empowerment. As the school with the largest population of Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) students in the district, Fisler School has maintained an excellent reputation in establishing a wide array of unique educational opportunities. Students at Fisler are encouraged to take risks and experiment in order to develop both academically and emotionally. By reflecting on failures and regulating thought processes, these young individuals learn flexibility, persistence, and empathy. Fisler School favors a comprehensive instructional model that includes programs for computer science, video production, performing arts, and more. Through these programs, students are encouraged to engage in and explore high school, post-secondary, and future career options for a well-rounded, personalized academic experience.

While learning is a continuous process in our children’s daily lives, it is during school that they find tools and resources necessary to root knowledge for future use. Therefore, it is imperative that the school environment is conducive to growth and development. Acacia Elementary School and Robert C. Fisler Elementary School have established holistic academic philosophies that cater to this belief. They know that it is not just academic rigor or prestige, but rather a safe, collaborative environment that cultivates curiosity and determination crucial for student success. I am proud to know that my district is home to places of instruction that embody such an idea and I am more than honored to be representing them.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the teachers, parents, staff, volunteers, and—most importantly—the students of Acacia Elementary School and Robert C. Fisler Elementary School. They are well-deserving of this recognition and I am eager to welcome the next generation of leaders that will emerge from these two schools.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GROUND-
BREAKING OF KLA’S ANN ARBOR
CAMPUS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize KLA Corporation and cele-

brate the groundbreaking of its new campus in Ann Arbor.

KLA Corporation (KLA) is a leader in process control and yield management systems for the semiconductor industry and other related nanoelectronics industries. KLA develops equipment and services that facilitate innovation and tackle the world’s toughest technical challenges. With 18 global locations and over 10,000 employees worldwide, KLA’s vision hinges on collaboration, as working side by side diversifies perspectives and leads to maximized discovery and solutions. In addition, KLA invests significantly in research and development, continually striving to find new ways to drive progress and transform the industry.

The opening of KLA’s second headquarters in Ann Arbor exemplifies the corporation’s continued commitment to innovation, research, and technological advancement. The new R&D center will be home to 600 engineers, scientists, and professionals from our community and will spur future partnerships with institutions throughout Southeast Michigan, especially within our automotive industry. Furthermore, KLA’s new campus will strengthen the corporation’s relationship with the University of Michigan and enhance opportunities for technical collaborations with students in the College of Engineering. As a leader in the sciences, I am excited to welcome KLA into our driven Ann Arbor community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the opening of KLA’s new headquarters in Ann Arbor. I look forward to its positive impact on our Southeast Michigan community and wish the corporation continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING CONSOLIDATED TRIBAL
HEALTH, INC.

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Consolidated Tribal Health Project, Inc. on the 35th anniversary of their founding. Formed in 1984 through a Title V compact with the Indian Health Service, Consolidated Tribal Health has served the health needs of the American Indian and Alaska Native populations in Mendocino County for three and a half decades.

Consolidated Tribal Health purchased its current location in 1998 in Redwood Valley after many years renting office space in nearby Ukiah, and then constructed an additional clinic building and Wellness Center in order to better serve its expanded population. Today, the clinic serves over 3,000 patients, a majority of whom are American Indian and Alaska Native people.

Consolidated Tribal Health Project is a 501(c)3 nonprofit ambulatory community health clinic governed by a consortium of eight federally recognized tribes, including the Cahto Tribe of the Laytonville Rancheria, Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California, Guidville Rancheria of California, Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, Pinoleville Pomo Nation, Potter Valley Tribe, Redwood Valley or Little River Band of Pomo Indians of the Redwood Valley Rancheria California, and Sher-

wood Valley Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California. The organization is committed to providing excellent medical, dental, and behavioral health care to the people it serves, and counts among its many accolades the 2018 National Dental GPRA Award for Best Overall Performance.

Madam Speaker, Consolidated Tribal Health Project has for the past 35 years been a tireless advocate for tribal healthcare in Mendocino County, meeting the needs of indigenous Americans by honoring traditional Native American values and maintaining the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social wellbeing of the community it serves. Therefore, please join me in recognizing this vital organization and wishing them success for many more years to come.

RECOGNIZING DR. HECTOR NAVA
FOR SAVING THE LIVES OF SOL-
DIERS ON THE BATTLEFIELD
AND THOSE DIAGNOSED WITH
CANCER IN OUR COMMUNITY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible career and military service of Dr. Hector Nava. His story is like that of the millions of immigrants who came to America with a desire to seek a better future for themselves, and in doing so, making our nation a better place.

Upon earning his medical degree in 1967 in Mexico, Dr. Nava immigrated to the United States for training. Dr. Nava took an atypical route into the field of healthcare when he volunteered his medical expertise to the United States Army. He spent a year as a General Medical Officer in El Paso, Texas and from there he dedicated another year of his career as a Captain Battalion Surgeon in the 23rd Medical Battalion in Vietnam. For this commendable work saving the lives of American soldiers in combat, Dr. Nava earned the Bronze Star.

After leaving Vietnam, Dr. Nava continued to save the lives of others. He ventured to Western New York and spent four more years as a General Medical Officer at General Hospital in Niagara Falls while simultaneously pursuing his residency at Buffalo General Hospital. Once his residency was completed, he was employed by Roswell Park Cancer Institute as a Cancer Research Surgeon and Endoscopist, where he would spend the rest of his career.

While working at Roswell Park, Dr. Nava secured seven federal research grants, and conducted lectures around the world, from Egypt to Batavia. In academia, it is argued that the quality one’s of research is reflected in how frequently it has been published and used by other researchers. Dr. Nava’s research has been published in over one-hundred journals, has been used in seven different books, and has been referenced hundreds of times by other researchers in the field.

Throughout his career he has received many awards including the Research Surgeon Award, the Hispanic American Hall of Fame—Field of Medicine, ranked in the top 100 of WNY’s top doctors by Buffalo Spree Magazine, a Surgical Oncology Fellows Apple

Teaching Award, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Nava also invented a treatment for Barrett's Esophagus, a condition that can lead to cancer of the esophagus.

Madam Speaker, I recognize Dr. Hector Nava. From teaching undergraduate and graduate courses at local universities on surgical oncology and gastroenterology, to working and partnering with other WNY hospitals, and participating in local service events like the Mexican Musical Performance, Dr. Nava has made his mark on our community.

CELEBRATING POLK COUNTY'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 175th anniversary of Polk County, Arkansas. This county, set right on the border of Arkansas and Oklahoma, is named after former President James Polk and is currently home to more than 20,000 people.

Almost half of Polk County lies in the Ouachita National Forest, and as a forester by trade, I've seen how important this forest is to our state's ecosystem and wildlife habitats. I'm grateful to the land managers that live in Polk County and steward our resources well.

In addition to the beautiful landscapes and fertile valleys, Polk County is home to many incredible people that I am privileged to know. I'm honored to recognize Polk County and its history today, and I hope this legacy is passed down for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING BANNER ELEMEN- TARY SCHOOL FOR RECEIVING THE NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS AWARD

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Banner Elementary School, in Dunlap, Illinois, as a recipient of the 2019 National Blue Ribbon Schools Award. This recognition is a testament to the hard work both the faculty and students have put into making their school one of the safest and healthiest learning environments in the country.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program was started by the United States Department of Education to serve as a way to highlight schools across the country that meet a high standard for educational excellence. The Department of Education chooses the winning schools each year based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

At Banner Elementary School, the level of hard work and dedication the staff, administration, and students all exhibit is unparalleled. Again, Congratulations to Banner Elementary School on receiving the National Blue Ribbon Schools Award. I am proud to represent this shining example of educational excellence.

MARY (MO) LUKENS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously recognize and honor Mary (Mo) Lukens, a great Coloradan and wife, mother and grandmother.

Mo was a lifelong resident of Colorado and a proud resident of Golden. For over 20 years she dedicated her time to the Golden community serving many different organizations including the Golden Rotary Club, Applewood, Denver, Golden and West Jefferson County Chambers of Commerce and others. Additionally, she ran a successful business, Mo's Family Portraits, which helped capture many wonderful memories for families in Jefferson County and across Colorado.

Mo was also very involved with the Cancer Action Network and served as the 7th Congressional District Ambassador. She was a tireless advocate for cancer research and funding. For the last decade, she chaired and co-chaired the Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society to honor those battling cancer, including her own struggle as well as that of her mother and grandmother.

I was privileged to know Mo for many years, and her vibrance and good work in our community will never be forgotten. Her passion for her community, her good nature and sense of humor was a true delight. On behalf of the people of Jefferson County and Colorado, I honor Mary (Mo) Lukens for a life well-lived and extend my deepest appreciation for her contribution to our community.

RECOGNIZING JOHN J. DAY, JR. AND HIS NOMINATION FOR THE FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and achievements of John J. Day, Jr., in honor of his nomination and confirmation of France's highest distinction of military and civil merits, the French Legion of Honor.

In October of 1942, during the height of World War II, John answered his nation's call and joined the United States Army as a member of the 90th Infantry Division, a regiment that later earned the title of "Tough Hombres." Deployed to Europe two years later, the Tough Hombres arrived on English soil on Easter Sunday, 1944. Soon after their arrival, John, along with his regiment, boarded a ship for Normandy. At the young age of 21, John courageously defended his country two days after D-Day in the Battle of the Seves River. Taken off the front line on July 22, 1944, John completed his assignment at a Postal Unit in Avon, France. John was finally discharged from the Army in November 1945, six months after World War II ended.

John returned to civilian life and to his work with the Pennsylvania Central Railroad system in New York. Following his retirement, John and his late wife, Mary Ann, enjoyed traveling

across the country, visiting children and grandchildren. John currently resides in Galena, Ohio, where he is an active member of the Westerville Chapter of the VFW.

A decorated veteran, John has been awarded numerous awards such as the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge, just to name a few. The French Legion of Honor adds to the extensive list of awards and recognitions John received throughout his distinguished career, though it does not scratch the surface of the number of reasons we owe a debt of gratitude to John for his service to our country.

Consul General of France will officially present John with his medal on October 8 in Westerville, Ohio. I am confident that John's impact will be an enduring one, and that this ceremony will be cherished by his family and friends. I thank John for his service, and I am proud to join in recognizing John J. Day, Jr., as he receives this distinguished and well-deserved honor.

DICK SCHWEERS

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard "Dick" Schweers of Estero. Dick is a staple of the Estero Community and has served on the Board of Commissioners of the Estero Fire Rescue Department since 1997 and is the current Chairman. In 1997, the Board of Commissioners was facing many challenges. It was down to only two members and needed a third member to form a quorum to conduct business. In addition, Estero Fire Rescue was deeply in debt and struggling to remain solvent. While it took some convincing at the time by then Governor Lawton Chiles, Dick eventually agreed to be appointed as a fire commissioner to restructure the department. With Dick's hard work, leadership, and guidance, Estero Fire Rescue was completely turned around.

Today, Estero Fire Rescue has four buildings, state of the art equipment, and a large crew of firefighters and paramedics. It is now one of the premier fire districts in our area. After 22 years with the Estero Fire Rescue Department, volunteering to help raise thousands of dollars for the Harry Chapin Food Bank, serving on the Estero Council of Community Leaders and the Estero Historical Society, and being an active member in the Notre Dame Club of Southwest Florida, Dick is retiring.

I thank Dick for his decades of service to our community and our citizens, and hope he enjoys a well-earned retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF HENRY S.
BARBOSA

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Henry S. Barbosa for his outstanding

and impactful work in the community. Mr. Barbosa has invested tremendous time, talent, and passion to his community and OCCC has honored Mr. Barbosa with their prestigious Legacy Award. Mr. Barbosa serves as a long-time board chair for the Orange County Conservation Corps (OCCC), which provides a safety net and career pathway for at-risk adults residing in Orange County by offering both career and workforce development programs.

Mr. Barbosa began his young professional career by earning his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California Los Angeles and his Juris Doctor from UCLA School of Law in 1973. He then began his legal career as the Deputy District Attorney for the City of Los Angeles. His passion for public service is known by the community and for 27 years, Mr. Barbosa practiced private law primarily representing local cities as a city attorney. He also served as Special Counsel for public agencies like the LA Unified School District.

Most recently, Mr. Barbosa served as Assistant General Counsel to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and within two years of serving as Vice-Chairman of the Board, Mr. Barbosa was also Chairman of the Engineering, Operations and Real Property Committee, as well as many others. Mr. Barbosa was very effective and influential while serving on the negotiations team that set key terms for the historic Quantifications Settlement Agreement, resulting in the first major agricultural to urban water transfer within the Law of the Colorado River.

Mr. Barbosa's areas of expertise include land use and zoning, public works and condemnation, environmental law, water resources, civil rights, including election law, political campaigns, and CATV. Notably, his expertise in land use and environmental law was recognized by former Speaker of the California State Assembly, Willie Brown, who appointed Mr. Barbosa to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee that developed statewide regulations for landfills management.

Furthermore, Mr. Barbosa has been instrumental as lead counsel in several published appellate decisions including *Salazar v. City of Montebello* 1987, an election law challenge to the candidacy of a homeless person in a municipal election.

Mr. Barbosa's receipt of the "Legacy Award" from OCCC is a true testament of his dedication and service to his community. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Barbosa on his lifelong accomplishments.

THANKING KEVIN MILLER

HON. RUSS FULCHER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor Kevin Miller of Star, Idaho. Kevin is a dear friend, beloved colleague, humble inspiration, and profound joy to the multitudes of people that know him. Kevin is quiet about the work he has done to enhance our communities, improving the lives of countless Idahoans. You may not know it, but Kevin spends two weeks a year living in a trailer, broadcasting his radio show at Walmart to raise

money for a local homeless shelter. He may not tell you, but Kevin has been visiting public and private schools for years to help draw attention to their events and fundraisers. Kevin might not mention it, but his faith in action to promote the life of the unborn has been felt in the hearts of those affected by abortion. Quietly, off the air, Kevin is the local hero that we celebrate today. Kevin fights for the average Joe and highlights the challenges and champions of our great state, our home, Idaho. Kevin, your work means so much to the people of Idaho. It is my pleasure to honor Kevin Miller for the dedication, commitment, and love he has for Idaho.

REMEMBERING JAMAL
KHASHOGGI, RESPECTED AND
HEROIC JOURNALIST, LOVING
FATHER, AND RELENTLESS PUR-
SUER OF TRUTH

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Jamal Khashoggi, an American national and resilient journalist who was murdered by members of the Saudi Arabian government on October 2, 2018.

The First Amendment of the United States Constitution grants freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

I would like to note that the press is the only commercial enterprise enshrined in the Constitution, giving Americans an independent press.

This is something that is often taken for granted, freedom of the press is not given to citizens in many parts of the world.

Jamal Khashoggi was born on October 13, 1958, in Medina, Saudi Arabia.

Jamal Khashoggi attended Indiana State University and received his BA in business administration in 1983.

Jamal Khashoggi did not dream of becoming a Saudi Arabian dissident, he did not want to be forced into a self-imposed exile; however, it was what he had to do to continue to live.

As a journalist, Jamal Khashoggi wanted to report on the facts and truths, not to dismiss the injustice that occurred, especially in his home nation.

Jamal Khashoggi wrote for and edited newspapers in Saudi Arabia and served as an aide in Saudi embassies in Washington and London.

After leaving Saudi Arabia, Jamal Khashoggi published his first op-ed in the Washington Post in September 2017, explaining why he and others had gone into self-imposed exile out of fear of being arrested in Saudi Arabia.

For the next year, Jamal Khashoggi continued writing articles criticizing Saudi Arabian involvement in the war in Yemen, the imprisonment of women who campaigned for women's rights, and revealed the strict control of the Saudi Arabian government on news and social media.

On October 2, 2018, Jamal Khashoggi was enticed into entering the Saudi consulate in Istanbul for an appointment to obtain a document he needed to marry his Turkish fiancée.

Knowing Jamal Khashoggi was scheduled to arrive at the consulate, 15 Saudi agents who had flown in hours earlier met him, killed, dismembered, and disposed of his body which has yet to be found.

Journalists must be protected, the right to a free press must be protected.

However, Trump and his allies have blocked attempts in Congress to hold the Saudi Arabian regime accountable for their actions.

The United States House of Representatives passed H. Res. 2037 for which I voted, condemning the Saudi Arabian government for the murder and execution, but the current administration continues to steer clear of assigning blame and bringing the killers to justice.

The impotent reaction from our Administration signals to strongmen everywhere that they can terrorize their people—and mock the United States—with impunity.

The citizens of the world have not forgotten what happened to Jamal Khashoggi, and they will never forget.

Jamal Khashoggi was a loving father of four to Salah, Abdullah, Noha, and Razan Jamal, and a fiancée to Hatice Cengiz, the woman who waited outside of the consulate that fateful day.

We will forever be deprived of the stories Jamal Khashoggi would have written, and so there will inevitably be a delay in learning about the corruption he might have exposed, heroism he might have praised, and insights he might have offered.

America stands in support of American nationals.

I encourage all journalists to be fearless and persistent; democracy depends on it.

HONORING JENNIE ADSIT FOR HER
CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE ON
THE OCCASION OF HER RETIRE-
MENT FROM THE JEFFERSON
COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLA-
TORS

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jennie Adsit on the occasion of her retirement from the Jefferson County Board of Legislators.

Jennie was first elected to the County Board of Supervisors in 1977. She has served on the board of legislators since its inception in 1996 until 1999 and then from 2006 to the present. During her tenure on the board, she has served as the Chair of the Finance and Rules Committee from 1996 through 1997 and served on the committee a total of sixteen years. Additionally, she served as the Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee between 2002 and 2003 and has served on that committee since 2006. She has also been a member of the Planning and Development Committee and is currently a member of the General Services Committee. In all of these roles, Jennie has consistently worked to better the lives of her fellow residents of Jefferson County.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to thank Jennie for her lifetime of dedicated public service. She has made a lasting positive impact on Jefferson County

and the North Country as a whole. I wish her well on this next chapter in her life.

CELEBRATING MR. JOHN T.
STEINMETZ

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. STIVERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's 15th Congressional District to celebrate Mr. John T. Steinmetz as he receives the French Legion of Honor.

Mr. Steinmetz, a native of Lancaster, Ohio, has continuously demonstrated his commitment to our nation's values and cemented his standing as a true American hero and a pillar of our community. Since Mr. Steinmetz began active duty service on February 4, 1944, he has been a part of our nation's proud tradition of military service. His dedication and commitment to protecting and serving our nation and our allies is unparalleled.

Mr. John T. Steinmetz has made a significant impact in the lives of those around him. Although it is nearly impossible to quantify his impact, Americans have an excellent example of service, sacrifice, and patriotism. From his service on the USS *SC-515*, to his participation in the Southern France Landing in August of 1944 at Baie de Bognon and his ascension to Seaman First Class, he, rightfully, earned the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

I can say, without a doubt, that truly all of Ohio, our nation, and our world is a better and freer place because of his service and leadership.

I wish to congratulate Mr. John T. Steinmetz on this tremendous honor and convey my most sincere appreciation for his dedication to service.

AMBER ALERT NATIONWIDE ACT

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the AMBER Alert Nationwide Act, so that all families and first responders in our country have access to this critical tool to save children who are victims of abduction and exploitation.

Since its creation in 1996, the AMBER Alert system has saved the lives of nearly a thousand children through its network of instant alerts sent through radio, television and text messages. However, the system is not available nationwide. Funding Congress initially authorized under the PROTECT Act to expand the reach of AMBER Alerts was only available to states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. This has left families and first responders in tribal communities as well as the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa and Guam to search for missing children without the help of this life-saving technology. Last year, Congress recognized the need to include

Indian tribes in the system by passing the Ashlynnne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act. The AMBER Alert Nationwide Act includes all U.S. territories so our first responders can access the federal resources their counterparts receive to make the necessary infrastructure upgrades to help keep our children safe.

The gentlelady from American Samoa, Mrs. Radewagen, is an original cosponsor of the bill. And the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has endorsed the legislation. I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan bill to help reunite all our nation's missing children with their families no matter where they live.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, TENNESSEE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the fiftieth anniversary of the City of Brentwood, Tennessee.

Brentwood was incorporated in Williamson County on April 15, 1969. Since then, spurred by the development of Maryland Farms into a business park in the 1970s and 1980s, Brentwood's population expanded from less than 4,000 residents to over 40,000 today.

A prosperous suburb in the Nashville area, Brentwood has maintained its character as a low-density residential community even as it has been one of the fastest-growing cities in the state, with ninety percent of the city's acreage zoned for residential use.

Its thriving business environment, high quality of life, top-rated schools, scenic beauty, and Tennessee way of life have given Brentwood a well-deserved reputation as one of the best places in the nation to live, work, and raise a family.

Brentwood is home to many of Tennessee's finest citizens, and I am honored to represent them in the United States Congress. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the City of Brentwood on this momentous occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OPENING OF THE BEAUTIFUL LUXE SCHOOL OF COSMETOLOGY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the opening of the Beautiful Luxe School of Cosmetology, the first black-owned beauty school in Ann Arbor.

In 2010, Aisha Gatlin established Beautiful Luxe Hair Company, an Ypsilanti-based luxury hair extension boutique and salon. Seeing a need for more salon options for textured hair care, Gatlin endeavored to create a salon that would provide a high-quality and luxury experience to all people regardless of hair type. As such, she put her vision into action and be-

came CEO of Beautiful Luxe Hair Company, a salon that caters to all phases of hair and specializes in hair extensions and natural hair. Like its name, the salon strives to help people feel their most beautiful.

The opening of the Beautiful Luxe School of Cosmetology further enhances the vision of the Beautiful Luxe Hair Company and exemplifies Aisha Gatlin's continued commitment and passion for natural hair care. Through Gatlin's efforts, cosmetology students in our community will be given the skills necessary to launch successful careers in cosmetology with the confidence to serve all hair types. The Beautiful Luxe School of Cosmetology will train students to master techniques in cutting, coloring, and styling different phases of textured hair, as well other services like skin treatments and nail care. In addition to opening the beauty school, Gatlin has generously offered \$2,500 in scholarships to help students embark on their careers in cosmetology, truly benefiting our Ann Arbor community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Aisha Gatlin and celebrate the opening of the Beautiful Luxe School of Cosmetology in Ann Arbor. I am grateful for Gatlin's meaningful efforts to facilitate greater inclusivity in the haircare industry, and her impactful work is worthy of commendation.

HONORING THE 60TH BIRTHDAY OF WILLIAM MORGAN

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor William Morgan of Nashville, Tennessee on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

William Morgan was born on June 22, 1959 in Nashville. He graduated from Montgomery Bell Academy in 1977 and from Vanderbilt University in 1981. William went on to earn his MBA from Vanderbilt, where he was the Founders Medalist. In 1986, he joined the Nashville-based industrial contracting firm John Bouchard & Sons Company, where he has served as president since 2001.

In addition to his leadership of John Bouchard & Sons, Mr. Morgan works tirelessly to better his community and country. He has served as chairman of the Family Action Council of Tennessee, and he is a member of the Nashville Rotary Club. He has been a longtime supporter of many ministries both in Nashville and nationwide, including the Hope Clinic for Women, Need Link Nashville, and the TN Governmental Prayer Alliance.

William is married to Lisa Morgan, and they are the proud parents of three children, Carver (Lauren), Sumner (Brian), and Wallace, and they are the proud grandparents of Clara. In every area of his life, he seeks to honor God and serve his community—and he has done so faithfully for these 60 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating this great American and thanking him for his service to our nation.

CONGRATULATING HENRY S. BARBOSA ON RECEIVING THE ORANGE COUNTY CONSERVATION CORPS LEGACY AWARD

HON. KATIE PORTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Henry S. Barbosa as the recipient of the Legacy Award, which will be presented during the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Orange County Conservation Corps (OCCC).

Mr. Barbosa has served for seven years on the Board of OCCC, which is a voluntary work and learn program that provides an opportunity for at-risk and disadvantaged youths, age 18 to 25. Corpsmembers have a chance to earn a living while learning valuable employment skills through job training and attending an on-site charter school.

Mr. Barbosa's long and distinguished record of service to his community stretches well beyond his time with OCCC. His legal career began as a Deputy District Attorney for Los Angeles County and continued over 27 years in private practice, primarily representing cities and other public agencies throughout California. Mr. Barbosa also acted as Assistant General Counsel to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

In recognition of his community leadership, Mr. Barbosa was designated as a member of the Los Angeles Board of Police Commission's Blue Ribbon Panel to analyze the causes of and response to the Rampart area police corruption scandal. He was an elected public official for 10 years, serving as the President and a Director of the Three Valleys Municipal Water District representing Rowland Heights and as a member of the Board for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Mr. Barbosa was appointed to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee that developed statewide regulations for landfills management.

Mr. Barbosa continues to advocate for inclusion in our communities. He has served for 10 years as Vice-Chair of the National Hispanic Media Coalition, a nation-wide advocacy group for greater access by minorities in film and broadcast media.

I thank Mr. Barbosa for his leadership and commitment to service and congratulate him on this well-deserved award.

HONORING SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN RUPERT VEGA

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Santa Ana Police Department Chaplain Rupert Vega, a true hero of our community.

Chaplain Rupert Vega was born and raised in Santa Ana. He, along with his family of six, lived in the Artesia Pilar neighborhood, near El Salvador Park. He received his education from the Santa Ana Unified School District. Chap-

lain Vega, with his wife, raised their two children in Santa Ana, where he continues to live to this very day. His children, now adults, also reside in Santa Ana.

At age 57, Chaplain Vega retired from his 25-year career in the medical field, but retirement has done nothing to slow him down. He has been a licensed ordained chaplain and minister for many years and has worked as a Santa Ana Police Department Chaplain for the last five years, volunteering well over 5,000 hours to date.

Chaplain Vega was recruited as a Police Chaplain, by his friends, Ed and Maria Martinez—two long time employees of the Santa Ana Police Department.

As a Police Chaplain, Rupert has volunteered his time to the community of Santa Ana and the members of the Santa Ana Police Department. However, Chaplain Vega is so much more than a chaplain—to our community, he is a vision of hope in times of tragedy, to the members of the Santa Ana Police Department, he is a big brother, a guiding light, and even a shoulder to cry on when times get tough.

With much humility, Chaplain Vega would say that he has been blessed beyond measure to have been commissioned by the Lord to work as a Police Chaplain, but it is really the community and the members of Santa Ana Police Department that are blessed to have him as their chaplain and as a part of our community.

RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, today, as every other day throughout the year, patients suffer from rare diseases that need cures, cures that are sometimes elusive. But patients that need plasma protein therapies have hope; and on October 7 to 11, 2019, across the United States and throughout the world, patients, plasma donors, and plasma collection centers will join together to observe International Plasma Awareness Week (IPAW).

There will be events to raise global awareness of the crucial need for plasma to create life-saving therapies, recognize that plasma donors contribute greatly in saving and improving lives, and increase understanding of the many rare diseases and plasma protein therapies that help to treat them. Plasma-derived therapies and recombinant blood clotting factors, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique, biologic medicines that are either infused or injected to treat a variety of rare, life-threatening, chronic, and genetic diseases including bleeding disorders, hereditary angioedema, immune deficiencies, pulmonary disorders, neurological disorders, shock and trauma, liver cirrhosis, and infectious diseases such as tetanus, hepatitis, and rabies.

Plasma-derived therapies save and improve lives of individuals throughout the world, including in emergency and surgical medicine. Plasma protein therapies have significantly improved the quality of life, markedly improved patient outcomes, and extended the life expectancy of individuals with rare, chronic dis-

eases and conditions. Healthy, committed donors provide the plasma essential to manufacture these lifesaving therapies; and there are now more than 780 plasma collection centers in the U.S. that have demonstrated their commitment to plasma donor and patient safety and quality by earning International Quality Plasma Program (IQPP) certification.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me and rise in commemoration of International Plasma Awareness Week, honoring those committed donors and collection centers who make and collect needed and lifesaving contributions.

REMEMBERING SANDEEP DHALIWAL, HOUSTON, TEXAN AND HERO

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a hero, a Deputy with the Harris County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Sandeep Dhaliwal.

Deputy Sandeep Dhaliwal was a Houston resident and public servant who died while in the line of duty on September 27, 2019, in Houston, Texas, at the age of 42.

Sandeep Dhaliwal was a trailblazer for the Sheriff's Department of which he served in for a decade.

Sandeep Dhaliwal was the first member of the Sikh community to become a Harris County Sheriff's deputy.

In the Sikh religion, men and women do not cut their hair; they cover their head with turbans.

Out of piety, the men refrain from shaving their beards.

Deputy Sandeep Dhaliwal garnered national attention in 2015, after the sheriff's office allowed him to wear his traditional articles of faith, including a turban and a beard, while on patrol.

Sandeep educated us as a city and county and taught us all about the humility and beauty of the Sikh faith.

Through his example and grace, Sandeep Dhaliwal taught of the virtues and symbolic power of the turban and stood as a bulwark against the nasty racism that has been visited on Sikhs.

Even more notable, the Harris County Sheriff's Office was the largest in the country to have a full-time Sikh American officer with his articles of faith intact due to a religious accommodation exception to their dress code policy.

On the afternoon of September 27, 2019, Deputy Sandeep Dhaliwal pulled over a silver Nissan Altima for a routine traffic stop on Willacy Court near Cypress.

After speaking with the driver, Deputy Sandeep Dhaliwal turned to walk back to his patrol car, the driver got out of the vehicle and ran at the Deputy shooting him twice from behind in the head.

The shooter, then returned to his car, driving away.

Deputy Sandeep Dhaliwal died after being airlifted to a hospital.

The assailant had a violent past and was convicted of two felonies in 2002 for an episode in which he shot a man and then barricaded himself in his home with his 4-year-old son, with an intent to use him as a shield.

The assailant was sentenced to 20 years in jail but served only 12 years before getting out on parole in 2014.

In January of 2017, a warrant was issued for parole violations of assault and possession of a prohibited weapon, the warrant was still active Friday when Sandeep Dhaliwal pulled him over.

Deputy Sandeep Dhaliwal was a hero to many through his actions, organizing a tractor-trailer of supplies to be delivered from California after Hurricane Harvey, and had traveled to Puerto Rico to help a colleague with hurricane relief efforts there.

Prior to serving as a law enforcement officer, Sandeep Dhaliwal owned a successful trucking business.

Sandeep believed that the Harris County Sheriff's Office needed someone to build bridges with the Sikh community, so he sold his business and took a lower paying job.

Sandeep Dhaliwal represented the community's diversity and inclusiveness well, as a practicing Sikh he embodied the articles of faith, equality, service, and justice while serving in his position.

I attended the candlelight vigil held in his honor the day after his tragic death.

The vigil was not just a moment to remember the bravery of Deputy Sandeep Dhaliwal, it was also a moment for our community to remember the impact he had on our civic life and the decency he had for his fellow man.

This is because the site of the vigil was named after another fallen officer, Deputy Darren Goforth, based, in part, on Deputy Sandeep Dhaliwal's advocacy.

The impact made by Deputy Sandeep Dhaliwal, during his short time with us, has been profound, and it compelled me to come to offer condolences to the Sikh National Center, the Gurudwara where Sandeep Dhaliwal's family worships and where I was honored to recognize him for his kindness, strength, service, and involvement in the community.

It was important for Deputy Sandeep Dhaliwal's family to know that America mourns with the Dhaliwal Family.

America is a place of justice and she will not rest until justice comes to the Sikhs of America.

Sandeep Dhaliwal was more than a public servant, he was an outstanding member of the community, a hero to many, a loving husband, and a father to three.

Sandeep Dhaliwal will forever be in the hearts and memory of so many he touched.

My heart breaks for his family and loved ones. I offer my deepest condolences as they mourn his loss.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF GATEWAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, in honor of October being National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, I rise today to recognize Gateway Domestic Violence Services.

In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Gateway Domestic Violence Services on its 40th Anniversary. Since

1979, Gateway has steadfastly provided services to over 400,000 adults and children who are experiencing family violence throughout the City of Aurora and Arapahoe County.

Gateway has assisted these individuals through their 24/7 Crisis Line, Emergency Shelter, Extended-Stay Shelter, Nonresidential Counseling Program and Court Advocacy Program. These services have resulted in allowing individuals and families to live a life free from violence in their homes.

The scourge of domestic violence is widespread and affects people of all ages, races, religions, and socio-economic backgrounds. It is estimated that 50 percent of all families in the United States are impacted by intimate partner violence. A woman is assaulted or beaten every 9 seconds and approximately 4 victims are killed each day by an intimate partner. The trauma suffered by children who witness domestic violence can result in their inability to form healthy relationships.

Today, it is my honor to commemorate Gateway's 40th anniversary. The work they do in our community is necessary and impressive. In 2018 alone, they answered just under 8,000 crisis calls, served 789 individuals between their two shelters, counseled 229 adults and children, walked through the court process with 2,925 victims, and presented on the issues of family violence 102 times to groups throughout the community.

Gateway diligently strives to ensure that every victim that reaches out for help is treated with dignity, respect and given the tools to help break the cycle of violence they are experiencing. Furthermore, their work helps ensure victims are not blamed for the violence they experience and will not have to continue to live in fear of abuse in their own home.

I am confident that Gateway Domestic Violence Services will continue to provide quality services to victims throughout the community, as they have done for the past 40 years.

SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT BANKING ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I submit the following letters of endorsement for H.R. 1595, the SAFE Banking Act.

THE SCOTTMIRACLE-GRO COMPANY,
February 12, 2019.

Re Challenges and Solutions: Access to Banking Services for Cannabis-Related Businesses Hearing.

Hon. GREGORY W. MEEKS,
Chair, Subcommittee on Consumer Protections & Financial Institutions, House Committee on Financial Services, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MEEKS: I am writing regarding the upcoming hearing of the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions titled "Challenges and Solutions: Access to Banking Services for Cannabis-Related Businesses."

The ScottsMiracle-Gro Company is the quintessential American business. Established in 1868 in Marysville, Ohio, the ScottsMiracle-Gro name is synonymous with America's love for lawns and gardens. We are also a leader in the evolution and emergence of indoor and greenhouse gardening through

our subsidiary, The Hawthorne Gardening Company.

With approximately 6,000 associates at more than 65 U.S. locations in 26 states, ScottsMiracle-Gro has small and large manufacturing plants that create products for American consumers. The vast majority of our business is based on a wide range of products for lawn and garden care. However, we are also the country's largest manufacturer of hydroponic growing systems, nutrients, lights, filters and components for indoor growing. These products can be used to nurture a wide variety of plants, including cannabis. Our hydroponic division is expected to generate revenue this year of approximately \$600 million, or about 20 percent of company-wide revenue.

While ScottsMiracle-Gro does not directly participate in the U.S. cannabis industry, this rapidly growing and critical business unit is nonetheless impacted by the existing conflict between federal and state laws. Our concern is particularly acute when it comes to our relationships with our banking partners. We know that state-law-authorized cannabis cultivators are among those who use our products to grow their crop. However, we are unable to sell equipment to them directly because of the current banking rules. In order to satisfy our banks' compliance requirements and maintain our banking relationships, we are required to use a costly two-step distribution process to serve these end customers.

We share these experiences to help the committee understand the vast implications and challenges to the current system. While the committee may hear from many cannabis companies, we also want to highlight the inefficiencies ScottsMiracle-Gro faces as a provider to this industry.

We applaud the Committee for taking the time to learn more about the challenges of this current arrangement and encourage you to examine the many different aspects of this banking issue during your evaluation of the topic, including the needs of ancillary companies like ScottsMiracle-Gro. We also thank Congressmen Perlmutter, Heck, Stivers, and Davidson for their leadership on this important issue through their work on the SAFE Banking Act and look forward to additional discussion on this measure as a means to address concerns raised in this letter.

As an American company with over 150 years of business experience, we have many unique insights about this emerging industry and would be happy to share those perspectives as the Committee continues to learn more and develops solutions to address this issue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

JIM KING.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2019.

Hon. ED PERLMUTTER,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REP. PERLMUTTER: In June of last year, at the 86th annual meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Boston, we formed a first-of-its-kind local government coalition of mayors to establish a national framework to prepare governments for the implementation of legalized marijuana. Our coalition is writing to you today to encourage congressional support for passage of the SAFE Banking Act. As mayors of many American cities leading the implementation of safe and successfully regulated cannabis markets, we believe it is long overdue for marijuana businesses to have the same access to banking and financial services as all other legitimate U.S. businesses. Passage of this Act would add important protections against an illegal market and bad actors, as well as allow for

full transparency and regulation of transactions and provide an economic boost for the United States.

More than \$100 million dollars in marijuana tax revenue is projected in our cities from marijuana sales in 2019. Opening financial services to the cannabis industry could reduce the opportunity and motive for crime in what is currently a cash-based industry. It would also improve the ability of the federal government to audit tax receipts and allow for the legalized markets to reduce unnecessary financial expenses for the cannabis industry, potentially leading to additional pay for the many employees working in this industry. Additionally, billions of dollars in deposits nationwide would strengthen the country's financial sector.

The vast majority of cannabis businesses comply with the rules and regulations, and the industry has made meaningful contributions to supporting strong and safe markets across the United States. Marijuana businesses have consistently supported youth prevention efforts and have also played an important role in educating the public on the rules for marijuana consumption. They are a valid contributor to our local economies, and they have overcome many obstacles to earn their place among our country's legitimate businesses.

Voters across the United States have chosen to end marijuana prohibition. It's long overdue that Congress respects the will of our voters in legalized cannabis markets and allow banking services for this legitimate industry.

Legalized marijuana has generated billions of dollars in economic activity nationwide. Allowing banking services is a national economic stimulus that does not cost taxpayers and would be a bipartisan victory for champions of states' rights and the Tenth Amendment.

Respectfully,

Mayors Coalition to Push for Marijuana Reform—Michael B. Hancock, Mayor of Denver, CO; Eric Garcetti, Mayor of Los Angeles, CA; Libby Schaaf, Mayor of Oakland, CA; Heidi Williams, Mayor of Thornton, CO; Ted Wheeler, Mayor of Portland, OR.

AMERICAN FINANCIAL
SERVICES ASSOCIATION,

Washington, DC, September 25, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Minority Leader, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI AND MINORITY LEADER MCCARTHY: The American Financial Services Association (AFSA) writes to express its strong support for H.R. 1595, the Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act, which is scheduled for consideration before the House of Representatives on September 25.

H.R. 1595, sponsored by Representatives Ed Perlmutter (D-CO), Denny Heck (D-WA), Steve Stivers (R-OH) and Warren Davidson (R-OH), along with more than 200 bipartisan House members, includes an important provision ending Operation Choke Point. Specifically, it prohibits a federal banking agency from ordering a bank to terminate a banking relationship with a legal business unless there is a valid reason and that reason is not based solely on reputational risk.

The ostensible intent of Choke Point program was to prevent criminal fraud. However, in actuality, federal officials pressured banks to close accounts of businesses operating within state and federal law without legal recourse or due process solely because the officials were ideologically opposed to

the businesses' existence. Under Operation Choke Point, businesses that were operating legally suddenly found banks terminating their accounts, in some cases accounts that the business had had for years, without explanation. While the program was targeted at gun dealers and payday lenders, other businesses, such as installment lenders, were also impacted. No legal business should be targeted solely based on the political bias of a particular administration.

Even though Operation Choke Point has officially ended, its effects remain. Financial services companies that follow state and federal laws are still having their accounts closed with very little explanation. Furthermore, companies that had their accounts closed may still be having trouble finding new banking relationships. Legitimate bank customers, like traditional installment lenders, which have provided safe and affordable small-dollar credit to consumers in their communities for over a century, deserve fair access and fair treatment by federal banking agencies.

We are pleased that Congress is acting in the interest of small businesses, who in turn, serve a large number of American consumers. Limiting the availability of lawful goods and services to consumers in an attempt to punish politically disfavored businesses harms consumers and sets a bad precedent. Government initiatives must be carried out on solid legal ground to be credible.

They should not be based on political bias and not undermine faith in government agencies and the rule of law.

We urge members of the House of Representatives to support H.R. 1595.

Sincerely,

BILL HIMPLER,
President & CEO,
American Financial Services Association.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Minority Leader, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI AND MINORITY LEADER MCCARTHY: As a national, diverse, multi-sector collection of broad stakeholders, that are impacted by the burgeoning legal cannabis industry throughout the United States, we write to ask that you bring the SAFE Banking Act (H.R. 1595) before the House floor for a vote. Our organizations support taking an initial step that allows proceeds from the legal cannabis industry into the banking system for purposes of public safety and to protect law-abiding financial institutions and ancillary businesses that have been put in an untenable position.

With 33 states and several territories permitting cannabis use, a growing chorus of Americans and legal businesses now face an increasing number of risks resulting from a patchwork legal system with no federal banking protections. Because of this, U.S. industry and, especially, financial institutions—which provide the infrastructure for safe marketplaces to grow—must assume civil and in some instances, criminal liability in order to service state-licensed cannabis businesses and ancillary companies.

As a result, the distribution, sale, possession, research, transaction, housing, employment, and broader landscape of cannabis is becoming increasingly problematic. This only creates more legal and security concerns that impact the operations and safety of businesses and consumers. More notably, the lack of available safe harbor for cannabis will continue to challenge the full adoption and deployment of the legal hemp and CBD

products market in the U.S. due to the inextricable link between hemp and cannabis.

To help resolve this, we urge Congress to vote on and pass the SAFE Banking Act or similar measures, which are meant to create a safe harbor for depository institutions that provide a financial product or service to a covered business in a state which has implemented laws and regulations permitting the use of cannabis. A safe harbor would not only enable law enforcement and states to effectively monitor and regulate cannabis transactions and businesses, but it would bring billions of dollars and tax revenue out of duffel bags and safes and into the regulated banking sector.

We understand that creating a true federal regulatory framework for cannabis is a multi-step process. However, we strongly believe that the SAFE Banking Act is a critical first step to ensure that legal cannabis marketplaces are safe, legal, and transparent.

Thank you for your thoughtful, bipartisan leadership. We look forward to working with you on this increasingly important issue.

Sincerely,
American Bankers Association.
Americans for Prosperity.
Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers.
Electronic Transactions Association.
National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies.

National Association of Professional Employer Associations.

National Association of REALTORS.
Wholesale & Specialty Insurance Association.

HONORING HIGHLY DECORATED
HISPANIC AMERICAN VETERAN
SFC JOHN "DOC" ANTHONY
ACEVEDO, U.S. ARMY (RET.)

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize SFC John "Doc" Anthony Acevedo, U.S. Army (Ret.), a highly decorated Hispanic American Veteran from Buffalo, NY. John Anthony Acevedo was born to Mary and Jorge Acevedo in 1969 and grew up on Swan Street in downtown Buffalo. His father was from Hormigueros, Puerto Rico, and his mother was a Buffalo native who grew up in Buffalo.

John attended grammar school at St. Columba Catholic School, then Buffalo Public School No. 6 Academic Challenge Center, and Emerson Vocational High School in Buffalo. Following graduation, he worked as a security guard at the Larkin building. On March 7, 1989 John Acevedo made the decision to enlist into the Army as a medic. The basis for this decision was two-fold. He had a remarkable gift for putting others at ease, which he discovered during his time as an altar boy at St. Columba Catholic School. He felt that this would make him a great medic. Secondly, he was inspired by his family's rich history of military service. John's uncles Rafael Rodriguez and Augustine Olivencia served in the highly decorated 65th Infantry Regiment "Borinqueneers". Rafael served in the Korean War and Augustine served during World War II. As an effort to give recognition to these trailblazers the recognition they deserve I co-sponsored a bill in 2016 to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the "Borinqueneers".

John's other uncle Joseph Pieracci also served in the Army during the Korean War. John's grandfather, Anthony Grasso, also served as a medic in WWII. John's cousin Wilmer Olivencia received a Purple Heart, which I had the honor of presenting him with in 2015 at the Grease Pole festival, for wounds sustained while serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, a war in which John's uncle, Tony Grasso, also served with the 1st Cavalry. John's cousin Louis Rodriguez, Rafael's son, served in Vietnam and is currently retired from the U.S. Army and is now living outside of Fort Bragg, North Carolina. John's nephew Michael Kerr is currently a member of the Reserves after serving in the U.S. Air force.

After joining the Army, John was assigned as a medic with the 299th Engineer Battalion upon completion of his basic training at Fort Knox Kentucky and his medical training in Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. John Acevedo rose through the ranks and eventually became a Sergeant First Class and earned the nickname "Doc" because he oversaw 120 other medics. Sergeant First Class John Acevedo served nearly 5½ years overseas in a combat zone. He served 5 tours of duty in Egypt, Afghanistan, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq.

During his lengthy military career, John served in the same Task Force as Medal of Honor recipient David Bellavia, while in the 2nd Brigade Combat, 2nd Infantry Division. They were part of the Fall of Fallujah, a critical turning point in the war in Iraq. He also was selected by Command Sergeant Major of the 10th Mountain Division to be an escort for former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and his Commander picked him to escort Oliver North. John also escorted several entertainers such as those from World Wrestling Entertainment owned by Vincent McMahon.

Today we recognize John Acevedo for his 26 years of military service earning him a total of 28 medals and ribbons including the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), Joint Service Commendation Medal (2nd Award), and the prestigious Combat Medical Badge. His highest award, the Bronze Star Medal, was for actions he took as a medic in Iraqi Freedom. While he was assigned as the Brigade Sergeants NCO they came under fire. When he heard a blast in the distance, he grabbed his gear and medic bag and ran toward the explosion. He simultaneously searched for casualties and participated in the counter attack. In doing so, he put his own life in jeopardy to prevent further casualties, while saving as many of his fellow soldiers as possible who were injured while fighting off the enemy. These awards embody the Staff Sergeant's unparalleled talent, unwavering courage, and insurmountable willpower in advancing American interests in places of violent conflict.

After serving our country for over 26 years, Sergeant First Class John Acevedo officially retired from the Army on March 31, 2015. John's father once told him that when he was on the battlefield, he is an American, but he should never forget his roots as a Hispanic American. John returned to his family and friends in Buffalo and went on to further serve his community, this time much closer to home. He is currently employed on a nursing team at the VA Hospital in Buffalo. He is also very active with veteran organizations throughout our community. He is an Alumni of the Wounded

Warrior Project. He is also a member of the Ft. Drum Retiree Council and a life member of the Association of the United States Army. John Anthony Acevedo has 4 children John Jr., Jorge, Deborah and Ana Maria and two grandchildren Arayna and Lyric. Several of John's family members are currently serving, continuing his family's proud legacy of military service. John's daughter Deborah is joining the US Air Force and his nephew Michael Kerr served in the Air Force and is currently in the Reserves. John's cousin Pedro Pabon currently serves in the Army Reserves.

Today we recognize John Acevedo, as a true patriot who dedicated his life to serving our country, serving our community. John is a great example of the dedication that Hispanic Americans have for their country and their community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I regret that I had a conflict that caused me to miss the following vote. I would have voted "aye" on roll call vote 555.

CONGRATULATING AND WELCOMING AMERICA'S NEWEST CITIZENS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on October 4, 2019. This memorable occasion will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On October 4, 2019, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Shania Shamar Perry, Johan Jacques Taljaard, Cirilo Favela, Claude Mihai Butnaru, Qays Jinan Matti Karo, Gabriela Hernandez, Steven Esat Karagoz, Armando Wu, Ravindra Babu Bhogadula, Maria Mhango, Argelia Cristina Fagre-Rivas, Ljube Shurdoski, Indiana Jankowski, Fernando Hernandez, Juan Nieto, Irma Ruiz, Jessica Tirado Ochoa, Sirak Kifle Negash, Sarah Hughes, Urmil Raj Kashyap, Guoyun Liu, Mihaela Roxana Layman, Ana G. Dunnett, Santiago Loera, Sonia Menchaca, Julieta Grino Pingol, Lucy Wambui Kiruki, Margaret

Matilda Brewster, Idalia Patricia Ramirez, and Mehulkumar Soni.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country "... of the people, by the people, and for the people." They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on October 4, 2019. They, too, will be American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

DEDICATING FAIRFIELD-VACAVILLE HANNIGAN TRAIN STATION

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, we rise today to celebrate the naming of the Fairfield-Vacaville train station after our dear friend, Assemblyman Tom Hannigan.

Tom was elected to the Assembly in 1978 to represent his home town of Fairfield. Recognizing the importance of connecting our state capitol with the economic engine of the San Francisco Bay Area, Hannigan authored and passed legislation that created a plan for the development of an intercity commuter train system to connect the cities. In just four years, Hannigan was able to turn this plan into reality with the establishment of the Capitol Corridor train service that we know today.

Today more than 1.7 million passengers use the Capitol Corridor annually to commute along the 168-mile long route, which connects an entire region between San Jose and Auburn. Publicly managed by Amtrak, the train route maintains some of the highest ridership rates in our country.

Commissioned in 2008 by the city of Fairfield, the Fairfield-Vacaville Hannigan Train Station opened to its first passengers in November 2017. Over the past two years, the station has established itself as a model of the Capitol Corridor's community-oriented transportation system, with more than 3,600 passengers who originate their trips from the station every month.

By the time of his passing in 2018, Tom Hannigan had faithfully served his country in the United States Marine Corps and his community at the city, county, and state government levels for more than a quarter of a century. The dedication of the Fairfield-Vacaville Hannigan Train Station is a fitting memorialization of the legacy he has left behind for his hometown and all of those who continue to benefit from the Capitol Corridor train service.

RECOGNIZING JOHNNIE RUTH
HUBER BOYD

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Johnnie Ruth Huber Boyd. My constituent, Mrs. Boyd recently visited Washington, DC, as an Honor Flight Network participant to visit the memorials dedicated to honor the service and sacrifices of other American veterans like her.

Johnnie, as she is known to her family and friends, was born September 28, 1924, in Brownfield, Texas, where cotton farming is still the backbone of the region. From an early age, Johnnie worked on her family's farm and attended school when she wasn't needed in the fields.

At 14 years old, Johnnie moved hundreds of miles from home to serve as a caretaker for a family in Lueders, Texas. There, she attended and graduated high school. Thanks to her tenacity and determination, Ms. Boyd earned a scholarship to Texas State College for Women but was unable to submit her application in person because she could not afford bus fare.

At 17 years old, while America was embroiled in World War II, Johnnie answered the nation's call to service by lying about her age to enlist in the U.S. Navy WAVES or "Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service." These women held the same status as naval reservists. Johnnie was among 350,000 women who joined the Armed Services during WWII, serving at home and abroad.

Upon enlisting in the U.S. Navy, she was stationed at Hunter's College in New York where she received her initial Navy training. After training, she was transferred to a base in San Francisco and lived in Berkeley. She took the ferry into San Francisco each day to board the ship, on which she served as Store Keeper 1st class alongside the paymaster and other soldiers. During this time, she also continued her education.

She served from 1941 to 1945, and later married Raymond Huber, a Master Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps. She went on to attend Santa Ana College and received her Associate's Degree in Business Finance in 1978.

Johnnie, now 94 years old, currently resides in the City of Orange, where she continues her service to our great country as an active community member. She is the proud mother of 8, grandmother of 17, and great grandmother of 10.

Please join me in saluting this WWII veteran who continues to contribute her wisdom, tenacity, and life-long American work ethic toward making America the greatest country in the world.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
WALTER E. GOOD

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Walter E. Good of Boardman,

Ohio, who passed away on Thursday, September 26, 2019, at the age of 80.

Walter will always be remembered as a caring, loyal and faithful man that stood by the principles of duty, honor and country. He was born October 9, 1938, in Youngstown, the son of Walter P. and Marguerite (Clark) Good and was a lifelong area resident.

Walter was proud to have grown up on the east side, where he graduated from East High School. He then continued his education at Youngstown State University, where he earned his two bachelor's degrees in Mathematics and Engineering, and his master's degree in Business Administration. With his love for education, Walter taught part-time at Youngstown State University.

He was a proud United States Army veteran, who served during the Vietnam Era. For his service to our country, Walter received the Good Conduct Medal, the Marksman Badge and received an Honorable Discharge on June 6, 1963. Walter celebrated his career as an industrial engineer in the steel industry, ultimately retiring from the United States Postal Service.

He was a member of the Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, its Vestibule Club, and was a lector for Sunday mass. He also belonged to the Penguin Club, the Theta Chi Fraternity and the Smoky Hollow Golden Eagle Club. Upon his retirement, Walter took great pride in maintaining the Smoky Hollow Memorial.

Walter had many passions in his life. He enjoyed reading history books and tailgating prior to the YSU football games. He had a true passion for sporting events, especially for Ursuline High School and Youngstown State University. Walter was so proud of his family, especially his grandchildren, and always put them at the center of his life.

Walter leaves behind his high school sweetheart and wife of over 57 years, the former Dolores Lariccia, whom he married June 9, 1962; two children, Walter Michael (Tracy) Good of Boardman and Nannette (Terry) Jacobs of Youngstown; five grandchildren, whom he adored, Christine, Michael and Riley Good, and Caila and Alexis Jacobs; and a sister, Sr. Brigid (Jeraldine Good) of the Poor Clares Monastery, Rockford, Illinois. All of whom will continue Walter's legacy of kindness, generosity, and unconditional love.

I am honored to be a long-time friend of Mr. Good's son, Walt, who undoubtedly inherited his passion for our community from his father. Our Valley certainly owes both father and son a great debt for their service to the community. My condolences go out to anyone whose life was touched by Walter.

COLLIER-LEE HONOR FLIGHT

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Collier-Lee Honor Flight for their above and beyond service to the veterans of our district. Every year, Collier-Lee Honor Flight works to take hundreds of veterans from Southwest Florida to our nation's capital to visit the memorials that honor their bravery and sacrifice in service to our

country. These moments are cherished by those who served, and many of our veterans would never have the opportunity to see them without the help of the honor flight.

This past weekend, when one veteran, Paul Jordan, needed to remain in D.C. due to medical reasons and missed the hero's welcome home ceremony event at our airport, Collier-Lee Honor Flight took it upon themselves to organize a second patriotic ceremony for Paul—leaving no man behind. Collier-Lee Honor Flight members, members of our community, airport staff, and fellow veterans, all came together to give him an unforgettable welcome home.

This above and beyond spirit shines through in all the efforts of Collier-Lee Honor Flight. Thank you to Collier-Lee Honor Flight and all who make these trips possible, those who welcome home our veterans, and most importantly to the veterans who served our country so bravely.

SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT
BANKING ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, while the SAFE Banking Act focuses on harmonizing federal and state banking laws regarding serving legitimate cannabis businesses and their service providers, there are still several issues where the federal government could provide more clarity. The Department of Treasury and its regulatory agencies should issue guidance on behalf of all federally licensed businesses engaging in, or considering engaging in, the legal cannabis trade, or Hemp and CBD trade, with respect to their engagement in a legal business.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
LARRY SLY

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of long-time community activist and leader, Larry Sly.

Larry Sly graduated from UC Berkeley and quickly became an advocate and leader in Contra Costa County. Starting his career with the Food Bank as a truck driver, Larry became a prominent volunteer for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties and in 1976 was elevated to Executive Director. During his decades of leadership, the Food Bank grew exponentially, distributing 36,000 pounds of food in his first year to over 20 million pounds of food in 2018.

A food security advocate, Larry has been actively involved in organizations such as the Concord Rotary Club and has served on the Board of Directors for the California Association of Food Banks. Larry has served on state advisory committees on hunger and food security and has helped many California cities develop successful food banks.

He has also used his advocacy and expertise to solve hunger issues on the national stage. Larry was a member of Feeding America and served as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors and as an elected member of the

National Council (NAC). He has received numerous awards across the country for his commitment to providing accessible food and resources for those in need.

Larry Sly is a champion of supporting families in his community and nationwide. Please join me in congratulating Larry for his dedicated service, and in wishing him great luck and joy in retirement.