The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. Wexton).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 4, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable Jennifer Wexton to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

God Our Father, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

During these days of constituent visits, send Your spirit of wisdom, patience, and clarity of thought to both Members and their voters back in their home districts.

And may the issues dominating our Nation’s attention these days be considered with the assistance of Your spirit, by a faithfulness to that Constitution rather than partisan interests.

May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a) of House Resolution 577, the Journal of the last day’s proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

June 25, 2019:

H.R. 599. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3151. An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize and improve the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3401. An Act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes.

July 1, 2019:

H.R. 3151. An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize and improve the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2940. An Act to extend the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and related programs through September 30, 2019.

July 25, 2019:

H.R. 686. An Act to provide a lactation room in public buildings.

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H.R. 1327. An Act to extend authorization for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 through fiscal year 2022, and for other purposes.

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H.R. 2196. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the credit hour requirement for the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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August 6, 2019:

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August 22, 2019.

H.R. 2366. An Act to amend section 327 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that National Urban Search and Rescue Response System task forces may include Federal employees.

H.R. 776. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program.

H.R. 1079. An Act to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance on electronic consent forms, and for other purposes.

October 3, 2019.

H.R. 1250. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11138 Highway 146 North in Hardin, Texas, as the “Lucas Low Post Office”.

H.R. 2336. An Act to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to the definition of “family farmer”.

H.R. 2345. An Act to exempt from the calculation of monthly income certain benefits paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense.

H.R. 3245. An Act to transfer a bridge over the Wabash River to the New Harmony River Bridge Authority and the New Harmony and Wabash River Bridge Authority, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3304. An Act to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days.

H.R. 3321. An Act to amend chapter 11 of title 10, United States Code, to address reorganization of small businesses, and for other purposes.

September 22, 2019.

H.R. 831. An Act to direct the Secretary of Transportation to request nominations for and make determinations regarding roads to be designated under the national scenic byways program, and for other purposes.

SENATE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

July 5, 2019:

S. 2467. An Act to provide for a 2-week extension of the Medicaid community mental health services demonstration program, and for other purposes.

August 22, 2019:

S. 744. An Act to amend section 175b of title 18, United States Code, to correct a drafting error.

S. 998. An Act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand support for police officer family services, stress reduction, and suicide prevention, and for other purposes.

S. 1789. An Act to clarify seasoning requirements for certain refinanced mortgage loans, and for other purposes.

July 30, 2019:

S. 501. An Act to amend title 36, United States Code, to designate The American Legion to determine the requirements for membership in The American Legion, and for other purposes.

S. 2249. An Act to allow the Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administr-

ation on the date of enactment of this Act to continue to serve as such Deputy Administrator.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on September 27, 2019, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 1590. To require an exercise related to terrorist and foreign fighter travel, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(b) of House Resolution 577, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2019.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker’s table and referred as follows:

2448. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service; Livestock and Poultry Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Amendments to the Regulations Governing Meats, Prepared Meats, and Meat Products (Grading, Certification, and Standards) [No. AMS-LP-16-0680] received September 25, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2449. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General VeraLinn Jamieson, United States Air Force, and her advancement to the grade of lieutenant general, after the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1376(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.


2451. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting the Attorney General’s 2018 Annual Report to Congress Pursuant to the Credit Opportunity Act Amendments of 1976, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1691; Public Law 90-321, Sec. 707 (as added by Public Law 94-239, Sec. 7); (90 Stat. 255); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2452. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission’s Major final rule — Record-keeping and Reporting Requirements for Security-Based Swap Participants, and Broker-Deal-

ers [Release No.: 34-87005; File No. 87-05-14] (RIN: 3235-AA20) received September 27, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2453. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission’s Major final rule — Exchange-Traded Funds [Release No.: 33-10695; File No. 77-15-18] (RIN: 3235-AL45) received October 2, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2454. A letter from the Senior Legislative Officer, Office of Congressional and Intergov-
ernmental Affairs, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department’s Major final rule — Defining and Delimiting the Exemptions for Executive, Administrative, Professional, Outside Sales and Computer Employees (RIN: 1235-AA20) received September 27, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

2455. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department’s Major final rule — Medicaid Program; State Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotment Revisions (CMS-2991-F) received September 25, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2456. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Rhode Island; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; PM10, PM2.5 and NOx [EPA-R06-OAR-2015-0426; FRL-9999-11-Region 6] received September 25, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2457. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Rhode Island; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; FRL-10000-4-Region 8) received September 25, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2458. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Revisions to the Utah Division of Administrative Rules, R307-300 Series; Area Source Rule for Attainment of Fine Particulate Matter Standards [EPA-R08-OAR-2017-0469; FRL-10000-4-Region 8] received September 25, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2459. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; South Coast Air Basin; 1-Hour and 8-Hour Ozone Non-attainment Area Requirements [EPA-R09-OAR-2019-0051; FRL-9999-49-Region 9] received September 25, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2460. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; California; San Joaquin Valley Ozone Non-attainment Area Reclassification to Extreme; Correction [EPA-R09-OAR-2019-0240; FRL-10000-
MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

138. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of Montana, relating to the State of Southern Oregon, relative to House Joint Resolution 10, supporting the completion of the Northern Rail Extension; supporting the increase in defense capabilities at Fort Greely, Alaska; and encouraging the development of critical Arctic infrastructure; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Armed Services.

140. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Alaska, relative to House Joint Resolution 12, supporting development of the road belt electrical transmission line; and urging members of the Alaska delegation in Congress to push development of this high-voltage electrical line in the interior of the state; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Armed Services.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representa-
tives, the following memorials are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitu-
tion to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Miss RICE of New York:

H. Res. 618. A resolution congratulating the people of the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic on the 30th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution, on the 26th anniversary of their countries’ independence, and on the 101st anniversary of Czechoslovakia’s declaration of independence; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. VISCLOSKY (for himself, Mr. BANKS, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. WEIGHT):

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By Mrs. MILLER (for herself, Mr. MCKINLEY, and Mr. M OONEY of West Virginia):

H.R. 4610. A bill to designate the New River Gorge National River in the State of West Virginia as the “New River Gorge National Park and Preserve”, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. SABLAN (for himself and Mrs. NAU): H.R. 4610. A bill to designate the New River Gorge National River in the State of West Virginia as the “New River Gorge National Park and Preserve”, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROSE of New York (for himself and Mr. CASTEN): H.R. 4613. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and maintain a website of the Department that allows the website of the Department to be public to obtain electronic copies of certain legislatively requested reports of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mr. SABLAN (for himself and Mrs. RA DRA WAGEN): H.R. 4614. A bill to amend the PROTECT Act to expand the national AMBER Alert system to territories of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. SHALALA (for herself, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. MOUTOUN, and Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ): H.R. 4615. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require an institution of higher education that submits a teach-out plan under certain circumstances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. CLARKE of New York: H. Res. 614. A resolution expressing support for the recognition of October 7, 2019, as “Smart Cities Week” and supporting the further research, development, and adoption of technology designed to improve efficiency, connectivity, sustainability, and mobility in transportation, infrastructure, and workforce opportunity in American cities and communities; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. COSTA (for himself, Mr. COX of California, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. BARRAGAN, Mr. TONKO, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. GABBARD, and Mr. CALIFORNIA): H. Res. 615. A resolution Expressing support for the designation of October 8, 2019, as “National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day”; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mrs. FLÉTCHER (for herself, Mr. CRESHAW, Mr. BRADY, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. WEINER of California, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. OLSON, Mr. CLOUD, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. BARRABE, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. COX of California, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. STEVENS, and Mr. GARAMendi):

H. Res. 616. A resolution expressing the sense of Congress honoring the life and mourning the loss of Lieutenant Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal of the Harris County Sheriff’s Office; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SCANLON (for herself and Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania):

H. Res. 617. A resolution congratulating the Project Management Institute on the 50th anniversary of its founding; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. VISCLOSKY (for himself, Mr. BANKS, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. WEIGHT):

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PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying out the execution of their powers.

By Mr. ROSE of New York:

H.R. 4614.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Ms. SHALALA:

H.R. 4615.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts, and Excises, to pay the Debts, and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

By Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee:

H.R. 4616.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.
H.R. 4220: Ms. Lee of California.
H.R. 4230: Ms. Spanberger and Mr. Reed.
H.R. 4231: Mr. Gonzalez of Texas.
H.R. 4249: Mr. Krishnamoorthi.
H.R. 4249: Ms. DeGette and Mr. Himes.
H.R. 4259: Ms. Scalon.
H.R. 4265: Ms. Pingree.
H.R. 4286: Mr. Kilmer, Mr. Cartwright, Ms. Moore, Ms. Schakowsky, and Mr. Huffman.
H.R. 4269: Mr. Raskin.
H.R. 4270: Mr. Phillips and Mr. Costa.
H.R. 4272: Mr. McEachin.
H.R. 4280: Mr. DeFazio, Mr. Bishop of Georgia, and Ms. Johnson of Texas.
H.R. 4283: Mr. Marshall and Mr. Guest.
H.R. 4297: Mr. Kilmer, Ms. Schrier, and Mrs. Trahan.
H.R. 4391: Mr. Khanna and Mr. Sherman.
H.R. 4304: Ms. Lee of California.
H.R. 4305: Mr. Turner, Ms. Shalala, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Sites, Mr. Kilmer, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Rodriguez of Washington, Mr. Hudson, and Mr. Bacon.
H.R. 4309: Mrs. Dingell, Ms. Ocasio-Cortez, and Mr. Gonzalez of Texas.
H.R. 4327: Mr. Morelle and Mr. Harder of California.
H.R. 4334: Mr. David P. Roe of Tennessee and Mr. Walberg.
H.R. 4348: Mr. Kilmer and Ms. Wild.
H.R. 4358: Mr. Sablan.
H.R. 4371: Mrs. Hayes and Mr. Morelle.
H.R. 4372: Mr. Lucas and Ms. Kendra S. Horn of Oklahoma.
H.R. 4379: Ms. Jackson Lee and Mrs. Hayes.
H.R. 4391: Mr. Thompson of California.
H.R. 4397: Ms. McCollum, Mrs. Luria, and Mr. McGovern.
H.R. 4404: Mrs. Dingell.
H.R. 4405: Mr. Pappas.
H.R. 4435: Ms. Velázquez and Mr. Pocan.
H.R. 4436: Mr. Hastings, Ms. Schakowsky, Ms. Moore, and Mr. Evans.
H.R. 4439: Ms. DeGette.
H.R. 4448: Mr. Cox of California.
H.R. 4462: Mr. Cox of California.
H.R. 4492: Mr. Sites.
H.R. 4494: Mr. Emmert.
H.R. 4497: Ms. Ocasio-Cortez.
H.R. 4512: Mr. Larson of Connecticut.
H.R. 4531: Mrs. Trahan.
H.R. 4536: Ms. Houlahan.
H.R. 4543: Mr. Cuellar and Ms. Judy Chu of California.
H.R. 4554: Mrs. Lee of Nevada and Mr. Cárdenas.
H.R. 4555: Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Ruppersberger, Ms. Clarke of New York, Mr. Gonzalez of Texas, Mrs. Davis of California, Mr. Cummings, and Mr. Danny K. Davis of Illinois.
H.R. 4568: Mr. Sires.
H.R. 4569: Miss González-Colón of Puerto Rico.
H.R. 4577: Mr. Espaillat, Mrs. Dingell, Ms. Shalala, and Mr. Huffman.
H.R. 4578: Ms. Lee of California, Mrs. Watson-Coleman, Ms. Fudge, Ms. Pressley, Ms. Johnson of Texas, Mr. Brown of Maryland, Mr. Payne, Mr. Bishop of Georgia, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, and Mr. Clay.
H.R. 4587: Mr. Cleaver.
H.J. Res. 2: Mr. Rose of New York, Mr. Crow, and Mr. Carson of Indiana.
H.J. Res. 78: Ms. Mucarsel-Powell and Mr. Morelle.
H. Con. Res. 28: Mr. Cárdenas and Mr. Pappas.
H. Con. Res. 32: Mr. Cisneros, Mr. Cárdenas, Mr. Crist, Ms. Brownley of California, Ms. Escobar, Mr. Cleaver, Ms. Dean, and Mr. Foster.
H. Con. Res. 65: Mr. Aguilar.
H. Con. Res. 68: Mr. Soto, Ms. Spanberger, Mr. Gohmert, and Mr. Reschenthaler.
H. Res. 60: Mr. Allred, Mr. Smith of Washington, and Mr. Raskin.
H. Res. 107: Mr. Olson.
H. Res. 114: Mr. Schweikert and Ms. DeGette.
H. Res. 134: Mr. McGovern.
H. Res. 146: Mr. Serrano, Mr. Vela, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Khanna.
H. Res. 171: Mr. Aguilar.
H. Res. 217: Mr. Delgado and Mr. Kind.
H. Res. 255: Mr. McNerney.
H. Res. 402: Ms. Haaland.
H. Res. 517: Mr. McCampbell, Mr. Lowenthal, Mr. Graves of Georgia, Mr. Sean Patrick Maloney of New York, Mr. Peters, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Dany K. Davis of Illinois, Mrs. Brooks of Indiana, Mrs. Holy, Mr. Sarmiento, Mrs. Wilson of Florida, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. Perlmutter, Mr. Golden, Mr. Gomez, Mr. Garamendi, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Cox of California, Mr. Kildee, Mr. Cuminos, Mr. Crist, Mr. Michael F. Doyle of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Lewis.
H. Res. 543: Mr. Costa and Mr. Phillips.
H. Res. 578: Mr. Harder of California.
H. Res. 581: Mr. Smith of Washington.
H. Res. 585: Mr. Lamb, Mr. Larson of Connecticut, Ms. McCollum, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Dingell, Mr. Pascrell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Quigley, Mr. Brendan F. Boyle of Pennsylvania, Miss Rice of New York, Mr. Raskin, Mr. Michael F. Doyle of Pennsylvania, Mr. Panetta, Mr. Keating, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Gottheimer, and Mr. Lynch.
H. Res. 589: Mr. Raskin, Ms. Judy Chu of California, and Mr. Smith of Washington.
H. Res. 604: Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Palazzo, Mr. Westerman, Mr. Johnson of Louisiana, Mr. Fleischmann, Mr. Rogers of Alabama, Mr. Balderston, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Wright, Mr. Gohmert, Mr. Gooden, Mr. Abram, Mr. Hanley, Mr. Assessment; Mr. Ender, Mr. Sensenbrenner, Mr. Weber of Texas, Mr. Burchett, Mr. Bishop of North Carolina, Mr. Webster of Florida, Mr. Walker, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Gaven, Mr. Lamont, Mr. Keller, Mr. Barn, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Johnson of Ohio, Mr. Bucshon, Ms. Cheney, Mr. Rudd, Mr. King of Iowa, Mr. Carter of Georgia, Mrs. Lengyel, and Ms. Stefanik.
H. Res. 613: Ms. Judy Chu of California.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk’s desk and referred as follows:

46. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the City Commission of Coral Springs, FL, relative to Resolution 2019-047, Supporting the Passage of H.R. 3665 — “School Violence Prevention and Mitigation Act of 2019” which establishes a grant program to encourage schools to conduct independent facility safety reviews and assessments and make hard security improvements and urges its passage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

47. Also, a petition of the City Commission of Coral Springs, FL, relative to Resolution 2019-049, urging the United States Congress and the Florida Legislature to enact laws banning assault style weapons, high capacity magazines, and armor-piercing ammunition and for the Florida Legislature to enact laws allowing for the possession of armor-piercing concealed weapons, and any modification or apparel which makes a weapon more deadly; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

48. Also, a petition of Mr. Gregory D. Watson, a citizen of Austin, TX, relative to urging Congress to enact legislation which would divest Federal District Courts, and Federal Circuit Appeals Courts, from having the power to issue injunctions of nationwide application; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

49. Also, a petition of the City Commission of Coral Springs, FL, relative to Resolution 2019-048, supporting the passage of H.R. 3714 to amend Title 18, United States Code, to reauthorize and expand the national threat assessment center of the Department of Homeland Security; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Education and Labor.
The Senate met at 4:30 and 5 seconds p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MIKE LEE, a Senator from the State of Utah.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 4, 2019.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE LEE, a Senator from the State of Utah, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. LEE thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 12 noon on Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 4:30 and 32 seconds p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 12 noon.
EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF ILLINOIS STATE POLICE TROOPER GERALD 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 intern-ship 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 holds the Community Foundation of Greater Buf-falo are to improve educational achievement and workforce readiness for low-income resi-dents, increase racial equity, protect and re-store 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 improve 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.

This “bullet” symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.
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 Bluhm, Joseph Dart, Frank Lloyd Wright, H.H. Richardson, Frederick Law Olmsted and Louis Sullivan. The value of this 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 Kleinman’s Music Hall as the venue for “The Centennials” celebration on Tuesday, September 24. Edward and Mary Seaton Kleinman’s left a gift in 1954 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-Bede-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 chapter 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 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 battle 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. 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 in honor of 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, built more than 120,000 trees. Preserving our environment empowers our youth, allowing them to help others and positively affect our community. These students 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 helps Corps-to-Career - it 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 the 25th anniversary of 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.
Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD the following Proclamation: 

Whereas, Black artists inspire the citizens of Chicago with the power of their imaginations and creative 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, 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.

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 4, 2019

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 role model.

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 Neuromuscular 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 principal 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 neurologic 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 Alona 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 FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HARVESTERS
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 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 and in partner with 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY 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 property and 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 COMMEMORATION

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 community members, and patients to understand the challenges of this 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 beacular 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 families who have been there. Dysautonomia is a debilitating medical condition that warrants our compassion and urgent response.

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
The park was proposed in 2014 and since then, many groups have come together to help accomplish this project. The American Legion Post 1519 helped compile the list of veterans who 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, 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 past October, the 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:


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.

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 HIGH PERFORMING BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS IN CALIFORNIA’S 39TH DISTRICT

HON. GILBERT RAY CINSEROS, Jr.
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. CINSEROS. 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. Fuller 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, students learn responsibility, 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 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 schools 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.

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, Guadalupe 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 Sherwood 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 SOLDIERS ON THE FIELD 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.

Dr. Nava, born 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.

Dr. Nava 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 at the Hispanic Academy 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
Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today 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, Congrations to Banner Elementary School on receiving the National Blue Ribbon Schools Award. I am proud to represent this shining example of educational excellence.

Mr. BALDERSO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize 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.

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.
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 for career pathways 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 KHASHOOGI, RESPECTED AND HEROIC JOURNALIST, LOVING FATHER, AND RELENTLESS PURSUER 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 resident 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 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 strengthen 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 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 nations.

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 RETIREMENT FROM THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
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
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 Bouignon 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 say, with 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 message. This system is now 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 Ashlyne 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 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. 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 has leveraged her successful business 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 became 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 teach students to master techniques in cutting, coloring, and styling different phases of textured hair, as well as other services such as 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. 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 youth, 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 served 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 Commissioner's Blue Ribbon Panel to analyze the causes 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. Chaplain 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 volunteer 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 the 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 the 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 diseases 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.

But 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 Willancy 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.
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 steadily 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, Renovated 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 ethnic 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 that no one is blamed for the violence they experience and that everyone has the right 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.


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 Protections 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 1888 in Marysville, Ohio, the ScottsMiracle-Gro name is synonymous with America’s gardening industry. 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 28 states, ScottsMiracle-Gro has been a leader and innovator in indoor and greenhouse gardening. 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 $30 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 our banking relationships, we are required to use a costly two-step distribution process to serve these end customers.

We believe 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.

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

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY, Majority Leader, 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 coalition of community leaders, that are impacted by the burgeoning legal cannabis industry throughout the United States, we write to ask that you bring the SAFE Banking Act to 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 38 states and several territories permitting cannabis use, a growing chorus of Americans and legal businesses now face an increasing number of risks stemming 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 effort to legalize 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 for 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 safely 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,

BILL HILLER, American Financial Services Association.

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, New York. John 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. Columbia 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. Columbia Catholic School. He felt that this role 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 Augustin served during World War II. Both of these trailblazers the recognition they deserve I sponsored a bill in 2016 to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the “Borinqueneers”.

American Bankers Association.

Americans for Prosperity.

American Bankers Association.

American Bankers Association.
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 Oliviencia received a Purple Heart, which I had the honor of presenting him with in 2015 at the Greenville Police Department, 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 12 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, 2016. 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 Araya and Lyric. Several of John’s family members were 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 salute 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 vote 555.

CONGRATULATING AND WELCOMING AMERICA’S NEWEST CITIZENS

HON. PETER J. VISCOSKY
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. VISCOSKY. 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 Armory 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: Sharia Shamar Perry, Johan Jacques Taljaard, Cinio Pavela, Claude Mihai Butnaru, Qays Jilin Matti Karo, Gabriela Hernandez, Steven Esat Karagoz, Armando Wu, Ravindra Babu Bhogadula, Maria Mhango, Angelia Cristina Fagre-Rivas, Ljube Shurdsko, Indiana Jankowski, Fernando Hernandez, Juan Nieto, Irma Ruiz, Jessica Tirado Ochoa, Daud Kifle Negash, Shan Hughes, Urmia Byrtedjian, Yujun 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, their motivations are inspired by the United States of America as, Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “... of the people, by the people, 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.

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 will be a fitting memorization of the legacy he has left behind for his hometown and all of those who continue to benefit from the Capitol Corridor train service.
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 Sargent in the United States Marine Corps. She went on to attend San 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 member of the community. He is the proud mother of 8, grandmother of 17, and great grandmother of 10.

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 English 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 Caia 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 takes 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 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 SYL
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. During 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.

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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.
Friday, October 4, 2019

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action
The Senate met at 4:30:05 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 4:30:32 p.m. until 12 noon, on Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

Committee Meetings
No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action
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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 3624, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require the disclosure of the total number of domestic and foreign employees of certain public companies, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–220);
H.R. 3362, to amend title 49, United State Code, to require small hub airports to construct areas for nursing mothers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–221);
H.R. 1373, to protect, for current and future generations, the watershed, ecosystem, and cultural heritage of the Grand Canyon region in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–222);
H.R. 2156, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to provide funds to States and Indian tribes for the purpose of promoting economic revitalization, diversification, and development in economically distressed communities through the reclamation and restoration of land and water resources adversely affected by coal mining carried out before August 3, 1977, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–223);
H.R. 2181, to provide for the withdrawal and protection of certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico (H. Rept. 116–224);
H.R. 3405, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to revise the Final List of Critical Minerals, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–225); and
H.R. 823, to provide for the designation of certain wilderness areas, recreation management areas, and conservation areas in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–226). Page H8094

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Wexton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H8091

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:02 a.m.
Committee Meetings
No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings
No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 8, 2019
(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate
No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House
No hearings are scheduled.
Next Meeting of the **SENATE**
12 noon, Tuesday, October 8

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**Senate Chamber**

Program for Tuesday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

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Next Meeting of the **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
1 p.m., Tuesday, October 8

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**House Chamber**

Program for Tuesday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1 p.m.

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