The House met at 3:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. EVANS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC, October 11, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable D WIGHT EVANS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Alisa Lasater Wailoo, Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

O, God, it is Friday. As we look back on the week, we remember Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, at-one-ment, where our Jewish siblings spend 25 hours fasting from quick satisfaction and allowing You to reveal the falsities we all feast upon.

Following their wisdom, let us do the same. Before we begin our work here, inquire of us, Lord, are we seeking truth or expediency? Inquire of us, Lord, are we choosing courage or comfort? Inquire of us, Lord, are we hoping for healing or using the division for our own gain?

Merciful God of all forgiveness, compassion, truth, and power, come into the people’s House and all the districts where we reside today. Fill our hearts, our homes, and our town hall meetings with Your spirit, that we may break free from the comfort of caucusing with our own, and make us one not only with You, but all Your children of this great land.

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.

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.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on September 30, 2019, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 4285. To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(b) of House Resolution 577, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

Thereupon (at 3 o’clock and 32 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at 2 p.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the first, second, and third quarters of 2019, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2019

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1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HOUSE COMMITTEES

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### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

2519. A letter from the FPAC-BC, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Agricultural Disaster Indemnity Programs [Docket ID: FPA-2019-0012] (RIN: 0560-A152) 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 Agriculture.

2520. A letter from the PRAO Branch Chief, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Delayed Implementation of Grains Ounce Equivalents in the Child and Adult Care Food Program [FNS-2019-0005] (RIN: 0584-A265) 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 Agriculture.

2521. A letter from the Director, Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Modernization of Swine Slaughter Inspection [Docket No.: FSIS-2016-0017] (RIN: 0582-A055) 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 Agriculture.

2522. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting
2549. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-119, “Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Information Sharing Tem- porary Rule,” received September 27, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Re- form.

2550. A letter from the Alternate OSM FRLO, Office of the Secretary, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Definitional Information (Office of Privacy Program [Docket ID: DOD-2019-OS-0047] (RIN: 0709-AK62) 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 Natural Re- sources.

2551. A letter from the Acting Director, Re- tirement Policy, Office of Personnel Manage- ment, Office of Federal Employees’ Retirement System; Present Value Conversion Factors for Spouses of Deceased Separated Employees (RIN: 2306-AN82) received September 30, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

2552. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oce- anic and Atmospheric Administration, trans- mitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries [Docket No.: 180117042-8884-01] (RIN: 0648-XT0701) 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 Natural Re- sources.

2553. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oce- anic and Atmospheric Administration, trans- mitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries [Docket No.: 180117042-8884-01] (RIN: 0648-HMS-2019-0212) received October 3, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Re- sources.

2554. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, Na- tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra- tion, transmitting the Administration’s tem- porary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries [Docket No.: 180117042-8884-01] (RIN: 0648-HMS-2019-0212) received October 3, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Re- sources.

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2574. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service’s IRB only rule — Relief for Contact Aircraft Price Formula (Revenue Ruling 2019-22) received October 2, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 686); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2575. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service’s IRB only rule — Remedial Amendment Periods, Pre-approved Plan Cycles, and Plan Amendment Deadlines for Sect. 403(b) Plans (Revenue Procedure 2019-39) received October 2, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 686); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 263. A bill to rename the Oyster Bay South End Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge (Rept. 116-229). Referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. H.R. 473. A bill to authorize the Every Word We Utter Monument to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 116-229). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1314. A bill to reauthorize the Integrated Ocean Observing System Act of 2009, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 116-231, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2490. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 116-231). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4631. A bill to amend the 21st Century Cures Act to authorize funding for FDA innovation projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. Mr. WATERS (for herself, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. WILSON, Ms. VEILÁNTEZ, Mr. MEES, Mr. KING of New York, Mrs. SHARTY, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. GABBAARD, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HERNÁNDEZ of California, Mr. MCADAMS, Ms. OCASIO-CORTÉZ, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. GOODEN, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. SCHERMAN, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. HIMES, Ms. GARCÍA of Texas, Ms. WEXTON, Ms. DEAN, Mr. PHILLIPS, and Ms. ADAMS): H.R. 4631. A bill to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. SAN NICOLAS: H.R. 4635. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to include Guam for the purposes of prohibiting trafficking in contraband cigarettes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Judiciary. Mr. McCaul (for himself and Mr. ENGEL): H.R. 4636. A bill to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to enter into agreements to improve waste management systems and prevent and reduce plastic waste and marine debris, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. BONAMICI (for herself and Mr. TAKANO): H.R. 4637. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to provide notice to students receiving work-study assistance about potential eligibility for participation in the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. GOMEZ AL ALCÁRDEZ (for himself and Mr. TAKANO): H.R. 4638. A bill to give middle-class families access to the maximum Federal Pell Grant, to increase college transparency, and to make sure that all students and families contribute to and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. CASTEN of Illinois (for himself and Mrs. LEE of Nevada): H.R. 4639. A bill to index the maximum values of the Federal Pell Grant to the Consumer Price Index; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. DEFAZIO: H.R. 4640. A bill to require persons who undertake Federally funded research and development of drugs to enter into reasonable pricing agreements with the Secretary of Health and Human Services to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DELGADO: H.R. 4641. A bill to improve the Federal Communication Commission’s collection of broadband speed data in order to support the effective deployment of broadband services to all areas in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DELGADO: H.R. 4642. A bill to allow Rural Utilities Service telecommunications assistance grants to be made for the collection of broadband infrastructure data by local governments, economic development or other community organizations, electric or telephone cooperatives, and small internet providers; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. DEVITTO: H.R. 4643. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include Guam for the purposes of prohibiting trafficking in contraband cigarettes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania: H.R. 4646. A bill to clarify United States policy toward Libya, advance a diplomatic solution to the conflict, and support the people of Libya; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Financial Services, 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. FOSTER (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. GARCIA of California): H.R. 4645. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow certain payments made by public service employees to qualify for the public service retirement for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. GOMEZ (for himself and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania): H.R. 4646. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and update the tax preference for energy efficient home credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. HAYES (for herself and Ms. PRESSLEY): H.R. 4647. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to change certain eligibility provisions for loan forgiveness for teachers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. HORSFORD: (for himself and Ms. WILSON of Florida):
H.R. 4648. A bill to improve estimates of off-campus room and board for students at institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. HORSFORD (for himself and Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma):

H.R. 4649. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Medicare program to provide for a cap on beneficiary liability under part D of the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. KELLY of Illinois (for herself and Mr. McADAMS):

H.R. 4650. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for certain dental items and services under part B of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. KING of Iowa:

H.R. 4651. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand health savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LANGVIN (for himself, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, and Mr. RUIZ):

H.R. 4652. A bill to establish an Individual Market Reinsurance fund to provide funding for State individual market stabilization reinsurance programs; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Mrs. LEE of Nevada (for herself and Mr. GASCIA of Illinois):

H.R. 4653. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prevent conflicts of interest on accreditation boards; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. LEON of Nevada (for herself and Mr. BANKS):

H.R. 4654. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of certain conditions, made by educational institutions to persons entitled to educational assistance under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. LEE of Nevada (for herself, Mr. ANDREAS of New York, and Ms. CLARKE of New York):

H.R. 4655. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for certain rules related to the enrollment in defined contribution retirement plans in determining the eligibility of individuals for premium and cost-sharing subsidies under part D of the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. McADAMS (for himself and Mr. SCRIBNER of Nevada):

H.R. 4656. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to seek to enter an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to conduct a study on the science of background ozone in the United States and to provide research recommendations to better understand background ozone contributions to ground-level ozone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. MCGOVERN:

H.R. 4657. A bill to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to consider the potential for the use of natural gas pipelines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. McCARTHY of Alabama:

H.R. 4658. A bill to require the Secretary of Education to develop and implement a process that enables certain borrowers to elect to discharge their loan debts through an electronic, oral, or written notice to the Secretary of Education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. HOYER (for himself, Mr. AMODEI, and Ms. SCHRIER):

H.R. 4659. A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to establish an Aging Infrastructure Account, to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to provide additional funds under that Act, to establish a review of flood control rules regarding the treatment of certain areas as flood control projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. NORTON:

H.R. 4660. A bill to create a national commission to combat workplace sexual harassment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. PAPPAS (for himself and Mr. TAKANO):

H.R. 4661. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the automatic qualification of certain Medicaid beneficiaries for premium and cost-sharing subsidies under part D of the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. PORTER (for herself and Mr. TAKANO):

H.R. 4662. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require that institutions of higher education maintain certain adjusted cohort default rates to participate in programs under title IV of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. PORTER (for herself, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. CROW, and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 4663. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require drug manufacturers and wholesalers to report to the Secretary of Health and Human Services the price of certain drugs if the price of such drugs increases faster than inflation; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. PRESSLEY:

H.R. 4664. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to require that the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection issue a quarterly report on debt collection complaints and enforcement actions, and to prohibit rules that would allow a debt collector to send unlimited email and text messages to a consumer; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. SCHRIER (for herself, Mr. O’HALLERAN, Ms. SLOTKIN, and Ms. DEBENK):

H.R. 4665. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for certain vision items and services under part B of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 and Mr. SOTO):

H.R. 4666. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide certain low-income territorial residents with automatic eligibility for premium and cost-sharing subsidies under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. SHERRILL (for herself, Mr. LEVIN of California, and Ms. SPANBERGER):

H.R. 4667. A bill to amend the 21st Century Cures Act to reauthorize funding for NIH innovation projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. HOULANAN, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Ms. SPANBERGER, Ms. SHERRILL, and Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico):

H.R. 4668. A bill to promote digital citizenship and media literacy; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. STEVENS (for herself, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, and Ms. SEWELL of Alabama):

H.R. 4669. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for intelligent assignment of certain subsidy eligible individuals auto-enrolled under Medicare prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. WILD (for herself and Mrs. HAYES):

H.R. 4670. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish an income- based repayment rate to be effective after July 1, 2021, and for borrowers who enter income-based repayment after June 30, 2021, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. ENGEL (for himself and Mr. MCCAUL):

H.R. 4671. A resolution opposing the decision to end certain United States efforts to prevent Turkish military operations against Syrian Kurdish forces in Northeast Syria; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself, Mr. HICK, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. DEBENK, Mr. KILMER, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Mr. NEWHOUSE):

H.R. 4672. A resolution recognizing the 160th anniversary of the peaceful resolution of the Pig War crisis; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. TORRES of California (for herself, Ms. HALL of New York, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, and Ms. MCCOLLUM):

H.R. 4673. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the second Monday in October as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” to celebrat e and honor indigenous peoples and
CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY
STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution in enacting the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. ROSE of New York:
H.R. 4631.

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

Under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, Congress has the power "to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or any Department or Officer thereof."

By Mr. KIND:
H.R. 4632.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. ESHOO:
H.R. 4633.

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

By Ms. WATERS:
H.R. 4634.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. SAN NICOLAS:
H.R. 4635.

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

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 of the Constitution, Congress’s authority to make all rules and regulations respecting the Territories and possessions.

By Mr. McCaul:
H.R. 4636.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. BONAMICI:
H.R. 4637.

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

By Mr. CARBAJAL:
H.R. 4638.

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

"The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution which provides Congress with the power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises in order to provide for the general Welfare of the United States."

By Mr. CASTEN of Illinois:
H.R. 4639.

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

Article 1, Section 8 Clause 1

By Mr. DeFazio:
H.R. 4640.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress)

By Mr. DELGADO:
H.R. 4641.

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

By Mr. DELGADO:
H.R. 4642.

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

By Mr. DeSAULNIER:
H.R. 4643.

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

By Mr. DEUTCH:
H.R. 4644.

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

By Mr. FOSTER:
H.R. 4645.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. GOMEZ:
H.R. 4646.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution.

By Mr. HORSFORD:
H.R. 4647.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mr. HORSFORD:
H.R. 4648.

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

US Const. Article I, Sec. 8, cl. 3, p

By Mr. KING of Iowa:
H.R. 4649.

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

By Mr. LANGEVIN:
H.R. 4652.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mrs. LEE of Nevada:
H.R. 4653.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mrs. LEE of Nevada:
H.R. 4654.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. MCDAMAS:
H.R. 4655.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. MCGOVERN:
H.R. 4657.

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

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.
ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 3: Ms. Wasserman Schultz, Mr. Keating, Mr. Golden, Mr. Schiff, and Ms. Craig.
H.R. 40: Mr. Visclosky.
H.R. 141: Mr. Thompson of Pennsylvania and Mr. Clay.
H.R. 249: Mr. Cisneros.
H.R. 473: Mr. Soto.
H.R. 473: Mr. Harder of California and Ms. Roybal-Allard.
H.R. 562: Mr. Delgado.
H.R. 566: Mr. Rush, Mr. Ryan, Ms. Sires, Mr. King of Iowa, Ms. Royal-Allard, Mr. Moulton, and Mr. King of New York.
H.R. 649: Mr. Pappas.
H.R. 726: Ms. Garcia of Texas.
H.R. 737: Mr. Carson of Indiana, Ms. Garcia of Texas, and Mr. Pascrell.
H.R. 864: Mr. Bass.
H.R. 884: Mr. Pingree.
H.R. 895: Mr. Gallego.
H.R. 919: Ms. Stevens.
H.R. 935: Mr. Sires.
H.R. 944: Mr. Cooper.
H.R. 956: Mr. Krishnamoorthi.
H.R. 960: Mr. Balderson.
H.R. 1005: Mr. Lujan, Mr. Larson of Connecticut, Ms. Frankel, Mr. Brown of Maryland, Mr. McNerney, Mr. DeSaulnier, Mr. Garamendi, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, Mr. Levin of Michigan, Mr. Higgin of New York, Mr. Quigley, Mr. Schiff, Mrs. McBath, Mrs. Torres of California, Mr. Sarbanes, and Ms. Stefanik.
H.R. 1042: Ms. Garcia of Texas, Mrs. Lie of Nevada, and Mr. Sarbanes.
H.R. 1043: Mr. Suozzi.
H.R. 1109: Mr. Lipinski.
H.R. 1126: Mr. Malafa.
H.R. 1133: Mr. Brendan F. Boyle of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 1140: Mr. Evans, Ms. Torres Small of New Mexico, Ms. McNenny, Ms. Underwood, and Mr. Sablan.
H.R. 1153: Mr. Moulton.
H.R. 1154: Mr. Delgado.
H.R. 1174: Mr. Lowenthal.
H.R. 1225: Ms. Adams.
H.R. 1226: Mrs. Beatty.
H.R. 1301: Mr. Harder of California.
H.R. 1342: Mr. Meeks.
H.R. 1379: Mr. Moulton, Mr. Brendan F. Boyle of Pennsylvania, Ms. Speier, Mr. Vargas, and Mr. Bishop of Georgia.
H.R. 1380: Mrs. Murphy of Florida, Mr. Carson of Indiana, Mr. Pascarella, and Mr. Sarbanes.
H.R. 1430: Ms. Clarke of New York, Ms. Barragan, Mr. Keating, and Mr. Sires.
H.R. 1448: Ms. Castor of Florida and Mr. Lawson of Florida.
H.R. 1530: Mr. LoBasci.
H.R. 1557: Mrs. McBath, Mr. Rose of New York, and Mr. Raskin.
H.R. 1570: Mr. Carter of Georgia and Mr. Doggett.
H.R. 1643: Mr. Espallart and Ms. Wilson of Florida.
H.R. 1652: Mr. Foster, Ms. Wilson of Florida, Mr. Malafa, Ms. Soto, Mr. Broun, Ms. Malafa, Mr. Tipton, Mr. Graves of Missouri, and Mr. McCaul.
H.R. 1794: Ms. Matsui.
H.R. 1838: Mr. Hollingsworth.
H.R. 1849: Mr. Malafa, Ms. Espoo, Mr. Berkman, Mr. Malafa, Mr. Tipton, Mr. Graves of Missouri, and Mr. McCaul.
H.R. 1948: Mr. Lamb, Mrs. Lesho, Ms. Sanchez, Mr. Fleischmann, Mr. David Scott of Georgia, Mrs. Napolitano, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Cardenas, Ms. Pressley, and Mr. Conway.
H.R. 2064: Ms. Adams.
H.R. 2176: Mr. Reed and Mr. Bacon.
H.R. 2177: Ms. Underwood and Mr. Visclosky.
H.R. 2194: Mr. Hagedorn, Mr. LoBasci, Mr. Eshoo, Mr. Berkman, Mr. Malafa, Mr. Tipton, Mr. Graves of Missouri, and Mr. McCaul.
H.R. 2339: Mr. Scott of Florida, Mr. Davis of California, Mr. King of Iowa, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Smith of West Virginia, and Mr. Perri.
H.R. 2349: Mr. Stearns.
H.R. 2351: Mr. Espoo.
H.R. 2354: Mr. Brown of Maryland, Mr. Emerick, Mr. Meadows, Mr. Scott of Virginia, Mr. Green of Florida, Mr. Lipinski, Mr. Kristensen, Mr. Eshoo, Mr. Berkman, Mr. Malafa, and Ms. Pingree.
H.R. 2359: Mr. Smith of West Virginia and Mr. Conway.
H.R. 2372: Ms. Zoeller.
H.R. 2376: Mr. Grothman.
H.R. 2441: Mr. Kilmer and Ms. Davis of California.
H.R. 2449: Mr. Pocan.
H.R. 2460: Mr. Van Drew.
H.R. 2462: Mr. Van Drew, Mr. Malafa, Mr. McShea, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Garamendi, Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Grijalva.
H.R. 2474: Mr. Cooper.
H.R. 2564: Mr. Smith of New Jersey.
H.R. 2570: Ms. Speier.
H.R. 2598: Mr. Lipinski.
H.R. 2622: Mr. Garcia of California.
H.R. 2629: Mr. Morelle, Ms. Norton, Mr. O’Halleran, Mr. Van Drew, Ms. Sewell of Alabama, and Mr. Cooper.
H.R. 2647: Mr. Kelly of Mississippi.
H.R. 2650: Mr. Cook.
H.R. 2651: Mr. Kilmer.
H.R. 2685: Mr. Langevin.
H.R. 2693: Mr. Steven, Mr. David Scott of Georgia, Mr. Higgins of New York, Mr. Harkins, Mr. Rodriguez of Washington, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McCaul, Mr. Brindisi, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Bishop of Utah, and Mr. Morelle.
H.R. 2771: Mr. Soto.
H.R. 2772: Mr. Schneider.
H.R. 2775: Mr. Vargas.
H.R. 2812: Mr. Veia and Mrs. Mcbath.
H.R. 2846: Mr. Neusise.
H.R. 2859: Mr. Smucker.
H.R. 2862: Mr. Case.
H.R. 2964: Mr. Pallone, Mr. Van Drew, Mrs. Carolyn B. Maloney of New York, and Mrs. Hayes.
H.R. 2967: Mr. Kildeer and Mr. Cooper.
H.R. 2985: Mr. Horsford.
H.R. 3031: Mr. Tlaib and Mr. Caraball.
H.R. 3064: Mr. Bacon.
H.R. 3082: Mr. Pappas, Mr. Morelle, and Mr. Balderson.
H.R. 3094: Mr. Gonzalez of Texas.
H.R. 3094: Ms. Dean.
H.R. 3077: Mr. Moore.
H.R. 3078: Mr. Grottman.
H.R. 3096: Mr. Welch.
H.R. 3107: Ms. Pressley of Georgia.
H.R. 3115: Mrs. Lucia and Mr. Pingree.
H.R. 3116: Mr. Katko and Mr. Aguilar.
H.R. 3133: Ms. Lee of Nevada, Ms. Pressley, and Mr. Raskin.
H.R. 3138: Ms. Fudge.
H.R. 3147: Mr. Neusise.
H.R. 3156: Mr. Moulton and Mr. Joyce of Ohio.
H.R. 3180: Ms. Wild.
H.R. 3238: Mr. Morelle.
H.R. 3219: Mr. Cooper, Mr. Doggett, and Ms. Craig.
H.R. 3222: Mr. Schneider.
H.R. 3241: Ms. Frankel.
H.R. 3249: Mr. McNerney.
H.R. 3256: Ms. Wild.
H.R. 3275: Ms. Fudge and Mr. Stivers.
H.R. 3281: Mr. Moulton.
H.R. 3289: Mr. Carolyn B. Maloney of New York and Mr. Blumenauer.
H.R. 3293: Mr. Katko.
H.R. 3332: Mr. Aguilar.
H.R. 3374: Ms. Espoo.
H.R. 3379: Ms. Norton, Mr. Raskin, and Ms. Meng.
H.R. 3384: Mr. Kennedy.
H.R. 3432: Mr. Cole.
H.R. 3444: Ms. Slotkin.
H.R. 3451: Ms. Lofgren, Mr. Schrader, and Ms. Dean.
H.R. 3452: Ms. Lofgren and Ms. Dean.
H.R. 3463: Mr. Schiff and Mr. Horsford.
H.R. 3498: Ms. Castor of Florida and Mr. Ted Lieu of California.
H.R. 3541: Mrs. Napolitano.
H.R. 3552: Mr. Caraball and Ms. Tlaib.
H.R. 3593: Mr. Rush and Ms. Norton.
H.R. 3607: Mr. Rose of New York.
H.R. 3668: Mrs. Dingell.
H.R. 3705: Mr. Amash.
H.R. 3742: Mr. Cleaver, Ms. Craig, Mr. Brendan F. Boyle of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Neusise.
H.R. 3760: Mr. Smith of Washington.
Senate

The Senate met at 2:15 and 3 seconds p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable John Boozman, a Senator from the State of Arkansas.

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 bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. Senate,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 11, 2019.

To the Senate:

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

Chuck Grassley,
President pro tempore.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019, AT 3 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 2:15 and 37 seconds p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at 3 p.m.
EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LEGACY OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN BATEAUMEN OF THE JAMES RIVER

HON. A. DONALD MECEACHIN OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. MECEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and remember the legacy of the African American Bateaumen of the James River. These men played critical roles in establishing the economy of colonial Virginia, and it is imperative we honor and remember their work.

The James River Bateau, a series of flat-bottomed wooden cargo vessels first used in the 1770s, was the primary means of transporting goods on the James River until 1840. Crews of men performed the difficult, dangerous, and physically demanding work of moving tobacco and other goods and services up and down the river, connecting Richmond to the wider world. Their efforts helped make the City of Richmond a regional hub for industry and commerce.

I am pleased that the Commonwealth is recognizing the profound impact of the African American Bateaumen of the James River with a historical highway marker designation from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. By highlighting the experiences of these men, this highway marker helps us achieve a more inclusive understanding of our shared history.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the legacy of the African American Bateaumen. Their contributions to colonial Virginia were formative in growing the Commonwealth’s economy, and I am grateful for their work. This landmark designation will help us remember the important work they did and preserve their legacy for future generations.

IN RECOGNITION OF TAIWAN’S NATIONAL DAY

HON. JOHN KATKO OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Laura Hand as she retires after 47 years as a celebrated journalist in Central New York.

For nearly five decades, Laura Hand has been a trusted source for news in our community, a household name in broadcasting, and beloved by many in Central New York. Throughout her career, she has told countless community stories, inspired rising journalists, and used her platform to raise awareness for childhood literacy.

Born in a military family in Virginia, Laura Hand spent much of her childhood travelling around the world to countries including England, Germany, Thailand, and Italy. Developing an interest in news and politics at a young age, Laura Hand followed this passion and enrolled in Syracuse University’s Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, where she studied journalism and political science. While a student at Syracuse University, Laura Hand became the first woman to direct the campus radio station, WAER. After graduating in 1971, she took her first full-time position as a radio news reporter with WFBL in Syracuse, NY.

In 1972, Laura Hand transitioned from radio to television, joining the NBC 3 broadcast team. Throughout her reputable career with NBC 3, she held a number of positions, but has become best known for anchoring “Weekend Today” and “Monday Night Answer Desk,” where she encouraged viewers to get involved and have fun in the Central New York community. Passionate about her community, for years Laura Hand maintained the “In Your Community” webpage, a site dedicated to informing residents of the many community events in Central New York.

Throughout her career, Laura Hand has interviewed some of the most prominent figures in American politics, including former New York State Governor Nelson Rockefeller and former First Lady Nancy Reagan. Laura Hand has had a prominent career in journalism in Central New York with her passion for reading, and, for more than 30 years, has organized the “Books Breaks” summer reading campaign, an annual program that promotes childhood literacy in our community. She plans to continue this work into retirement. In addition, she has served as a long-time member of the Salvation Army/Syracuse Board.

Madam Speaker, ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring Laura Hand for an incredible 47-year career in journalism. I wish her all the best in her retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GROUND BREAKING FOR FORT STREET BRIDGE PARK AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROUGE RIVER FIRE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Rouge River fire and celebrate the ground breaking of the new Fort Street Bridge Park.

On October 9, 1969, sparks from an acetylene torch ignited debris in the Rouge River. With flames rising 50 feet into the air, the burning river quickly became a symbol of societal indifference to pollution and became a catalyst for change in our community. Years before the Rouge fire, the river also served as an important site for another event that provoked societal transformation. On March 7, 1932, thousands of unemployed auto workers embarked on a march from Detroit to the Ford Rouge Factory in Dearborn to protest the economic devastation in Detroit’s automotive industry during the Great Depression. In a painful part of our community’s history, the marching autoworkers clashed with police and Ford Motor Company security guards on the historic Fort Street Bridge above the Rouge River, resulting in the death of five protestors and leaving dozens of others injured. Later known as the Ford Hunger March, this event laid the groundwork for the formation of the United Auto Workers in 1935.

Without a doubt, the Fort Street Bridge and Rouge River are prominent symbols of Detroit’s past.

In the half century since the Rouge River fire, heightened public and political attention to
America’s environmental crisis has generated both formal legislation like the Clean Water Act of 1972 and independent action to transform the severe health hazard into a regional asset. Thanks to the river’s renewed health and viability, members of our community have taken steps to commemorate the legacy of the Fort Street Bridge for generations of Michiganders to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 50th anniversary of the Rouge River fire and the Fort Street Bridge for generations of Michiganders to come.

Madam Speaker, induction into the U.P. Labor Hall of Fame is a tremendous honor given to recognize the lives and service of Stu Skauge, Tommy Spencer, and Shana Thornton on the occasion of their induction into the Upper Peninsula Labor Hall of Fame. Through a lifetime of unparalleled service and devotion to the public good, these three leaders have become indispensable parts of the state of Michigan.

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it’s my honor to recognize the lives and service of Stu Skauge, Tommy Spencer, and Shana Thornton on the occasion of their induction into the Upper Peninsula Labor Hall of Fame. Through a lifetime of unparalleled service and devotion to the public good, these three leaders have become indispensable parts of the state of Michigan.

The U.P. Labor Hall of Fame was established in 1993 to recognize unionists who have made an outstanding contribution to the cause of worker dignity and workplace fairness. With their lifetimes of service to their fellow workers, Shana, Tommy, and Stu are all clearly deserving of this honor.

Stu Skauge served as a Michigan school teacher for 33 years. As a member of the Michigan Education Association (MEA), Stu served as president-elect and chief negotiator for his bargaining unit in the Marquette Area Public Schools district for over 25 years. He would go on to become the MEA Unions director in Marquette and Alger Counties for another 10 years before his retirement. He has remained a dedicated leader in retirement serving on the Ishpeming City Council and continuing to be active with the MBA-Retired organization. Stu also served as a Sergeant E-5 in the Korean War and is a life member and former commander of the Ishpeming VFW.

As a member of the United Steelworkers for 38 years, Tommy Spencer served as a leader, trainer, and activist for on-the-job health and safety, eventually becoming the Company Committee Safety Chairperson. His efforts were critical in forming the Steelworkers Coalition and establishing the Ishpeming Memorial Day event—helping to remember workers killed or injured on the job and continue the fight for stronger safety and health protections. Tommy has devoted countless hours to volunteer work and public service through organizations like the Marquette County Labor Council, the Cliff’s Shaft Mining Museum Board, the Negaunee Township Building and Recreation Committee, and the Harley Owners Group.

While she started her career as a teacher’s aide, Shana Thornton quickly found her calling as an activist—serving as a chapter chair, and local president in her local organization. Her drive led her to become a Staff Representative for the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) before ultimately serving as the Director of Field Services for AFSCME Council 25, where she supervised 23 Staff Representatives across the state of Michigan. Shana was the first and only woman to serve as President of the Marquette County Labor Council. She also served at the state-level on the Michigan AFL-CIO General Board and the Michigan Labor-Management Council, representing the U.P.

Madam Speaker, induction into the U.P. Labor Hall of Fame is a tremendous honor.
and reflects a lifetime of service towards the rights and well-being of fellow workers. None are more deserving of this honor than Stu Skauge, Tommy Spencer, and Shana Thornton. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated leaders. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Human Rights Council. Their exemplary efforts in defending and protecting human rights are worthy of commendation.

The American Human Rights Council (AHRC) was founded in 2014 as a non-profit organization committed to protecting, promoting, and defending human rights as defined by the U.S. Constitution and outlined in the United Nations’ 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Since its inception, the AHRC has worked tirelessly with community leaders and human rights advocacy organizations to intervene in situations where human rights are at risk. Through high-level legislative work, media outreach, and grassroots mobilization, the AHRC strives to protect individuals whose rights are being violated regardless of geographical or other boundaries.

The AHRC’s Annual Community Forum and Dinner Reception exemplifies the council’s continued commitment to protecting and uplifting human rights worldwide. The 2019 forum titled “Human Trafficking: Universal Challenge, Common Responsibility” will focus on the challenges of human trafficking and generate awareness of its prevalence on a local, national, and global scale. Human trafficking constitutes a serious human rights violation and must be handled with the utmost care and concern. Thus, the AHRC strives to use its platform to educate attendees further on the impacts of human trafficking and provide opportunities to learn about ways to combat this alarming human rights crisis.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the American Human Rights Council. The AHRC’s meaningful work plays a crucial role in protecting human rights worldwide, and we are grateful for the tremendous dedication to solving the world’s toughest human rights challenges.

HONORING CALFIRE FIRE CAPTAIN PAUL ROTONDARO

HON. JIM COSTA
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor CalFire Fire Captain Paul Rotondaro. Mr. Rotondaro served the State of California during his distinguished career with CalFire, until he was tragically killed in a head-on collision while on-duty on October 2nd, 2019.

Mr. Rotondaro began his career in 2006 as a Firefighter 1 at the Ahwahnee Firestation in the Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit of CAL FIRE. He was promoted to Firefighter II in 2011 and in 2012 was promoted to Lieutenant Fire Apparatus Engineer in the Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit then transferred to the Riverside Unit as a permanent Fire Apparatus Engineer in 2015. In 2016, Mr. Rotondaro was made a permanent Fire Captain in the Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit. In 2018, he was selected as the Merced County Firefighter of the Year.

In both his personal and professional life, Mr. Rotondaro was a lover of the outdoors. He was an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed camping, off-roading, boating, and many more outdoor activities.

Paul is survived by his loving wife Jennifer, his daughter Kiersten and his son Wyatt Dune. He is also survived by his father, Vincent Rotondaro, parents, Michael and Toni McMillin, his siblings, grandparents and many family and friends.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and service of Fire Captain Paul Rotondaro. His sacrifice in service to our community will always be appreciated and remembered. I ask that you join me and his family in celebrating his great life.

HONORING THE WORK OF ELVIRA RAMOS

HON. JOE NEGUSE
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, there are people in every community who are the garens that make the entire engine run, and who make their homes better, stronger and more interconnected. On the precipice of her retirement, I wish to honor one of those people from my community, Elvira Ramos. For over a decade, Elvira served the Community Foundation of Boulder County in grantmaking, mentorship, and as co-chair of the Leadership Fellows Program. We have been blessed by her service and commitment to all of us, and now it is our chance to honor her.

An experienced trainer and facilitator, one of Elvira’s greatest gifts to the Colorado community is her willingness to mentor and further the leadership skills of others, focusing especially on those from communities that are too often overlooked. She has led workshops in board and leadership development, inclusive leadership, volunteer management and strategic planning. Elvira convenes thoughtful, thorough conversations that tackle critical subjects and empower others with knowledge and expertise which they can pay forward to create a more just and representative society.

Elvira has made inclusivity and diversity pillars of her work. As an activist and philanthropist, she has built beloved and vital local organizations, ensuring that these organizations were always reaching outwards and creating more space at the table. Elvira has worked to create permanent and positive change through civic engagement and has helped build a foundation which new community leaders will stand. Each of us are truly fortunate to feel the effects of her life’s work.

One of Elvira’s favorite quotes comes from Lao Tzu: “A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.” Though for countless Coloradans Elvira has emulated this exact form of leadership, kindly and gently guiding so many of us on a right path, today I would like to shine a bright light on her myriad contributions and powerful influence for good. The Colorado community wishes Elvira happiness and relaxation in her retirement, and sends our endless gratitude for her many contributions.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER AMBASSADOR TO UKRAINE, WILLIAM GREEN MILLER

HON. MARCY KAPTUR
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay respectful tribute to the gifted, compassionate, and persevering life of American diplomat William Green Miller, our nation’s second Ambassador to Ukraine following the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

A highly trusted advisor and valued friend to Members of Congress, and the diplomatic and intelligence communities, Ambassador Miller’s distinguished service to our nation elevated the possibilities and prospects of liberty to people living in nations that had never known freedom.

He dedicated his life at liberty’s edge with great humility. His steady, unselfish, and tenacious nature allowed him to tackle infinitely complex situations— Iran, the Soviet Union, Ukraine—and advise ways forward. He never really retired and remained engaged and insightful during his golden years.

A renaissance man, Ambassador Miller’s career spanned assignment in Iran, staff director of the Senate Intelligence Committee, senior Administrator and professor at Tufts University, chairman of the board of the Kyiv Mohyla Foundation, and president of the American Committee on U.S.-Soviet Relations. Upon leaving Congress, the U.S. Senate recognized his leadership by passing a special resolution commending him for “contributions and for his dedication, loyalty, integrity, and service.”

Simply, he was exceptional.

It is with deepest condolences that I offer sympathy to his beautiful wife Suzanne, their two sons, and extended family at this difficult time.

May the life he has lived continue to inspire a new generation of Americans to embrace his calling to scholarship, service, and patriotic commitment to liberty’s cause at home and abroad.

[From the Kyiv Post Sept. 24, 2019]

WILLIAM GREEN MILLER, SECOND US AMBASSADOR TO INDEPENDENT UKRAINE, DIES AT AGE 88

William Green Miller, who served as U.S. ambassador to Ukraine in the 1990s as the euphoria of national independence gave way to the misery of economic destitution for many Ukrainians, died in his home in northern Virginia on Sept. 23, according to friends. He was 88. He served as America’s second ambassador in Kyiv, from 1991-1998, and is the first of nine American ambassadors to independent Ukraine to have died.
His death was confirmed by friends, including Marta Farion, a Ukrainian-American in Chicago who worked with Miller on the Kyiv Mohyla Foundation of America, raising money for students at the university in Kyiv. Farion spoke to Miller’s wife, Suzanne Lisle Miller, and said that the ambassador died in his home “one minute before noon” on Sept. 23, in the company of his two sons, William and Christopher, and grandchildren. “He was surrounded by his leather-bound books, in front of the beautiful fireplace. We could see Suzanne and her children and dogs, and all their lives, with the blooming flowers and many butterflies that bid him farewell to the Kyiv Post.”

Miller’s tenure as ambassador coincided with momentous events under Ukraine’s first president, Leonid Kravchuk, who served from 1991 to 1994. Leonid Kuchma, who ruled from 1994-2005. During Millers era, Ukraine adopted a Constitution, launched the national currency, the hryvnia, and signed the Budapest Memorandum in which the United States offered security assurances to Ukraine for surrendering its Soviet-era nuclear arsenal.

The agreement now is derided by many in Ukraine as a worthless piece of paper, considered by some to be a “memorandum of protection of Ukraine—including seizing Crimea and parts of the eastern Donbas—as the Kremlin prosecutes a war in its sixth year that has killed 13,000. It also allowed Russian armor, identified Ukrainian lawlessness and the rise of the oligarchy, which still plagues the nation today.

But his friends say that Miller always found the beauty in Ukraine, despite its hardships. Farion described Miller as “a writer and poet, a Renaissance man in every respect and Suzanne was his muse, his adviser, his protector to the very end. They loved Ukraine since the day when he was ambassador there. To the end, he wanted to know what is taking place in Ukraine.” She said that “Bill and Suzanne were responsible for the establishment and renovation of the historic building in the Podil neighborhood that became the residence of the American ambassador, and they paid special attention to the garden, restoring the original plants, trees, and flowers that were cultivated there when the building was first built. They paid attention to the historical artifacts that were recovered while rebuilding the residence, and they hosted many Ukrainian artists, historians, musicians, and writers there.”

Said Farion: “Bill embraced his role as chairman of the board of the Kyiv Mohyla Foundation with all his vigor and believed in the power of education and the role of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in building Ukraine as a democratic country, where rule of law and human rights were priorities. He was honored by Kyiv-Mohyla Academy with an honorary doctorate and spoke on the stage of the university to students on many occasions. I loved him. He never gave up, to stand up for the truth. He was my mentor in many respects and taught me not to be afraid. He loved the principles upon which the United States was established and he truly believed in those principles. He was an admirer of Thomas Jefferson. He was a scholar. He left a book of poetry and many writings. I will miss him and his guidance.”

Monica Eppinger served as the second secretary to Miller in the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine and worked with him “the best time.” To the end, she said “he wanted to be a good friend of Ukraine.” “I was part of that small team early team during Ambassador Miller’s tenure in Ukraine. We had headed the Washington side of a late Soviet human rights organization, and through it was thoroughly acquainted with the cases of the major human rights heroes of the last decade of the U.S.S.R. When he got to Ukraine, he already had made comments in the Ukrainian, in Kommersant, in Vychaslechn Chornovil, Semen Gluzman. Any one who’d done Soviet prison time for advocating human rights was a part of his ‘team.’”

Her experiences working with him “were what would have worked very closely with Voldomyr Horbun (former secretary of the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council), especially on nuclear proliferation, and Ukraine, demonstration of my knowledge respected him and appreciated him as a pragmatic strategic thinker who cared about Ukrainian independence.”

During his tenure, Eppinger said, he took a keen interest in people working on human rights and advocating freedom of speech, religion and the press.

“He was just really interested in the project of independent Ukraine and really interested in Ukrainians,” said Eppinger, a professor at St. Louis University School of Law and director of its Center for International and Comparative Law. “He’d meet with students in Kyiv to talk about what he wanted to meet with. She said Miller was also interested in archaeology and remembers him stopping frequently to visit the excavation site of what was the Mikhailovsky Cathedral in Kyiv. “All the archaeologists at the site knew him,” she said.

Former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine William Green Miller delivers remarks at the observance of the 60th anniversary of the Voice of America’s Ukrainian Service on Dec. 11, 2009, at VOA headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Farion said that she traveled with him and a team of archaeology students “to the magnetic field, the geophysical study, of the site to be protected by UNESCO. The occupation of Crimea by Russia stung him personally, not only because of the loss of the strategic territory but because he realized that Russian authorities would raid the archaeological site. He was deeply concerned for the fate of the Crimean Tatars after Russia’s invasion and occupation.”

Eppinger called him a big fan of ballet, especially Swan Lake. “He also loved the Philharmonic and actively supported the rehabilitation of the Philharmonic and actively supported the rehabilitation of the Philharmonic and actively supported the Philharmonic building near the Friendship Arch” on the right bank of the Dnieper River in central Kyiv. She said she even vacationed in Ukraine, taking driving tours to explore abandoned churches of the Carpathian Mountains in western Ukraine. “He just loved Ukraine and his interest in Ukraine and support for Ukraine knew no bounds,” she said, Eppinger recalled his experiment in taking up the Ukrainian tradition of beekeeping. He installed bee hives in the backyard of the ambassador’s residence. At the first month of July reception, she recalled that a colleague with the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs “got stung right on the nose” by a bee.

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 Miller joined Voice of America in 1959 and served a five-year assignment in Iran, where he immersed himself in Persian culture. Farion said he never lost interest in Iran. “He was always interested in many informal talks between the US and Iran, trying to find peace,” she said.

After his Iran assignment, Eppinger said he returned to Washington, D.C., and quit the Foreign Service over the Vietnam War and got a job as a staff director of the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee.

“He was part of the team that put together the hearings on the U.S. intelligence services attempted assassinations in the post-World War II/Cold War era,” Eppinger said. “It was thanks to those hearings and the report that resulted that we got a revision to the executive order that sets the parameters to the intelligence community . . . that resulted in the ban on assassinations by the U.S. intelligence committee. He was sometimes critical of his own people. But I think the intelligence committee work shows—he also had a canniness to thinking about where a threat to democracy could come from, and how to thwart it. I think there was a hard practical streak in there that often got overlooked.”

According to a Eurasia Foundation biography, Miller was educated at Williams College, Oxford, and Harvard. After leaving his Iran assignment in 1964, he returned to Washington, D.C., as a line officer for U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk. Miller then went on to work in the U.S. Senate in 1967, where he served as foreign policy and defense adviser to U.S. Senator John Sherman Cooper, a Republican who served Kentucky. In 1981 the U.S. Senate passed a special resolution commending Miller “for exceptional contributions and for his dedication, loyalty, integrity, and service.” Miller was associate dean and professor of international politics at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Massachusetts from 1981 to 1983.

In retirement years, Miller was a senior fellow at the Inter-American Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C., a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the International Institute of Strategic Studies, and the Middle East Institute. He was also co-chairman of the Kyiv Mohyla Foundation of America and a director of the Andrei Sakharov Foundation as well as a consultant to D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Farion said a memorial service is being planned at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 12 or 13, but that arrangements are still being finalized.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ARAB AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Arab American Civil Rights League. Their meaningful work throughout Michigan is worthy of commendation.

Founded in 2011, the Arab American Civil Rights League (ACRL) is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the civil rights and freedoms of the Arab-American community. Through education and advocacy, the Dearborn-based organization is committed to building inter-community coalitions that promote cooperation, broaden the understanding of the Arab-American community, and dispel negative stereotypes associated with Arab-Americans. With a mission to protect the civil rights of all ethnic minorities, the ACRL aspires to be a driving force that will propel America forward, effecting meaningful and lasting change throughout the entire nation.

ACRL’s 8th Annual Gala exemplifies the organization’s continued commitment to supporting the Michigan Arab-American community. Every year, the gala brings countless elected officials, civil rights
activists, and community leaders together to discuss major civil rights issues within the state, generating a wider dialogue that is necessary to tackle these important matters. In addition, the gala serves as a great way to celebrate the outstanding progress and achievements that have already been made. The ACRL’s work truly make a difference, and I am proud to be part of a community that is so dedicated to promoting equality and justice for all.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Arab American Civil Rights League. Their efforts to defend the constitutional rights of Arab-Americans and unite the country are much appreciated. We are grateful for the impact the ACRL has made—and continues to make—on our vibrant and diverse community.

COMMEMORATING THE GROUNDBREAKING OF FORT STREET BRIDGE PARK

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the groundbreaking of Fort Street Bridge Park in Detroit, Michigan.

Thanks to the hard work and advocacy of community members, today we break ground to build the Fort Street Bridge Park. This park is the culmination of the efforts of environmental activists, historians, and dedicated neighbors who all fought for a vision of a beautiful community greenspace for all to enjoy.

Fort Street Bridge Park will be a jewel of our community, a green oasis amongst the heavy industry that lines this section of the Rouge River. It will connect us to the water that has been the lifeblood of our region, a constant reminder of our past and our future. The Park will commemorate the 1932 Ford Hunger March, where brave workers stood up to Ford, demanded economic justice and fair working conditions, and the police responded with gunfire, killing four people and played a key role in ushering in the unionization of the auto industry.

This Park will not only be dedicated to conservation and education, but will also serve as a reminder of the fragility of our natural resources and public health if we do not do what’s necessary to protect them. The Park will occupy a significant space in history and community, especially as it honors the late Congressman John Dingell and his legacy of environmental advocacy, which is so intertwined with the Rouge River.

Please join me in rising in tribute to Fort Street Bridge Park.

RECOGNIZING GAIL FISHER FOR WINNING THE U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND PARALEGAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Ms. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gail Fisher for winning the U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC) Paralegal of the Year Award. Ms. Fisher received the award at the AMC Legal Conference held in Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama in August.

Gail Fisher was born and raised in Rock Island, Illinois, and started working at the Rock Island Arsenal in August 1981. She began as a receptionist before working her way up to a secretary and then a paralegal, after attending Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa. From 1999 to 2006, Ms. Fisher worked for the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive & Armaments Command (TACOM) in Rock Island, while pursuing her bachelor’s degree in business administration and her law degree from St. Ambrose University. After leaving TACOM, she moved to her office in the AMC Legal Center, where she has worked for the past 31 years. Her award is well warranted.

Ms. Fisher is responsible for ensuring the assembly of agency reports and administrative records for federal court—confirming they are accurately marked, indexed and uploaded and transmitted in a timely manner. Her vast knowledge of law and wide range of experience allow her to process and track numerous cases at the same time. I commend Ms. Fisher for winning this prestigious award and thank her for her service to the Rock Island Arsenal.

It is because of community leaders such as Gail Fisher that I am especially proud to serve Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Gail Fisher for winning the prestigious AMC Paralegal of the Year Award.

HONORING DELL-CAM FARMS AS THE 2019 SOUTHEAST DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN
OF ARKANSAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Goldman family of Jefferson County, Arkansas who have been selected as Arkansas Farm Bureau’s 2019 Farm Family of the Year for the Southeast District.

The Goldman family owns and operates Dell-Cam Farms, which features 1,400 acres of corn, rice, and soybeans in the heart of Arkansas’ Fourth District. Deweyne and Debra Goldman, and their two children Camille and Dewayne Jr. have been actively engaged in production agriculture for over 22 years. After touring their farmland, I was impressed by the Goldman family’s dedication to agriculture, family values, and quality products.

In addition to being recognized as the Farm Family of the Year for the Southeast District, Dell-Cam Farms has served as a model for agricultural innovation for producers throughout the United States. The title of Farm Family of the Year serves to illustrate the Goldmon family’s pursuit of effective and efficient farming technologies.

I take this time to congratulate the Goldmons on this tremendous honor and thank them for their commitment to wise land stewardship.

COMMEMORATING THE PROMOTION OF FELIX GARCIA III TO NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

HON. PETE OLSON
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the election of Felix Garcia III as National Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH). Serving in the Marine Corps, Felix was deployed to Iraq in August and November 2004 as part of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Division. While in Fallujah and Al Karmah, he was injured during search and destroy missions in Operations Iraqi Freedom II and Phantom Fury.

For his valiant service and sacrifice defending our great nation, Felix was awarded three
IN RECOGNITION OF PAQUETTA PALMER FOR DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN ACTIVISM, SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Paquetta Palmer on her retirement from Community Public Health and recognize her years of distinguished service. Her contributions to the community are worthy of commendation.

Paquetta Palmer’s work at Washtenaw County’s Community Mental Health has been paramount in addressing our community’s mental health needs. As a Customer Resource Specialist, Palmer provided mental health services to people with mental illnesses, emotional disturbances, and developmental disabilities, giving them the tools necessary to work through their struggles. Palmer is known among her colleagues for her high degree of professionalism, kind demeanor, and passion for helping others.

Paquetta Palmer’s commitment to serving Washtenaw County extends far beyond her professional work. Palmer has used the bulk of her free time working tirelessly with a variety of organizations to advance racial, economic, and social justice for all within the community. Palmer is a volunteer cook at Food Gatherers and participates in Neutral Zone, an organization dedicated to promoting the personal growth of our community’s youth. Furthermore, Palmer has been an informal Health and Human Services advocate, a long-time community advocate for affordable housing in Washtenaw County, and even was a pioneer in comprehensive healthcare reform for low-income residents, fighting for the adoption of the Washtenaw County Health Plan long before the Affordable Care Act was even implemented. Palmer’s steadfast dedication to supporting the entire community is truly remarkable.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Paquetta Palmer’s retirement. Over her decades of service, Palmer has become a pillar of the Washtenaw County community, and it is my honor and privilege to recognize her dedication today. We are grateful for her outstanding work and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE AND REHABILITATION ACT

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE
OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Water Supply Infrastructure and Rehabilitation Act. This legislation will help address the need for the new storage, conveyance, and recycling projects necessary to increase our drought resilience and provide the water security required to meet the needs of our agricultural economy and our local communities.

As a farmer, former state Director of Agriculture, and now a Congressman representing one of the most agriculturally rich states in America, I fully understand how important it is that we reinvest in the water infrastructure our farms and communities were built upon—much of which is over a century old at this point. I have made it a priority to address these important projects in Central Washington, and for rural communities across the West, that have Bureau of Reclamation projects in their regions.

That is why I am introducing this legislation—to help local water managers access the funds they need to repair and rebuild aging facilities and ensure our existing surface storage facilities are operating as efficiently as possible.

The Water Supply Infrastructure Rehabilitation and Utilization Act addresses the Bureau of Reclamation’s (BOR) maintenance backlog at water supply infrastructure projects. Since 1902, BOR has constructed dams, hydropower plants, canals, and irrigation conveyances to provide for our water needs. Far too much of this infrastructure is in serious need of maintenance and repair. My legislation creates a streamlined process, so local water operators can initiate maintenance projects with extended repayment through a much more clearly-defined application and review process. Local users need this flexibility to access these resources—this bill will help them do just that.

Earlier this year, Central Washington crossed one of the most significant hurdles for water needs in our region when President Trump signed my legislation into law authorizing the next phase of the Yakima Project. It was a momentous occasion and a testament to the many collaborative efforts and stakeholders in the Yakima Valley. But as many of us know, authorization is only the key first step.

Next comes—what some would say is—the even more difficult part: securing the resources and funding to actually implement those projects authorized. I have been working on the Yakima Project for much of my career, and this bill will create an easier, more streamlined process to access the funds for this desperately needed infrastructure in Central Washington.

This legislation also strengthens the “Safety of Dams” program to improve structural integrity of dams across the U.S. In Central Washington, there are no known defects, but dams provide for irrigation districts and the agricultural industry. Like much of our nation’s infrastructure, dams are aging and require regular maintenance and upkeep. The “Safety of Dams” program is important for ensuring all BOR dams across the country will operate safely and efficiently—from the Grand Coulee Dam down to the Sunnyside, Prosser, and Roza Diversion dams. The Yakima Project alone has five storage dam and reservoirs, including Bumping Lake, Clear Creek, Tieton, Cle Elum, Kachess, and Keechelus.

Washington’s 4th District truly is at the epicenter of need for ensuring the stability of BOR dam infrastructure, and this program is responsible for funding any updates or maintenance to these dams. However, BOR expects to reach their current statutory cap on the program in the next two years. My bill will increase the authorization of this program to meet BOR’s projected funding needs for the future workload to ensure water users in regions like Central Washington can continue to enjoy the benefits of dams, large and small, that all make up our way of life.

Finally, the legislation creates a pilot program to give more flexibility to reservoir operators. Communities across the West know the impacts of droughts all too well. This bill allows local operators to temporarily store water in dedicated flood control space during certain low-risk times of the year. By addressing the maintenance backlog at our water supply projects, strengthening the structural integrity of our water infrastructure, and providing flexibility for water storage to best equip our communities in times of drought, we can secure the resources required to address the current and future water needs for the Yakima Valley and for water needs across the West. I encourage all of my colleagues to support the Water Supply Infrastructure and Rehabilitation Act. I look forward to pushing for its passage here in the House and for its companion legislation, led by Senator MARTHA McSALLY, in the United States Senate.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES E. INGRAM

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Charles E. Ingram, who is retiring after 28 years of public service as a Member of the Mathews County Board of Supervisors. Charles said his philosophy of public service is to always be fair, reasonable and impartial in dealings with everyone, focus on the community and the wonderful people of Mathews County.

Charles and his wife, Jean Flippin Ingram, have been married almost 47 years, and have raised their family in Mathews, Virginia. They have two daughters, Jeannie Elliott and Robin Jenkins, as well as two grandsons and one great-granddaughter.
Charles spent four years in the U.S. Army, serving 15 months in Korea. He is a member of Macedonia Baptist Church, Mathews American Legion Post 83, and Oriental Lodge No. 20. He also serves on the board of directors of the Mathews Farm Bureau. Charles has been a businessman in Mathews County for over six decades, concurrently operating a barber shop for 63 years and a daffodil farm for 55 years. He has previously served on the Mathews Memorial Library Board of Trustees and the Middle Peninsula Community Criminal Justice Board. Charles’ tremendous contributions to his community include: building one new school and renovating two others, building a new auditorium at Mathews High School, closing the landfill and constructing a new transfer station, renovating and adding onto Mathews Memorial Library, building a new court house, supporting a new senior center and installing a new 911 system.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments, tenacity, and dedication of Charles Ingram. Words alone cannot express our gratitude. May God bless Charles Ingram and his family.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MESIK ABAJIAN

HON. JIM COSTA
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. Mesik Abajian, who passed away on Thursday, September 27, 2019 at the age of 97. Mesik will be remembered for his leadership, his business acumen, and his community involvement. Mesik was born in Selma, California on May 31, 1922. He was raised in Selma and graduated high school in 1941. Mesik joined the United States Army Air Corps and served courageously in World War II. Upon his return from service, he married the love of his life Peggy Emerzian in 1946.

Peggy and Mesik began farming in Selma on their Bethel Avenue ranch and together raised two daughters, Wendy and Shelly. Mesik was passionate about farming and lived on the family’s farm until his passing. Mesik was married to Peggy for 61 years until her passing in 2007.

Mesik is preceded in death by his parents Nishon and Salve Abajian, brother Seth Abajian and his wife Ruby Abajian, sister Anna Abajian, brother-in-law Manuel Kay Emerzian, and wife Peggy Abajian. He is survived by his daughters, Wendy and Shelly, and his many nieces and nephews.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and service of my friend Mesik Abajian. He was a respected man of the Central Valley and his community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION TO COMBAT WORKPLACE SEXUAL HARASSMENT ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the National Commission to Combat Workplace Sexual Harassment Act to establish a national commission to examine and combat sexual harassment in the U.S. workplace.

I have modeled this bill on legislation Congress has passed to address other national problems considered to be serious, such as gambling. The almost daily exposure of allegations of sexual harassment, many not denied, more than qualifies sexual harassment for national attention and priority. This bill would create a national commission to focus on sexual harassment in major industries and workplaces throughout the United States.

Congress recently adopted a bill that addresses harassment in the congressional workplace. It requires Members of the House and Senate to be personally liable for settlements and awards resulting from harassment and retaliation. It requires the mandatory counseling, mediation and “cooling off” periods for accusers that is currently required, mandates publicly reporting awards and settlements and covers unpaid staff as well. This is a step in the right direction beginning where Congress should—right here in the Congress itself. However, nothing equivalent has been done for sexual harassment that affects the American people. We have largely neglected our own constituents, despite the increasing number of troubling reports in the news of sexual harassment claims.

A national commission would assure the American people that Congress takes sexual harassment affecting them—the typical worker—seriously, beyond the high-profile examples, such as allegations against Harvey Weinstein, Jeffrey Epstein and the Congress itself, that have garnered the headlines. Most importantly, the commission would hear from a cross section of the public—from office and factory workers to retail and food service employees—whose experiences with sexual harassment have received almost no national attention. The commission could travel or invite witnesses to Washington from throughout the country to recommend changes in laws or regulations and best practices on preventing, training, investigating, responding to and penalizing sexual harassment in the private and public sectors.

Our constituents expect Congress, which represents every sector, to take on the problem of sexual harassment throughout our national economy, including private and public (federal, state and local) workplaces. A national commission could help reach and reduce sexual harassment, a form of gender discrimination, where the average American works.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.
serve Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Denise Moore and the Minority Business Development Center for winning the Small Business Advocate of the Year award from Bradley University’s Turner Center 2019 Small Business Awards.

COMMEMORATING THE 50 MILLIONTH VISITOR TO THE SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE

HON. JACK BERGMAN
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it’s my honor to recognize the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore for welcoming its 50 millionth visitor. Through a commitment to conserving this natural treasure and ensuring it can be enjoyed by visitors from throughout the world, the Sleeping Bear Dunes has become an indispensable part of Northern Michigan. Our state is home to some of the most beautiful natural wonders in the country—attacting visitors from around the world and providing Michiganders with a quality of life that is second to none. Perhaps first among these picturesque landscapes is the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. Located in the northwest corner of the Lower Peninsula, the Sleeping Bear Dunes covers a 35-mile stretch of Lake Michigan’s coastline. Its bluffs, forests, beaches, inland lakes, and unique wildlife have been enjoyed by locals and visitors for centuries. The land was established as a National Lakeshore under the National Parks Service in October of 1970—and over the next 49 years, millions would come to enjoy everything it has to offer. On August 19, 2019, the National Lakeshore welcomed its 50 millionth visitor. This incredible milestone, coming at the cusp of its 50th anniversary, clearly shows how dearly the Sleeping Bear Dunes are held in the hearts of Michiganders and all Americans.

Madam Speaker, it’s my honor to recognize the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore for welcoming its 50 millionth visitor. Michiganders can take immense pride in knowing that the First District is home to such an important and beloved natural treasure.

IN RECOGNITION OF EXPRESS, FULFILL, PROSPER AS IT HOSTS ITS FIRST ANNUAL FUND-RAISING DINNER FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Express, Fulfill, Prosper for its dedication to our community. Its meaningful work is worthy of commendation. Established by students at the University of Michigan in 2017, Express, Fulfill, Prosper (EFP) is a voluntary organization committed to supporting anyone in need of assistance, especially those struggling with mental health issues. The volunteers of EFP strive to help people feel acknowledged and offer them the opportunity to talk through their thoughts, emotions, and behaviors, allowing them to feel supported by the community around them. Members of the organization work on campus, in hospitals and schools, and throughout the local Ann Arbor Community to uplift others while simultaneously developing their own valuable leadership skills. Through the organization’s efforts, EFP hopes its members’ work will encourage individuals to express themselves, fulfill their goals, and prosper.

Social and fundraising events are essential to EFP’s success in aiding others. Thus, EFP’s First Annual Fundraising Dinner for Mental Health Awareness demonstrates the organization’s continued success ahead. Honored during the week of World Mental Health Awareness, this inaugural event will generate greater awareness about mental health and begin to challenge the troubling stigmas associated with it. I am proud of EFP’s commitment to mental health and I am very excited for the future dinners to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring EFP and celebrate their First Annual Fundraising Dinner for Mental Health Awareness. We appreciate EFP’s dedicated work in our community and wish the organization continued success ahead.

RECOGNIZING ARBETTER HOT DOGS’ 60TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of the 60th birthday of Arbetter Hot Dogs. Founded in 1959, Arbetter Hog Dogs is a family enterprise born out of passion for incredible cooking and the love of making people happy. The restaurant draws on Flamingo Arbetter’s expertise in Italian cuisine and Robert “Bob” Arbetter’s memories of eating hot dogs at Fenway Park in Boston during his childhood.

Arbetter Hot Dogs is a beloved institution in Miami, providing good, fresh food to our community. As the Arbetters work to honor their customers, provide for their family, and expand their hot dog enterprise, they do so with the support of so many in our community who have tasted their passion. I wish the Arbetter family a fantastic 60th anniversary of Arbetter Hot Dogs. I am confident that their next 60 years will be as fruitful as these last.

REJOICING THE BIRTH OF AFTON MARGARET JONES

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to rejoice the birth of Afton Margaret, daughter to Lauren and Tyler Jones. Born on Wednesday, October 9th at seven pounds and 15 ounces, she is the greatest God given gift anyone would be lucky to receive. There is no stronger love than that of a parent for their child, and I couldn’t think of two more perfect people to raise a kind, brave, and intelligent person in this world than these two.

Tyler and Lauren have been with me from day one. Tyler has been an amazing colleague, confidante, and most importantly, a remarkable friend. We have seen ups, and we surely saw downs, but I have found a loyalty and friendship in Tyler that I know he and Lauren will instill in their very own daughter’s values. Lauren has proved to have the same grace and strength I found in my wife, as her husband and I learned how to win over the Lowcountry we all four deeply love.

I y’all thought my campaign was tough, welcome to parenting. I cannot wait to see the beautiful journey that unfolds. Amanda, Boone, Teddy and I are here for anything that you two, Afton, and Leia will ever need.

We love y’all, good luck and congratulations.

HONORING NBA CHAMPION TERRY DUERod

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Terry Duerod, former NBA champion and former Detroit Fire Fighter, a native of the city of Highland Park, Michigan.

Mr. Duerod began his sports career when he joined Highland Park High School’s basketball team. He excelled at the sport and brought athletic prestige to the program by leading the team to the 1975 state championships. Mr. Duerod continued to play basketball after high school at University of Detroit before moving on to a career in professional basketball. First playing for the Detroit Pistons and the Dallas Mavericks before finally landing a spot on the Boston Celtics. As a Boston Celtic, Mr. Duerod was voted a fan favorite and earned a championship ring in the 1981 National Basketball Association Finals. For his efforts and outstanding performance, he was inducted into the University of Detroit’s Hall of Fame and has only continued to serve his community. Following his athletic career, Mr. Duerod switched gears to public service and he still finds time to impact the lives of others through basketball.

Throughout his life, Mr. Duerod has represented the cities of Highland Park and Detroit with astounding spirit, serving as an inspiration to others. Please join me in recognizing Terry Duerod.
CONGRATULATING THE RECIPIENTS OF AFL-CIO LABOR AWARDS IN NORTHWEST INDIANA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate several of Northwest Indiana’s finest citizens. The Northern Indiana Area Labor Federation, American Federation of Labor–Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL–CIO), recognized several individuals and organizations for their dedication and service during the Northern Indiana Area Labor Federation Community Labor Awards Reception, which was held at Wicker Memorial Park in Highland, Indiana, on Thursday, October 10, 2019. These individuals, in addition to all Northern Indiana Area Labor Federation members who have served Northwest Indiana so diligently for such a long period of time, are the epitome of the ideal American worker: loyal, dedicated, and hardworking.

At this year’s event, Indiana State Representatives Carolyn Jackson, Ragen Hatcher, Ross Deal, Pat Boy, Chris Chyung, Lisa Beck, and Chris Campbell were the recipients of the Service to Labor Award for their outstanding support to the labor movement.

The Union Labor Award was presented to Vern Beck, President, USW Local 12775, for his selfless devotion to the labor movement through the union’s promotion in all areas: social, civic, educational, and political.

Carpenters Local 1005 and President Steve Toth were recognized with the Community Services Award for enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors of Northwest Indiana through their exemplary work on behalf of the community.

Earl Cox, retired UAW member and Indiana United Way Labor Liaison of Greater Lafayette and Tippecanoe County, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his many years of labor activism and his commitment to his community. For the exceptional service he has provided to the people of Northwest Indiana, he is worthy of our admiration and respect.

Sharon Patterson, NALC Local 1624, 1st Vice President NIALF, and Mark Sionaker, Battalion Chief, Hobart Firefighters Association Local 1641, were presented the George Meany Award for their significant contributions to the youth of their communities through their involvement with the Boy Scouts of America.

The President’s Award was presented to Mike Millisap, Director USW District 7, for his dedication to the labor movement and his noteworthy service to the organization. He is truly worthy of the honor bestowed upon him.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated, honorable, and exemplary leaders, while commending all of the hard-working union men and women locally and throughout America. They have shown commitment and courage toward their pursuits, and I am proud to represent each of them in Washington, D.C.

CONGRATULATING MR. STANLEY BALZEKAS FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Stanley Balzekas who has been awarded the title and badge of an Honorable Nobleman by the Lithuanian Royal Society of Nobility.

Mr. Balzekas has dedicated his life to preserving and spreading Lithuanian history and culture. In 1966, Mr. Balzekas founded the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture in Chicago. Through his dedicated leadership, the museum has grown to become the largest repository of Lithuanian cultural artifacts outside of Lithuania. Mr. Balzekas’s tireless work has enhanced America’s understanding of Lithuanian history and enriched the culture of the Chicagoland community.

Mr. Balzekas is also an American patriot, having proudly served in the United States Army during World War II. He bravely fought in the Battle of the Hurtgen Forest, one of the longest and fiercest battles in Europe. For heroically risking his life to rescue twelve wounded soldiers, Mr. Balzekas was awarded the Bronze Star as well as the Purple Heart.

To recognize Mr. Balzekas’s noble lineage and his contributions to Lithuanian culture, the Lithuanian Royal Society of Nobility conferred upon him the title of nobility in his absence. The title was conferred in Vilnius, Lithuania, on July 7, 2019, the anniversary of the crowning of King Mindaugas. The Lithuanian Royal Society of Nobility strives to safeguard the traditions of the Lithuanian nation and revive the spirit of the ancient Lithuanians. The nobility award will be personally presented to Mr. Balzekas at an event in his honor in Chicago on October 11.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Stanley Balzekas on this tremendous honor. He deserves praise for the energy and time he has dedicated to preserving Lithuanian culture as well as serving his community and country. I thank him for his service and wish him and his family the best.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARGARET “MARDEE” XIFARAS

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING
OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of Margaret “MarDee” Xifaras, a passionate political activist, successful lawyer, and a beloved member of the community on the South Coast of Massachusetts.

Born in Winnetka, Illinois, MarDee first came to Massachusetts to earn her master’s degree at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Medford. Shortly after graduating, MarDee moved to New Bedford to run Congressman Gerry E. Studds’s first campaign for Congress. Though that first campaign was not successful, MarDec had nevertheless found her new home. It was there that she would meet her future husband or forty-eight years, John Xifaras.

Continuing her education, MarDee earned a second master’s degree at the former South-eastern Massachusetts University in Dartmouth and a law degree at Boston University. Soon after, she worked as an assistant district attorney, a special assistant to Governor Michael Dukakis, and later became a partner at the New Bedford law firm of Lang, Xifaras and Bullard.

With the desire to do more, MarDee worked tirelessly for the presidential campaigns of Ted Kennedy, Michael Dukakis, Bill Clinton, Al Gore, John Kerry, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, in many instances uprooting herself and moving to where she was needed most. A nearly fifty year member of the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee, her years of service to the party were deservedly recognized when MarDee was elected to the Democratic National Committee by her peers.

Possibly MarDee’s greatest accomplishment, however, was the role she played in creation of the University of Massachusetts Law School. Recognizing the need for a public law school in Massachusetts, MarDee fought against private interests to ensure the school’s opening. Later she would sit on the board of trustees, working tirelessly to guarantee that its commitment to the community was fulfilled. MarDee left us too soon on October 8th, 2019, at the age of seventy-four after a long battle with breast cancer. She was an inspiration to all that met her and a mentor to many.

MarDee would talk to Presidents or someone in need with the same respect and dignity. She will long be remembered far and wide for her dedication to her community and her desire to make the world a better place. In addition to her husband John, MarDee is survived by her children Dena, Juliet, Michael, her two brothers John and Jim, and six grandchildren. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Margaret “MarDee” Xifaras. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing her many years of dedication to her community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MICHIGAN MUSLIM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Michigan Muslim Community Council. Its meaningful work across the state is worthy of commendation.

The Muslim community is an important component of Michigan’s identity. Since the community’s humble beginnings in the state over 100 years ago, the Muslim community in Michigan has grown significantly and today represents one of the largest communities in the nation. Seeing a need for greater unification among the smaller communities divided by Muslim sects, ethnicities, and races, the Michigan Muslim Community Council (MMCC) was established in 2012 through the merger of two other Muslim organizations, the Council of Islamic Organization of Michigan and the Islamic Shura Council of Michigan. Since its inception as a new, consolidated organization, MMCC has worked tirelessly to promote unity...
and cooperation by mobilizing the entire Muslim community statewide. Together as one voice, the council strives to pursue social justice, improve human relationships, and uphold human rights for all.

The Michigan Muslim Community Council’s 33rd Annual Unity Banquet exemplifies the council’s continued commitment to unifying, coordinating, and empowering Muslim communities across the state. Like the name suggests, the MMCC Unity Banquet brings count- less community members together to honor our state’s diverse Muslim communities every year. In addition, the banquet serves as a great opportunity to celebrate the impactful work of notable community figures who strive for unity throughout our state’s vibrant and diverse Muslim communities every day.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Michigan Muslim Community Council and celebrate their 33rd Annual Unity Banquet. We are grateful for the council’s dedicated efforts to unite Muslim communities and promote social justice across our state.

RECOGNIZING THE KIWWANS CLUB OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS FOR ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Kiwanis Club of Rock Island, Illinois for its 100th Anniversary. The club’s rich history has been the cumulative effort of its members coming from fields such as accounting, civil service, education, management, retail stores, retirees and many more.

Founded in 1919, the Kiwanis Club of Rock Island began with 50 charter members and has grown to its current membership to nearly 100. Throughout the years, the Kiwanis held numerous fundraisers, including pancake breakfasts, spaghetti suppers, peanut days, rose days, bag tournaments, and more. They are committed to serving the community through their support of service leadership programs throughout the schools in Rock Island. The Kiwanis have also cleaned up highways, aided with numerous community events and have raised money to benefit children and children’s support groups across our community. In addition, they provide scholarships to outstanding graduation seniors of Alleman and Rock Island High School. Their impact is outstanding. I want to thank and commend the Kiwanis Club for its extraordinary service to the Rock Island community.

It is because of the community leaders at the Kiwanis Club in Rock Island, Illinois that I am especially proud to serve Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Kiwanis Club of Rock Island for its 100th Anniversary.

IN HONOR OF ARCHBISHOP MARY FLOYD PALMER

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE
OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Archbishop Mary Floyd Palmer, the first female African-American Archbishop in America and presiding prelate of the Philadelphia Council of Clergy. She has— and continues to be—an integral part of the Philadelphia community, where she carries out her life mission of helping and ministering those in need.

As a native of my district, Archbishop Floyd Palmer is the eldest daughter of Rev. Dr. Melvin Floyd and has been serving her community since childhood. She began her career in full time ministry as a Motivational Speaker and soon became Confidante and Counselor to Pastors, their wives, and Episcopal leaders from all around the world.

She continued to be a positive influence in Philadelphia by ministering in federal, state, and county prisons, half-way houses, nursing homes, and youth centers. Her commitment led to her appointment as the Pennsylvania Re-entry Council, which focused on reducing recidivism rates. Archbishop Palmer soon became the founder and Pastor of the Samaritan Temple.

Her dedication has been recognized by the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Congress of Black Women and she was named their “Women of the Year in Ministry.” She also received the Lucien E. Blackwell Guiding Light Community Award. Moreover, Archbishop Floyd Palmer hosts an award-winning, weekly radio show called the “The Bishop Mary Show” to connect with national, and even international, listeners. In March 2019, she made history by becoming the first female African American Archbishop in America. Philadelphia is extremely lucky to have someone like Archbishop Floyd Palmer to enrich our community. There is no doubt she has positively impacted many lives, and I am certain more lives will be impacted by her service.

RECOGNIZING THE CLERGY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ON NATIONAL PASTOR DAY

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of the ministers, pastors, and priests in my district for Clergy Appreciation Day. Also known as National Pastor Day, this annual celebration holds on the second Sunday of each October. On this day, congregations around the country recognize the clergy and take up special offerings to bless them.

Members of the clergy provide their congregations spiritual guidance with words of wisdom, healing, and inspiration. But they also serve their larger communities, especially those of us who find ourselves most in need. It is an honor to recognize their leadership in promoting our shared values of love, service, and community.

I ask that all my colleagues join me today in thanking the members of the clergy in your districts for the selfless work they do. I look forward to continuing to work together with the clergy in my district to improve the lives of everyone in our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RAYMOND F. ENSHER

HON. JIM COSTA
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. Raymond “Ray” Ensher, who passed away on Friday, September 27, 2019 at the age of 85. Ray will be remembered for his dedicated service to the community of Fresno, California.

Ray was born on September 26, 1934 in Fresno. He graduated from California State University, Fresno in 1956, earning his degree in Theatre Arts. After college, he began working as a high school drama teacher at the North Folk School District that was recently named the Chawanakee Joint School District for 28 years. Ray had a passion for the theatre and enjoyed being a part of the local arts community and film festivals.

Ray was a gifted educator and won two awards for his dedication to teaching. He was awarded the Ron Ely Award for Communications and the Mickey Matheson Award for Advocacy from the California Retired Teachers Association. He established the Raymond Ensher Creative Achievement Theatre Arts Award, an endowed scholarship awarded to one theater arts student a year at his alma mater.

Ray was known in the community for his tireless efforts for social justice and his active memberships in numerous civic groups. He was chair of the Kennedy Club of the San Joaquin Valley, and recipient of the Fresno County Democratic Party’s Democrat of the Year award in 2012. He was a member of the Fresno County Democratic Women’s Club, serving as diversity chair and past president. He would passionately write to the Fresno Bee and the Community Alliance newspapers on his typewriter. His generosity with his time and resources was known through the Central Valley.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and achievements of my friend, Ray Ensher. He was a respected member in the community and had a passion for the people of the Central Valley.

COMMEMORATING SULIN HUANG FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL WORK INSPIRING STUDENT ARTISTS

HON. PETE OLSON
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the inspirational educational work of Sulin Huang of Sugar Land, Texas. Known by her students as “Ms. Sue,” Sulin was born in Taiwan and demonstrated artistic
talents from an early age. She pursued those talents and studied commercial design in her country of birth while continuing to make art.

Sulin eventually moved to Hawaii for two decades, where she learned how to make three-dimensional floral designs out of clay. Her ceramic flowers were a hit, and soon she was setting up shop at shows to sell her works of art.

Ms. Sue moved to Sugar Land in 2015 where she began teaching art at schools before opening up her own studio where she has had immense success privately instructing students. Three of Sulin’s students were among the 40 winners selected from over 3,900 submissions in the 2019 Treasures of the Texas Coast Children’s Art Contest.

Sulin embodies what it truly means to be an educator. She fosters creativity and love for the work that she and her students do and is a stellar example of the inspirational power that teachers have.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second District of Texas, I thank Sulin Huang for inspiring many with her art.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE JOSEPH GIULITTO
HON. TIM RYAN
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Judge Joseph Giulitto, who has been named the 2019 Circle of Caring Honoree by the Hattie Larlham Foundation. Each year, Hattie Larlham honors an individual for their long-time support of and commitment to the Hattie Larlham Foundation and to the community.

Judge Giulitto was born in Bitritto, Bari, Italy and arrived in the United States at the age of 11. This was the beginning of his impactful legacy as a proud Portage County resident. He is a graduate of Ravenna High School and Kent State University, graduating cum laude in 1958. He graduated with an L.L.B. from Cleveland-Marshall School of Law in 1961. He was admitted to the Ohio Bar in May 1961 and opened his private law practice in Ravenna in July of that same year.

For nearly a decade, Judge Giulitto served as Prosecutor and Law Director for the City of Kent. In 2005, Judge Giulitto was elected Judge of the Portage County Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations Division. He retired on January 1, 2011 but continues to serve as a Visiting Judge by appointment by the Ohio Supreme Court.

Judge Giulitto holds a lengthy record in civic involvement, which includes past or present membership in: the Ravenna Jaycees, Ravenna Rotary, the Board of Directors for First Federal Savings and Loan in Kent, Ohio, the Board of Trustees of Robinson Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, the University Hospital Portage Medical Center Foundation Board of Trustees, the Portage County Bar Association (President, 1997–98), the Ohio State Bar Association and the Ravenna Elks.

In 2012, Judge Giulitto was awarded the Norm Samuels Immaculate Humanitarian Award by the Portage County Bar Association for his dedication to the standards of the practice of law, and his integrity and commitment to helping others in his community. Judge Giulitto also previously served as a Board Member and Legal Counsel for Hattie Larlham. Judge Giulitto was a founding member of the Sugar Bush Golf Classic, which began in 1986 as a fundraiser for the Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities in Kent. Since the inception, the Sugar Bush Golf Classic has raised over $1,000,000 for Hattie Larlham. Over the years, the money raised has funded the Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities renovations, a toy tech library, a sensory playground and nature walk, an education center, a pediatric ventilator program and Hattie’s Creative Arts. It gives me great pleasure that Judge Giulitto is being honored by Hattie Larlham for his dedication and service to our community. His service and philanthropy are truly unmatched, and I thank him for all he has done. Portage County, and our region, owe Judge Giulitto an enormous debt and our eternal gratitude.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID P. HIGGERSO
HON. HENRY CUELLAR
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and retirement of David P. Higgeison, Director of Field Operations at the Laredo Office of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. He is a great friend, and I sincerely appreciate his service.

Mr. Higgeison was born and raised in Gary, Indiana. He attended St. John’s Military Academy, Canal Zone College in Panama, and Valparaiso University where he was awarded his associate degree in Accounting. He then chose to serve in the U.S. Army, and was honorably discharged in 1971. Thereafter, he worked as a Customs Inspector in the Panama Canal Zone for seven years, until the treaty of Panama. Mr. Higgeison was then transferred to Laredo, Texas as a Supervisory Inspector. He continued to hold various leadership roles, including Port Director in Hidalgo, Texas and Director in the El Paso and Tucson Field Offices, totaling forty-nine years of experience in the federal government.

As Director, Field Operations for Laredo Field Office, Mr. Higgeison was responsible for 8 international ports of entry and the Machinery, Center of Excellence and Expertise (CEE) processing nearly 59.4 million people, more than 21 million vehicles, over 3.5 million commercial trucks, and over $194 billion in international trade in 2018.

He has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the 2018 DHS Secretary’s Leadership Award and the South Texas Railroad Strategic Problem-Solving Initiative—Commissioner’s Strategic Problem Solving Award.

Mr. Higgeison is married to Maria Teresa Cuff and the father of five wonderful children. In his free time, he is an avid reader of military and historical tomes. After retirement, Mr. Higgeison plans to spend time with his family and play some golf. Madam Speaker, I have known Mr. Higgeison for many years now and I have always appreciated his friendship and dedication to his work. I am honored to recognize his service and I wish him many more years of happiness.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 RECIPIENT OF THE DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD
HON. PETER J. VISCOSKY
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. VISCOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I take this time to recognize the recipient of the 2019 Distinguished Citizen Award, presented annually by the Boy Scouts of America Calumet Council.

Each year, the Boy Scouts of America Calumet Council presents the Distinguished Citizen Award to an individual whose selfless efforts have had a positive impact on their communities in Northwest Indiana and across the state. This year, the Boy Scouts of America Calumet Council will honor Mr. Donald Fesko, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Community Healthcare System and the Community Foundation of Northwest Indiana. Under Don’s outstanding leadership and guidance, these successful organizations have received numerous local, state, and national accolades.

In addition to his outstanding career, Mr. Fesko gives of his time and efforts to several organizations that serve the people of Northwestern Indiana and beyond. He is a member of the Board of Directors for Peoples Bank, the Advisory Council of Indiana University School of Medicine, the Board of Directors for Hospice of the Calumet Area, and he is President of the Cancer Research Foundation, Inc. Don is also actively engaged with the Munster High School Booster Club. For his continued dedication to such worthy causes, Mr. Fesko is worthy of the highest praise.

Throughout Mr. Fesko’s remarkable career, he has received several honors and awards. In 2009, Don achieved Fellow Status in the American College of Healthcare Executives. He was also presented the Robert S. Hudgens Memorial Award, recognizing him as the 2012 Young Healthcare Executive of the Year. In 2013, Mr. Fesko was appointed Chairman of the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority by then Governor Mike Pence. Additionally, Don was honored with the Executive Regent’s Award for the State of Indiana, bestowed upon him by the American College of Healthcare Executives in 2014.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Mr. Donald Fesko. Don continues to serve as an exemplary leader for the community of Northwest Indiana, and he is undeniably deserving of the 2019 Distinguished Citizen Award. His exceptional devotion to the region and to the wellness of our community will have a positive impact for generations to come.
IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YEMEN AMERICAN BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mara. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Yemen American Benevolent Association. Its meaningful work in Michigan is worthy of commendation. Established in 1969, the Yemen American Benevolent Association (YABA) was created to support targeted communities. YABA endeavored to strengthen families, grow a sustainable regional economy, promote environmental protections, cultivate leadership, and encourage mutual respect for all. Since its inception, YABA has been dedicated to its mission and offers services like immigration assistance, Arabic language classes, fax services, and tutoring, to name a few, to achieve its goals. The association’s efforts truly make a difference and positively impact the communities it serves.

The Yemen American Benevolent Association has been a valued part of our Michigan community for half a century. Although YABA’s dedicated work continues to uplift targeted communities across Michigan, the association especially supports Dearborn and addresses the community’s changing needs. Through its efforts to create links between people and the services they require, YABA has helped the Yemeni-Arab-American community in Dearborn thrive. YABA’s wide range of services prove to be an indispensable resource for many, and I deeply appreciate the association’s tremendous work in our community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 50th anniversary of the Yemen American Benevolent Association. For half a century, YABA has been an essential part of our Yemeni-American community. We are grateful for its impact and wish it continued success ahead.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF DR. ROSA SLADE GRAGG

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Rosa Slade Gragg, a woman who represented and championed the civil rights of Black women of the City of Detroit.

Dr. Rosa Slade Gragg worked as an English teacher before she became involved with civil rights advocacy. She quickly became an outstanding advocate for the advancement of Black women’s rights. She was eventually appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to serve on the Board of the National Volunteer’s Participation Committee of Civil Defense. Dr. Gragg also worked alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as an active and vocal champion of the civil rights movement. In addition to her advocacy, Dr. Gragg founded the Slade-Gragg Academy of Practical Arts in 1947, the first Black vocational school in Detroit. More than two thousand women and returning veterans were trained at the academy, the first Black owned and operated business on Woodward Avenue in Detroit. Over the years, Dr. Gragg accumulated a number of honors and recognition for her work to advance civil rights and served as an advisor to three United States Presidents.

We owe a debt of gratitude for the hard work and dedication of Dr. Rosa Slade Gragg. It is with great honor that I ask my colleagues to join with me in honor of her memory and upon the dedication of a street named to acknowledge her civil rights activism.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in the Cliffordwood section of Aberdeen, New Jersey in recognizing the 100th anniversary of the church. Throughout its long history, Mount Moriah Baptist Church has provided a spiritual center for prayer and fellowship to the community.

The church property was purchased from Gelhaus White and Charles H. White in 1914 and deeded in 1919. While the church members worked on raising money to erect the building, they held services in each other’s homes. The church, originally named Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, was led at the time by Reverend J.W. Coakley and five additional trustees, T.M. Lester, Joseph Boles, Beall Smith, Fred Coakley and Edward D. Caussie.

Today, Mount Moriah Baptist Church remains a close-knit congregation. Its 60 members are led by Pastor Eddie Aiken and board members Deacon Marvin Fisher, Trustee Deputy Macon Robert Swindle, Financial Secretary Van Lane and Treasurer Betty Duncan. Throughout its long history, the church’s spiritual leaders, Board of Trustees, staff and members have endeavored to carry on its mission of faith and service.

Madam Speaker, once again, it is my great honor to pay tribute to Mount Moriah Baptist Church as it celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. This incredible milestone is truly deserving of this body’s recognition.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL OF VERO BEACH

HON. BILL POSEY
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, October 2019 marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of Vero Beach, an iconic and vibrant seaside town full of rich history and culture in my district that I am proud to celebrate. Known locally as the “Hidden Jewel of the Treasure Coast”, Vero Beach continues to showcase the unique wildlife, scenic coasts, thriving local businesses and the hardworking people of Florida.

First settled in the 1800’s, Vero Beach’s original pioneers paved the way for the prosperous city it enjoys today. One of the most notable early settlers, Henry T. Gifford, owned and operated a citrus grove business in addition to establishing the area’s first mercantile store that doubled as a post office, express office and railroad ticket office. The story of how the city got its name “Vero” is attributed to his wife Sarah who suggested the settlement be named the Latin word for “to speak the truth.”
The Giffords’ entrepreneurial spirit lived on, then leading Vero to experience significant growth and expansion in the following decades. In 1893, Henry Flagler’s Florida East Coast Railroad (FEC) began service through Indian River County, serving as a turning point for the growing settlement. That led to the Indian River Farms Company’s launch of an extensive land reclamation project. This included a vision for a town that would become “one of the finest in Florida.” The final plans for the “Town of Vero” were adopted in 1913. In 1925, following Vero’s incorporation into the City Beautiful Campaign, the town’s most prominent residents lobbied the Florida Legislature for the creation of a new county known as “Indian River.” Vero was designated the county seat and was re-named Vero Beach.

Just recently, the city officials of Vero Beach gathered in recognition of the Centennial with an official proclamation. The Mayor of Vero Beach, Val Zudans says of the milestone, “There is no better small town in America to live, retire, visit, raise children, or start a business. At 100 we are proud of our heritage, culture, and freedom. We eagerly await the next 100 years of making Vero more Vero.”

In 2018, Vero was named one of the “Top Ten Happiest Seaside Towns in America” by Coastal Living Magazine, and it continues to stand as a beautiful and lively drop for families looking for a place to settle and for veterans seeking retirement. Its residents led the Vero Beach Centennial Committee, intended to celebrate the 100 years with a month-long celebration of the community that includes a historic slide show and video presentation, live music, and a parade by Vero Beach High School.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Centennial of Vero Beach. Here’s to 100 more years of memories and community.

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HON. BRADLEY BYRNE
OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019
Mr. BYRNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor Arthur Holk upon his 94th birthday.

Arthur has a decorated career as a public servant that began in 1952.

Arthur served as the mayor of Foley from 1976 to 1996 after serving on the Foley City Council for 24 years.

While Mayor, Arthur was elected President of the Alabama League of Municipalities, President of the Alabama League of Municipal Insurance Corporation, and Chairman of the State of Alabama Aeronautics Commission. Outside of office, he remained an engaged leader in his community.

During Arthur’s long tenure in public office, Alabama incredibly had nine different governors. Outside of public office, Arthur served his hometown as an insurance agent for over 60 years with State Farm Insurance and Baldwin Mutual Insurance.

Arthur is a 1949 graduate of Auburn University. He and his late wife, Fannie Jo, had two children, Frances and Andy. Their children and grandchildren have continued Arthur’s legacy of community service and civic involvement.

I congratulate Mayor Holk, on his 94th birthday, and thank Kim for all he has done for Southwest Alabama.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL ANTHONY OVIEDO
HON. PETER OLSON
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019
Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the life-giving choice made by Mike Ovieido.

In August, Mike, a lively, jovial 21-year-old from Katy, Texas passed away suddenly from an asthma attack.

A child of a military family, Mike embodied the value of service and worked hard to make others happy. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and was a hard worker who took immense pride in his job at Gorman Uniform.

Mike continued exemplifying the value of service even in death by making the magnanimous decision to donate his organs.

Organ donors are some of the most selfless and honorable people, giving up their own bodies after dying to ensure that others can live happier, healthier and longer lives. People like Mike demonstrate what it truly means to give.

Mike’s memory will forever live on in the hearts and minds of his family, friends and community. And now, his big heart will continue to beat on, imparting onto someone the greatest gift of all: life.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I would like to commemorate Mike’s memory, his selfless gift and the wonderful legacy he has left to his family and our community.

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HON. GREG WALDEN
OF OREGON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019
Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Fire Operations Chief Mark Burns of Medford Fire & Rescue.

Mark James Burns was born on June 18, 1953 in Medford, Oregon, located in the Rogue Valley where he resided and worked the rest of his life. Mark’s desire to help others surfaced at an age when he became a volunteer firefighter as a 16-year-old.

In 1971, just months after graduation from Crater High School in Central Point, Mark accepted a full-time firefighter position with Jackson County Fire District 3 and worked there for the next 10 years. His hard work, determination, wisdom, sense of humor, and his ability to inspire others garnered him the respect of his peers and supervisors—who quickly promoted him to Fire Engineer and then to Fire Captain.

Throughout his fire & rescue career, Mark consistently focused on his professional development so he could be the best leader for his fellow firefighters and his community. He worked vigorously to advance his working skills and knowledge: completing the four-year Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy in Maryland, earning his Fire Technology degree at Rogue Community College, his Certificate in Fire Services Administration at Western Oregon University, and several certifications from the Department of Public Standards and Training.

In his leadership roles, Mark always led by example and played a significant role in grooming Rogue Valley’s next generation of fire & rescue leaders. In fact, he became a mentor to many outside his own department while off-duty, teaching Fire Science in the classroom at Rogue Community College and serving as the campus Fire Science Program Coordinator.

In 1982, Mark left Jackson County Fire District 3 to serve as a Shift Battalion Chief for Medford Fire-Rescue, and in 1990 he became their Training Chief. By 1991, Mark was promoted to Operations Chief and, for the next 20 years, was responsible for all fire and rescue emergency response within Medford city limits. During this time, Mark led the Oregon State Fire Marshal Region & Hazardous Materials Response Team and the City of Medford Emergency Management Team, and he served on the Oregon Department of Forestry’s statewide Incident Management Team.

Mark lived a life of selfless service as a firefighter and first responder protecting and saving the lives and property of southern Oregonians. Unfortunately, while battling the Oak Knoll Fire in Ashland on August 24, 2010, Mark experienced intense smoke inhalation and was medically retired after 40 years of service. This incident caused Mark to develop an aggravating lung condition that he struggled with for the next five years, ultimately leading to his death. Chief Burns succumbed to his fire-related illness on March 6, 2016 at the age of 62.

Over the weekend, on October 6, 2019, Mark was one of the 119 fallen firefighters honored at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, MD. Mark is survived by his wife of 45 years, Darcy, his son, Trevis, his daughter, Karlie, and his eight grandchildren, Kristyn, Eryn, Zachary, Kayla, Payshens, Braylon, Britney and Casey. Mark is also survived by his mother, Betty Burns, his sister, Patty; his brother, John Burns, and his three nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Burns.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and Mark’s family in honoring the life, service, and sacrifice of Battalion Chief Mark Burns. May his dedication to Oregonians, our community, and his leadership among the fire & rescue community be long remembered and honored.

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HON. JACK BERGMAN
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it’s my honor to recognize Helen Keating Dillon for her retirement as Captain of the Ironsont Ferry.
From offering medical treatments to low-income resource to many in our community. Decades later, DRMM still continues its self-sufficient families would not be left to starve. The Great Depression, DRMM volunteers sacrificed everything to support people in need. The changing needs of the inner city and providing permanent housing solutions to our nation’s veterans, DRMM has proven an overwhelming and lasting commitment to Detroit. I am grateful for its dedicated efforts to provide hope to hopeless, abused, and disadvantaged members of our community. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 110th anniversary of Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries. We deeply appreciate DRMM’s 110 years of remarkable service and wish the organization continued success in the decades ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF SARAGALE WEINSTOCK

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCHE OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of my mother-in-law, Saragale Weinstock, on the occasion of her 80th birthday. Saragale lives with her husband Frank in Boca Raton and is an incredibly loving wife, mother of three, and grandmother of nine. Saragale was born October 12, 1939 in Chicago, IL to Cecelia and Dr. Samuel Reinglass. She was raised in Canton, OH and later went on to study at the University of Michigan for two years and graduated from Indiana University. After graduating college, she met Frank Weinstock at University Hospitals, in Cleveland, and the two were married in 1962. Since then, they have enjoyed a beautiful 57 years together and raised their children Michael, Jill, and Jeffrey. The family has had the opportunity to travel the world and spend over thirty Summer vacations in Chautauqua, NY with four generations of family. Saragale loves spending time with her family and her friends at Boca Pointe. We join in wishing “Happy Birthday” to my wonderful mother-in-law Saragale. We also wish her and her family the best in health and happiness on this special day and moving forward.

CONGRATULATING SAMARITAN MINISTRIES ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 11, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Samaritan Ministries on their 25th Anniversary. Samaritan Ministries recognizes health care needs as multi-dimensional—requiring emotional and spiritual support, as much as physical and financial. They address these needs by coordinating and connecting members through prayer, encouragement, and financial support. Samaritan Ministries was formed by founder Ted Pittenger, who was inspired to provide an affordable non-insurance health care option for the Christian community after joining a health care sharing ministry in the 1980’s. Intrigued by the method of sharing health care costs, he began considering how to improve the process to reach a wider population and share medical needs more efficiently while maintaining Biblical foundations. This idea came Samaritan Ministries International in 1994. Since then, this organization has helped countless of people look for our community. I praise Samaritan Ministries for seeing a need in the community and rising exceptionally to meet that need. It is because of community pillars such as Samaritan Ministries that I am especially proud to serve Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Samaritan Ministries on its 25th Anniversary.
Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 2:15:03 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 2:15:37 p.m. until 3 p.m., on Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 40 public bills, H.R. 4631–4670; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 625–627 were introduced. Pages H8110–12

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H8113–14

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

- H.R. 263, to rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge (H. Rept. 116–228);
- H.R. 473, to authorize the Every Word We Utter Monument to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–229);
- H.R. 1014, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to apply to territories of the United States, to establish offshore wind lease sale requirements, to provide dedicated funding for coral reef conservation, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–230);
- H.R. 1314, to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–231, Part 1); and
- H.R. 2490, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–232).

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Evans to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H8105

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Alisa Lasater Wailoo, Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, Washington, DC. Page H8105

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 3:30 p.m. and adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1815, the “SEC Disclosure Effectiveness Testing Act”; and H.R. 3624, the “Outsourcing Accountability Act of 2019”, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.
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