

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES OF NURSING

HON. LAUREN UNDERWOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, I stand today to recognize the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)—the national voice for academic nursing—as this organization celebrates 50 years of advancing excellence in baccalaureate and graduate nursing education, promoting nursing research, and improving the health of our nation.

Since 1969, AACN has set the standards for educating the nation's largest healthcare profession, nursing. AACN has consistently illustrated a steadfast commitment to nursing schools, deans, faculty, and students who are essential to ensuring a strong nursing workforce able to support the health and well-being of citizens in all communities throughout the country.

The rich history of AACN began with a modest but significant meeting of 44 deans of nursing who met in Detroit, Michigan in 1969 and formed the Conference of Deans of Colleges and University Schools of Nursing. At its inception, the organization—soon to be renamed the American Association of Colleges of Nursing—represented 121 member institutions. This organization had a number of visionary leaders, not only for higher education, but also for the nursing profession. AACN has provided guidance through changing social, political, and economic context and as our country weathered many changes and advancements in health care and higher education.

Over the last 50 years, AACN's dedication to sustaining the nation's nursing workforce has expanded and evolved with the organization now comprised of more than 825 schools of nursing representing more than 45,000 faculty members and 543,000 students. AACN's commitment to preparing nurses with the skills needed to transform health care and improve the public's health has had a profound impact in every state and has helped to support the nation's healthcare infrastructure.

As the American Association of Colleges of Nursing celebrates its 50th Anniversary, I commend AACN for its leadership in educating the nursing workforce; its commitment to advancing innovation, diversity, inclusion, and research in the nursing profession; and for its dedication to driving excellence in academic nursing.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DR. JOHNNIE M. ARMSTRONG

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Dr. Johnnie M. Armstrong, who passed away on Monday, September 30th.

Johnnie, a native of Nashville, Tennessee, was a long-time faculty member at Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain, Mississippi. During her 64-year career at Blue Mountain College, she had many roles in the college's health and physical education, including Athletic Director for the college. Her influence in the athletic program led Blue Mountain College to dedicate both their Campus Fitness Center and the Tyler Gymnasium floor to Johnnie. Johnnie also served as Special Ambassador of Blue Mountain College, where she represented the entire college.

Johnnie's love for fitness education expanded beyond Blue Mountain College and led her to receive many accolades from various organizations. Johnnie was named "Female Athletics Administrator of the Year for District 24," and the "NAIA Athletic Administrator of the Year." She received the "Price in Teaching Award" from the Mississippi Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MAHPERD), the "Pathfinder Award" from the National Association for Girls and Women in Sports, Blue Mountain College's Outstanding Faculty Member Award in both 1979 and 2000 and the Higher Education Appreciation Day Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) Award in both 1988 and 1997.

Left to cherish her memory are many extended family members, friends, her congregation at Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church in Blue Mountain, MS, as well as the faculty and students at Blue Mountain College.

Johnnie's life was one of service, grace, and love for her community. She will be greatly missed by all who she encountered.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREENING OF DETROIT

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Greening of Detroit, an organization dedicated to creating a greener and more sustainable Detroit.

Greening of Detroit was founded in 1989 with the primary goal of restoring Detroit's once lush tree-lined neighborhoods and parks. Since then, the organization's mission has expanded to include working toward green infra-

structure, protecting our natural resources, and environmental sustainability. These efforts have not only concentrated on the City's environmental needs, but also on created "green jobs" by recruiting and training local individuals in urban forestry and landscaping. Greening of Detroit has continued to foster passion about creating a sustainable future for Detroit through its youth education and summer jobs programs. In short, Greening of Detroit is an organization that has adapted to the needs of the community it serves and has grown remarkably as one of Detroit's premier environmental stewards.

I therefore ask you to please join me in tribute to Greening of Detroit as they celebrate thirty years of service.

REMEMBERING MAYOR DAMON WELCH

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to give my deepest sympathies to the Welch Family and the City of Madison.

On Wednesday September 25, Mayor Damon Welch of Madison, Indiana passed away. Mayor Welch was a devoted public servant who cared deeply about his family, his country, and his community.

Mayor Welch married Virginia "Ginny" Kelley in 1973. He graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in Business Administration and was a cadet in the ROTC program. Mayor Welch joined the United States Air Force in 1975 and served five years in the United States Air Force, earning the rank of Captain and meriting the Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon.

After his service, Mayor Welch returned to his hometown of Madison where he ran a small business and worked in the health care industry.

Mayor Welch was elected as the Mayor of Madison in 2012 and was finishing his second term in office.

Mayor Welch was a devoted servant to the people of Madison, and he will be dearly missed by all.

I give my deepest condolences to his wife Ginny, daughters Gaeli and Kirsty, son Collin, and the entire community of Madison.

TRIBUTE FOR MARIO SR., JOSEPH, MICHAEL, AND ANGELO PETOSA

HON. MAX ROSE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. ROSE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring four outstanding Staten Islanders and veterans of the United States Military,

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the Petosa brothers: Mario Sr., Joseph, Michael, and Angelo.

Mario Sr. served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1947, fighting in the Pacific theater during World War II from the Aleutian Islands in Alaska to Okinawa in Japan. Mario received numerous decorations for his service including two Purple Hearts and six Bronze Battle Stars. Joseph served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946, reaching the rank of Metalsmith Third Class and receiving the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon and 4 Bronze Battle Stars. Michael served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946 and was awarded the American Service Medal for his actions during the occupation of Japan. Angelo's service in the U.S. Navy began after World War II and he remained in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1972, eventually achieving the rank of Lieutenant.

These brothers represent the best among us: a family dedicated to this country. They served America, fighting for our freedom during World War II and during the Cold War. With every day that passes, it becomes more and more important that we all work to recognize their accomplishments and preserve their stories for future generations. Our children and our children's children must know the sacrifices they made so many years ago so that we may be free today.

The Petosa brothers are proof not just of the greatness of our community on Staten Island, but of the entire country. They came here as immigrants from Italy, making tremendous sacrifices not just to call this country home, but to put their lives on the line to defend it. This is a testament not only to the character of these men, but to the country they chose to live in and serve. That spirit lives on in the United States military today, in men and women like the ones I served with in Afghanistan who were willing to risk it all first to become an American, and then to protect that right for others.

So Madam Speaker, during this Italian-American Heritage Month, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing Mario Sr., Joseph, Michael, and Angelo Petosa, four Italian-American heroes who dedicated their lives to serving to this country and who represent the best of Staten Island.

IN RECOGNITION OF SCHROEDER'S
FLOWERS 120 YEARS OF SUCCESS

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 120th anniversary of Schroeder's Flowers.

This family-owned flower shop began in 1899 when award-winning florist Carl Meier immigrated from Germany to Green Bay and opened his own flower shop. A few years after opening, Carl asked Otto Schroeder to leave Germany and help him grow his business. Schroeder stayed in Green Bay and later married Carl's daughter, Clara, and the business was renamed Schroeder's Flowers.

Schroeder's Flowers has always been a family business. In 1949, Otto's son, Otto Jr., took over the business and moved the location of the shop to Webster Avenue in Allouez. Today the business is run by fourth and fifth

generation owners, Charles and Peggy Schroeder and their son, Brian.

Schroeder's Flowers remains a pillar of the Green Bay community. Its prioritization of customer service has created a loyal customer base that depends on Schroeder's for its floral design expertise. Through the years, Schroeder's Flowers has fostered a strong relationship with its customers, who have showed continuous support for the family and their business. From a small shop that used to deliver flowers by horse and wagon, to one that has adapted to the changing economy and now processes orders online, Schroeder's Flowers continues to evolve and provide customers with quality service and beautiful floral arrangements.

Family-run small businesses are the backbone of the American economy. I am proud to have such a flourishing business in my district that puts the needs of the community and its customers first. It is encouraging to see a local business succeed across two centuries, and to continue to uphold the values of Northeast Wisconsin. Family's like the Schroeders are what make our district great, and I am proud to represent them.

Madam speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Schroeder's Flowers on 120 strong years in business. I wish the Schroeder family many more years of continued success.

IN HONOR OF DONALD L. VITNUM

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Director Donald L. Vittum, who is retiring after nearly 50 years of service to the citizens of New Hampshire. Throughout his distinguished career, Director Vittum has served as a Durham Police Officer, NH State Trooper, Chief of Police for Lebanon and Rochester, and, most recently, as the Director of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council since 2006.

Director Vittum has always distinguished himself as a person of the highest integrity and a champion of law enforcement training. He has received numerous awards, including the 2018 New Hampshire Congressional Law Enforcement Award for Career Service. A graduate of the 139th FBI National Academy, Director Vittum has not only helped keep our communities safe but he has also shared his expertise with the next generation of aspiring community servants by serving as an adjunct professor of criminal justice.

Law enforcement today looks very different than when Director Vittum began his career. But Director Vittum's high integrity and commitment to serving his communities have helped him adapt to the changing landscape and remain effective in every position he has held. This commitment has left a lasting impact on the law enforcement community—in nearly every police department across our state, one can find officers and officials who count Director Vittum as both a mentor and friend.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Director Vittum and his family for their decades of dedication to our community. I

congratulate him on his accomplished law enforcement career, and I wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, October 15, I was not present for Roll Call votes 556 and 557. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Yea" on Roll Call 556, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2385, to permit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a grant program to conduct cemetery research and produce educational materials for the Veterans Legacy Program, and

"Yea" on Roll Call 557, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 95, the Homeless Veteran Families Act.

CONGRATULATING ALICE DEAL MIDDLE SCHOOL, BLESSED SACRAMENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, JOHN W. ROSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, KIPP DC HEIGHTS ACADEMY AND ST. PETER SCHOOL

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating five District of Columbia schools recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as National Blue Ribbon Schools.

For the past 37 years, the Department of Education has recognized schools for overall academic excellence or for reducing achievement gaps. Since 1982, over 40 schools in the District have been recognized as National Blue Ribbon Schools. This year, Alice Deal Middle School, Blessed Sacrament Elementary School, John W. Ross Elementary School, KIPP DC Heights Academy and St. Peter School were selected as National Blue Ribbon Schools.

Alice Deal Middle School, located in Northwest DC, was established in 1982 and serves 1,506 students. As an International Baccalaureate School, the committed staff and teachers promote a global learning environment. Students study one of three languages—Chinese, French or Spanish—and have the opportunity to go abroad in 8th grade. I applaud Alice Deal for developing and encouraging students to be global citizens and for its recognition this year as a National Blue Ribbon School.

Located in Chevy Chase, DC, Blessed Sacrament strives to provide quality Catholic education through a caring community that promotes academic excellence and a life of service. This is the second time Blessed Sacrament has been named a National Blue Ribbon School. In 2012, Blessed Sacrament was also recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School under the category of Exemplary High Performing Schools. I applaud Blessed Sacrament for its recognition this year as a National Blue Ribbon School.

John W. Ross Elementary School, located in the heart of Dupont Circle, has shown commitment to hiring excellent teachers who care deeply about their students. With its school motto, "Embraced for who you are and Empowered to be more," John W. Ross Elementary School promotes and values students in a holistic way. I applaud John W. Ross for its recognition this year as a National Blue Ribbon School.

KIPP DC Heights Academy, located in Southeast DC, is known for the importance it places on achievement, community and persistence. Well deserving of this award, KIPP has closed achievement gaps among student subgroups, raising the academic playing field for all. Their strong culture of collaboration and excellence motivates teachers and students alike to work together and become stronger thinkers, readers, writers and mathematicians. I applaud KIPP DC Heights Academy for its recognition this year as a National Blue Ribbon School.

St. Peter School, located in my own Capitol Hill neighborhood, was founded in 1868 by the Sisters of the Holy Cross for the purposes of taking a holistic approach in order to educate the whole child. St. Peter School is committed to cultivating a dedicated team of faculty and staff in one of the oldest continuously operating Catholic elementary schools in Washington, DC. I applaud St. Peter School for its recognition this year as a National Blue Ribbon School.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Alice Deal Middle School, Blessed Sacrament Elementary School, John W. Ross Elementary School, KIPP DC Heights Academy and St. Peter School for their recognition as National Blue Ribbon Schools.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. GALLEGO. Madam Speaker, I missed two votes on October 15, 2019.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 556, and YEA on Roll Call No. 557.

CELEBRATING THE CITY OF SANTA ANA'S SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the City of Santa Ana, California on October 27, 2019.

The City of Santa Ana was founded on October 27, 1869 by William H. Spurgeon. Santa Ana rapidly became a hub for commercial, financial, and manufacturing businesses. To this day, the city remains a key pillar to Orange County and its culture.

The City of Santa Ana, commonly regarded by locals as "Downtown Orange County" or as the Golden City for its impressive culture and lively history, is the second most-populous city in Orange County with more than 300,000 residents. Located just a few miles away from the Pacific Ocean, Santa Ana is home to an array of attractions, including the Santa Ana Zoo, Grand Central Art Center, Bowers Museum of Cultural Art, and Discovery Museum of Orange County.

Today I ask that all Members join me in recognizing the 150th anniversary of the vibrant and wonderful City of Santa Ana, California.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FREELAND AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 473 ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Freeland American Legion Post No. 473 on the 100th anniversary of its founding. The Freeland American Legion Post No. 473 is a highly respected veterans' organization located in Northeastern Pennsylvania. In its 100 years, the Post has overcome many obstacles, but, through the determination and dedication of its members, it has withstood the test of time and flourished.

In December 1919, Freeland American Legion Post No. 473 received its charter from the national American Legion organization. The first members were men who served the U.S. during World War I as soldiers or in a naval capacity and received an honorable discharge. In fall 1920, the first Commander, John Rugens, presided over the decision to name the Post "Freeland Post" in honor of the 400 Freeland, Pennsylvania men who enlisted to serve during World War I.

The early years of Freeland American Legion Post No. 473 saw low membership, but, under the leadership of Commander R.R. Oberrender and Commander Thomas Welshko, the post persevered and eventually grew into the thriving organization it is today. In 1924, the first Legion Home was purchased, though it would not be the last. Through the late 1920s into the 1930s, Freeland American Legion Post No. 473 moved its Legion Home to several different locations before finally relocating in 2000 to its permanent home at 532 Centre Street in Freeland.

Throughout its 100-year history, the Post has been a pivotal force within the community. Freeland's Semi-Centennial Celebration was sponsored by Freeland American Legion Post No. 473, and its members served on several of the event's planning committees. The Post oversaw the planting of a memorial grove around Freeland High School with name plates on each tree recognizing service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The Legion Auxiliary was eventually organized, first under temporary Chairlady Mrs. R.L. Seitzinger, and then Mrs. A.A. Redelin was elected to inaugurally lead the Auxiliary. In September 1928, Freeland American Legion Post No. 473 Drum and Bugle

Corps was organized with thirty men participating, and, by 1930, the group would be recognized as one of the leading Bugle Corps in the country.

Today, Freeland American Legion Post 473 is very active and well-respected in the community. The Post now also encompasses the American Legion Riders, who help raise funds for children's hospitals, schools, veterans' homes, severely wounded servicemembers, and scholarships. On September 28, 2019, the Post donated \$1,200 to the District 12 VA Canteen Fund, and, recently, the Legion Riders had their 14th Emilio Ranieri Run, which is an annual event that benefits the daughter of one of their members.

It is an honor to recognize the Freeland American Legion Post No. 473 on its 100th anniversary. This is a remarkable achievement, and I wish the organization much continued success in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBRA A. HAALAND

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Ms. HAALAND. Madam Speaker, on October 15th, I missed Roll Call votes 556 and 557. Had I been present, I would have voted "Aye" on Roll Call 556 on the bill H.R. 2385, legislation to create a grant program to support the Veterans Legacy Program and ensure that our veterans are not forgotten. I also would have voted "Aye" on Roll Call 557 on H.R. 95, the Homeless Veteran Families Act. As a cosponsor of the bill and the daughter of two military veterans, I strongly believe that we owe it to those who served our country to ensure that they and their families have a safe place to live.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF MIKE ROLLINS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the retirement of Mike Rollins after 40 years of service with Coosa Valley Youth Services.

Coosa Valley Youth Services works with the juvenile court systems of Calhoun County. Rollins has been involved at the facility in some form or another since it opened its doors in 1974. Rollins even spent time as a detainee when he was in his teens and several years after that, he applied to work at the center part-time in maintenance.

Over the years, he worked his way up to guard, manager and all the way to the top as Executive Director. The center has grown and now has 70 employees and 90 plus program participants and detainees. Rollins has a heart for the children and has helped so many of them get back on the right path.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mike and congratulating him on his retirement after a wonderful career.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF A FIERCE ADVOCATE AND VITAL MEMBER OF THE TAMPA BAY COMMUNITY, ROGER A. VAUGHAN, JR.

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life and contributions of a fierce advocate and vital member of the Tampa Bay community, Roger A. Vaughan, Jr. who passed away on July 3, 2019, at the age of 84. Roger positively impacted Tampa Bay in innumerable ways. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jean, their 4 children, 12 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and 4 siblings.

Roger was born in Washington, D.C. and attended St. Anselm's high school. He graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York, and earned his law degree from George Washington University. Roger was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1964, and just three years later co-founded his own law firm, located in beautiful downtown Tampa. Roger became a nationally respected maritime lawyer and represented the claimants in the Sunshine Skyway Bridge case. Roger fought for the victims of one of the worst bridge disasters in history after a freighter ship struck a pier supporting the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. His efforts ensured that the victims and their families were properly compensated and that those at fault were held responsible.

Roger was beloved in the community for his generosity, his selfless disposition to serving those in need and loyal devotion to his family. He also dedicated a large part of his life to helping seamen, other maritime workers and the maritime legal community. He co-authored: "Maritime Law & Practice," The Florida Bar, 1980 Edition, 1987 Edition.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Florida and my neighbors across Tampa Bay, I am proud to honor Roger A. Vaughan, Jr. Roger represents the best Tampa has to offer, his advocacy on behalf of victims and families in the Tampa Bay community is worthy of our respect. Roger A. Vaughan, Jr. leaves behind a legacy of fierce advocacy, service and family. His legacy is cemented into the history of our community and will never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, on October 15, 2019, I missed one roll call vote. Had I been present I would have voted: "yes" on Roll Call Vote 557, H.R. 95, the Homeless Veteran Families Act.

RECOGNIZING PAMELA WILHOITE STROMAN

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the life and work of Pamela Wilhoite Stroman on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Stroman was born in Rapidan, Virginia on October 22, 1919. She was the second of three children. In her early teens, she moved to Washington, DC, where she attended Garnett Patterson Jr. High School and Armstrong High School.

After passing the government worker's entrance exam, Stroman worked for 35 years at the Federal Bureau of Engraving and Printing as a final assembler of paper money. She retired in 1974.

As an avid sports lover, she calls herself Tiger Wood's grandmother and coaches him, and the Washington football team, from her living room. She wears T-shirts for good luck and knows all the scores, statistics, players and officials by name.

Stroman is a resident of Ward 5 in the Stronghold community, where she is one of the oldest neighbors. She was one of 15 original residents in the "White Hat Patrol", a group of residents who monitored security in the neighborhood. She is the mother of two daughters, Tayloria and India, and the wife of David Stroman.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the life and work of Pamela Wilhoite Stroman on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF GARRETSON FORGE AND FARM

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Garretson Forge and Farm, a national historical landmark in Fair Lawn, New Jersey. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the settlement of Garretson in 1719. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the volunteers of Garretson Forge and Farm Restoration, Inc., this special property has been preserved and kept open to the community. In recognition of Garretson's anniversary, I would like to include in the RECORD the poem "A Heritage to Keep," by William F. Haywood which captures the long history of Garretson Forge and Farm, a Bergen County treasure.

The traffic moves in swifter pace
Around the bend that holds this place
In gentle curves where time has flown
And countless passers it has known,

The silent step of moccasin,
The echoing of forge's din;
A gangling pine saw all of these,
New homes replacing other trees.

The continental soldier came,
Lone hunter seeking wary game,
A farmer tilling fertile soil
Where the river turns its coil.
So generations came and went

Through seasons ill and fairly spent.
The Garretsons had built to last,
While time has added to the past
A heritage for here and now—
To keep it whole should be our vow.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Garretson Forge and Farm's 300th anniversary, I know that we will continue to enjoy Garretson for many generations to come.

RECOGNIZING CHARLIE DUNIGAN

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charlie Dunigan from Jackson, Michigan as he prepares to retire at the end of the year, completing a 42-year career in the construction industry.

Started by Charlie's father, Joseph, Dunigan Brothers, Inc. is a well-respected underground construction company that has serviced the Jackson area and beyond for more than 70 years. Growing up, Charlie spent many nights and weekends working for the family-owned business prior to joining full-time after completing high school.

Throughout his tenure, Charlie and Dunigan Brothers have largely specialized in various types of sewer and water construction projects, including building critical infrastructure around more than 20 lakes throughout Michigan. They played an important role in safeguarding the beauty and ecosystems of these lakes, something we take with great pride in the Great Lakes State.

Despite the many notable projects he has overseen, Charlie would tell you the most fulfilling part of his career is the wonderful people he has worked with over the years.

Charlie's days at Dunigan Brothers may be coming to an end, but his commitment to giving back and making the community a better place will be remembered for years to come.

I congratulate Charlie on his long and distinguished career, and wish him a happy retirement with his wife, Laurie, and his children and grandchildren.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 95, the Homeless Veteran Families Act, which I am proud to co-sponsor. I regret that I was unable to cast my vote in support of this legislation, but I am pleased that it passed with strong bipartisan support.

The issue of homeless veterans in the greater Los Angeles area is a pressing one, and this legislation is an important step to help address the crisis. Specifically, the bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to pay a partial per diem to the VA's Homeless Grant Per Diem service providers supporting our nation's homeless veterans with children, making sure that veterans and their

families receive housing and supportive services. I commend the sponsor of the legislation and hope that it can swiftly be enacted.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 557.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mrs. TRAHAN. Madam Speaker, on October 15, 2019, I was unable to participate in the vote series. I would like the record to reflect how I would have voted if I were present; YEA on Roll Call No. 556, and YEA on Roll Call No. 557.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House Chamber on October 15, 2019, to attend important events in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on Roll Call No. 556 and yes on Roll Call No. 557.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARTIN C. PENETAR, D.O. FFAFP, RECIPIENT OF THE ITALIAN AMERICAN MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Martin C. Penetar, who received the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County's Italian American Man of the Year Award along with his brother, Attorney Daniel L. Penetar. The brothers continue the legacy of their father, the late Judge Daniel L. Penetar, Sr., who was president of the association in 1959 and Man of the Year in 1976. Martin and Daniel were honored on Sunday, October 13, 2019 during the organization's annual dinner honoring the voyage of Christopher Columbus.

Martin received his bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Scranton, and he then went on to the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine to complete his medical education. He started his medical career in 1988 as the chief intern at the Shenango Valley Medical Center in Hermitage, Pennsylvania. He then served as chief resident from 1989 to 1991 at the Wyoming Valley Family Practice and as an emergency room physician from 1990 to 1993 at the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital and Mercy Hospital Scranton. Currently, he operates a family practice in Clarks Summit with partners Dr. Philip Boccagno and Dr. Dominic Ruggiero. Martin is also the team doctor for the AAA baseball Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders.

As a preceptor, Martin has given personal instruction, training, and supervision to nurse

practitioner students, medical students, and young physicians from the University of Scranton, Allied Medical Tech, and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is also on the clinical faculty of the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine.

Martin is a member of the American Board of Family Practice, American Academy of Family Practice, Lackawanna County Medical Society, Pennsylvania Medical Society, American Medical Association, and American Academy of Family Physicians. His community involvement includes the Columbus Day Association, UNICO Scranton Chapter, Victor Alfieri Club, and volunteering for the pizza frita stand at the St. Joseph's Festival for 30 years.

Martin is married to Dr. Barbara Penetar, and they have three children, Julianna, Elisa, and Christopher.

It is an honor to recognize Martin as he is named the Italian American Man of the Year by the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County. May he continue to honorably represent and support the Italian American community for many years to come.

HONORING CITY YEAR/SILICON VALLEY

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 25th Anniversary of City Year San Jose/Silicon Valley and acknowledge its work and accomplishments.

City Year San Jose/Silicon Valley ("City Year") was founded in 1993. Susan Hammer, the Mayor of San Jose during City Year's early years, supported City Year's mission. She played a key role in connecting City Year to important partners in our San Jose community. Today, City Year prepares 138 AmeriCorps Members who help in over a dozen elementary, middle, and high schools. Its programs reach over 7,000 students each year through partnerships with public schools in our most challenged communities.

City Year's diverse AmeriCorps teams serve as tutors, mentors, and role models, helping to provide research-based student, in classrooms and city wide. City Year strives to help students stay in school and on track to graduate from high school with a solid foundation for college and future careers. A recent study showed that students from schools that partnered with City Year were likely to demonstrate improvement on mathematics and English language arts assessments.

Madam Speaker, I hereby recognize and commend City Year for its dedicated work to improve educational access for all students, regardless of background. Today, we honor City Year San Jose/Silicon Valley for 25 years of service in our Santa Clara County community and for helping our students strive for a better future.

IN RECOGNITION OF TIFFANY JOHNSON COLE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the Tiffany Johnson Cole. Tiffany is an attorney with the Law Offices of Robert Simms Thompson, PC in Tuskegee, Alabama.

She handles cases in the areas of automobile products liability, negligence, wrongful death, trucking litigation, fraud and breach of contract. Tiffany made history when she became the first female to be appointed as Municipal Court Judge in the City of Tuskegee.

Tiffany received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Spelman College and her Juris Doctorate from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University. She is licensed to practice law in Alabama and Georgia.

Tiffany is a member of the North Florida Child Development Center Board and the Alabama A&M Board of Trustees. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc where she serves as the Alabama Social Action Coordinator. Tiffany is a member of the Alabama State Bar Association, Alabama Association for Justice, Macon County Bar Association, the Links Incorporated and Jack and Jill of America. Tiffany was recognized as one of the most influential persons in Macon County and most recently named as one of the Women of Shape the State of Alabama.

Tiffany is married to Jermaine and together they share five children.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Tiffany and congratulating her on appointment as the first female Municipal Court Judge in the City of Tuskegee.

HONORING DR. ANNE FRIESEN AS MOORE COUNTY WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Anne Friesen as the recipient of the Moore County Woman of the Year Award.

The Woman of the Year Award is a prestigious honor presented annually by the Moore County Community Foundation to individuals that have impacted Moore County through charitable works and community service. Dr. Friesen has more than 20 years of professional experience in human services and serves as Executive Director of Friend to Friend, a Moore County non-profit whose mission is to help survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking rebuild their lives. During her tenure at Friend to Friend, she quickly responded to a devastating fire and oversaw the creation of a new, state-of-the-art shelter within one year.

In addition to this important work, Dr. Friesen serves on the boards of The North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and The North Carolina Coalition Against Human Trafficking. In 2018, she earned her

Doctorate of Education in Leadership and Professional Practices from Trevecca University and holds graduate and undergraduate degrees from the University of Kansas.

Dr. Friesen has made an immeasurable impact on our community and is deserving of this distinction. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish her success as she continues to serve our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Dr. Anne Friesen for her service to our community and being named the Moore County Woman of the Year.

HONORING LYNDEL "JOE"
WISHCAMPER

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Lyndel "Joe" Wishcamper on his outstanding advocacy for and production of affordable housing. I was thrilled to learn that Joe will receive this year's Affordable Housing Vision Award from the National Housing & Rehabilitation Association. I cannot think of a more deserving recipient.

In his nearly 50 years as a community developer Joe has owned, developed, or redeveloped over 15,000 affordable housing units throughout the country. These include many units throughout Maine including ones in Portland, Eastport, Camden, Freeport, Bath, Rockland, and Wiscasset. He became an early practitioner of historic rehabilitation when he converted a vacant school building in downtown Portland to senior affordable housing. He later reduced their energy costs as well as reduced global warming by investing in a solar farm.

Beyond his work in affordable housing, Joe has also been an asset to the Maine community serving on the boards of countless businesses and nonprofits, including Maine Medical Center, the Nature Conservancy, and the University of Maine System. In recognition of his contributions to the community he has been awarded both the Spurwink Humanitarian of the Year and the Colby College Philanthropy Award.

While we are very proud of Joe and his contributions to his home state, this is a national award and many states have benefitted from his work and his philanthropy. His life's work has earned him many honors. This is a particularly significant one that merits special note.

Congratulations to Joe Wishcamper for this award. I look forward to his continued efforts to create safe, decent, and affordable housing and to his many philanthropic endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF JACK VAN LOAN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, America and South Carolina have

lost a True Hero and Patriot in the passing of Col. Jack Van Loan. Roxanne and I offer our deepest sympathies to his wife Linda and his family. The fitting tribute is from The State of Columbia, South Carolina:

Jack Van Loan, an Oregon native and fighter pilot who spent six years in the infamous Hanoi Hilton as a prisoner of war in Vietnam and then served for 20 years as executive director of the Five Points Association in Columbia, has died. He was 87.

"He was a mentor, a colleague, a co-chair and a friend to me," former Five Points Association executive director Merritt McNeely posted on Facebook. "More than that, he was a true American hero and he loved and fought for Five Points like no one else. Rest In Peace my friend, Jack."

Mayor Steve Benjamin said city flags will be flown at half-staff this week in Van Loan's honor.

"He was a gentleman, stern, loving and a leader," the mayor said. "These men served our country in some of the most challenging situations, never lost their spirit and continued to serve. Jack led the charge in Five Points. When Jack calls you come. He was unique. He was special."

Van Loan received his undergraduate degree from Oregon State in 1954. He spent 30 years in the Air Force. He was a POW for six years, held in the same prison as the late Sen. John McCain.

Van Loan was shot down over North Vietnam on May 20, 1967. He injured his knee when he parachuted, and his captors made the injury worse through torture.

The torture, which became more horrifying, continued for most of his six years of captivity.

Van Loan published a book about his experience in captivity, "Chained Eagles, The Story of Col. Jack Van Loan and the Vietnam POWs in North Vietnam."

He wrote the book because he thought what the POWs experienced needed to be remembered.

"I kept being asked questions about it and realized I needed to write it up," he told The State. "It was a very difficult thing for me to do, to write it out."

Van Loan quickly learned his captors had no intention of adhering to the Geneva Convention, a treaty adopted to protect prisoners of war from the atrocities he suffered. The North Vietnamese torturers unsuccessfully tried to beat information from him.

He wrote in his book, "I wasn't going to tell them about those targets, but I was going to have to come up with something. I tried to knock myself out by beating my head on the floor but that didn't work out. All I was doing was bloodying up my forehead and getting blood in my eyes."

"I just was a total mess. . . . I had just never, ever experienced any pain like that. I just didn't think that it was possible."

Van Loan was released on March 4, 1973, with the second large group of POWs to be freed after the Paris Peace Accords ended America's involvement in the war. He had been held for 70 months.

Van Loan, a colonel, settled in Columbia after retiring from duty at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter. He served for 20 years as executive director of the Five Points Association, and is credited with being the force behind the success of the urban village's annual St. Patrick's Day celebration.

He is honored with a statue in Five Points that portrays him emerging from captivity.

At the time the statue was dedicated, Van Loan was honored by the like of U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-SC.

"Jack sacrificed for his country in a way few have ever done," Graham said at the time. "As a POW he stayed true to the traditions of an American fighting man held in captivity. He's an inspiration, a role model, and a credit to South Carolina in every way."

BENJAMIN MOORE

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great American company with a steadfast commitment to American manufacturing and job creation headquartered in my District, the Fifth Congressional District of New Jersey.

Benjamin Moore currently employs approximately 1,000 individuals and is headquartered in Montvale, New Jersey. Since its founding in 1883, in Brooklyn, Benjamin Moore has maintained an unwavering commitment to selling only through authorized, independent, locally owned and operated paint and decorating retailers.

From Benjamin's Moore's humble beginnings in 1883 with one product—Moore's Prepared Calsom Finish—to now, one of America's leading manufacturers of paints, stains and finishes, is truly a great American story.

In the Fifth District of New Jersey, Benjamin Moore has maintained a commitment to creating jobs and manufacturing their paints and stains in America.

Benjamin Moore has also made sustainable manufacturing practices a major component of their company practice, leading to receiving the "Green" Good Housekeeping Seal and the Edison "Best New Product Award for Sustainability." In 2015, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America announced that Benjamin Moore's most environmentally friendly paint, Natura, has been certified Asthma and Allergy Friendly.

As the Representative for the Fifth Congressional District of New Jersey, I am proud to recognize Benjamin Moore for their commitment to American jobs and manufacturing, sustainability, and all that the company has accomplished.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Benjamin Moore for the company's commitment to the Fifth Congressional District of New Jersey and to the country and look forward to many great years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on October 15, 2019 for Roll Call Vote 556 and Roll Call Vote 557. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 556 and yea on Roll Call Vote 557.

REMEMBERING E.A. CARMEAN, JR.

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to note the passing of art historian E.A. Carmean, Jr., who died Saturday in our nation's capital at age 74. Mr. Carmean was the founding curator of 20th century art at the National Gallery of Art in Washington from 1974 to 1984, working to open the I.M. Pei-designed East Building for its Modernist collection in 1978. During his tenure at the National Gallery of Art, he curated important exhibitions on Georges Braque and David Smith, and on individual works, such as Picasso's *The Saltimbanques*, in 1980. He also acquired important works for the national gallery, including Jackson Pollack's Number 1, 1950 (*Lavender Mist*), and commissioned some of the last public works by such masters as Joan Miro, Henry Moore and Alexander Calder. In 1984, he was appointed director of the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth and, from 1992 to 1997, led the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art.

In Memphis during his tenure, the Brooks hosted exhibitions on the watercolors of John James Audubon, the *Jewels of the Romanovs* and medieval icons. Mr. Carmean left the Brooks to enter Memphis Theological Seminary and later joined the staff of St. George's Episcopal Church in Germantown, Tennessee, and was named Lay Canon for Art and Architecture by the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee with a license to preach.

Born in Springfield, Illinois, Mr. Carmean received a B.A. in Art History from MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois, and worked toward but did not complete an M.A. at the University of Illinois, while teaching. He was later given an honorary doctorate from MacMurray.

After leaving the museum world, he continued to write about art and religion, often for *The Wall Street Journal*, which in September published his "A Choice at the Final Minute," a meditation on the 15th century Hieronymous Bosch alterpiece *Death and the Miser*. He also wrote the forward to *Elvis: The Personal Archives*, a selection of Elvis photographs that were part of an exhibit at the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh, in 2005.

I would like to extend my condolences to his wife, Kathryn Shelton Carmean, his daughter, Elizabeth Carmean Adams, and his two grandchildren, as well as members of the St. George's community in Germantown and his many friends and admirers. He led an inspired life.

CELEBRATING KATHERINE
CAMPBELL

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Katherine Campbell, who turns 100 later this year. Born on November 11, 1919, her birthday coincided with the first Armistice Day after World War I, which later became Veterans Day.

Katherine, known to her friends and loved ones as "Aunt Kitty," was born in St. Louis be-

fore moving to Carbondale as a young girl. It was there where she met and then later married her first husband, Neal. After having two sons, Katherine worked at the town's Dodge dealership for many years. When Neal passed away, Katherine moved to Louisville and married her second husband, Bob, before moving back to Carbondale where she still lives today. Known to be sweet and caring to anyone she meets, Katherine is a true friend and loving mother and grandmother.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Katherine Campbell on her milestone 100th birthday. On behalf of Southern Illinois, happy birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF DANIEL L.
PENETAR, JR., RECIPIENT OF
THE ITALIAN AMERICAN MAN OF
THE YEAR AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Attorney Daniel L. Penetar, Jr., who received the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County's Italian American Man of the Year Award along with his brother, Dr. Martin C. Penetar. The brothers continue the legacy of their father, the late Judge Daniel L. Penetar, Sr., who was president of the association in 1959 and Man of the Year in 1976. Daniel and Martin were honored Sunday, October 13, 2019 during the organization's annual dinner honoring the voyage of Christopher Columbus.

Daniel is a 1972 graduate of Scranton Preparatory School, and he earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Scranton in 1976. In 1979, Daniel completed his juris doctorate at Duquesne University School of Law.

Daniel has found continual success in his legal career since it began in 1979. He is admitted to practice before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the Lackawanna Court of Common Pleas, and the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and he is a member of the American Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, and the Lackawanna Bar Association. He is the owner of the Gazda and Penetar Law Firm, and he is the solicitor for the Taylor and Scranton Zoning Boards, as well as the Lackawanna County Sheriffs Office, Real Estate Division. He has served as the Special Solicitor for Lackawanna Tax Claim Bureau for Judicial Sales since 2008. Daniel is the chairman for the Board of Viewers of Lackawanna County and a Title Agent for Old Republic National Title Insurance Company. In recognition of his impressive legal career, the Lackawanna Bar Association awarded him the President's Award in 2015 and the Exemplary Service Award in 2019.

In addition to his impressive legal career, Daniel has been very active in his community. He served as the president for the Columbus Day Association in 1988, Family Services of Lackawanna County in 1989, and the Monroe Softball League from 1980 to 2001. From 1984 to 1994, Daniel served as the treasurer for the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association of Wrestling Officials. He is also a

member of the UNICO Scranton Chapter and Victor Alfieri Club.

Daniel has been married to Michele Germain for 38 years. He is the proud father of two children, Cristina and Daniel III.

It is an honor to recognize Daniel as he is named the Italian American Man of the Year by the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County. May he continue to honorably represent and support the Italian American community for many years to come.

HONORING HUGH BINGHAM AS
MOORE COUNTY MAN OF THE
YEAR

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hugh Bingham as the recipient of the Moore County Man of the Year Award.

The Man of the Year Award is a prestigious honor presented annually by the Moore County Community Foundation to individuals that have impacted Moore County through charitable works and community service. As Executive Vice President of First Bank, Mr. Bingham oversees 21 branches that cover 9 counties and has been a staple in many civic organizations over the years. He has served on the boards of The O'Neal School, Penick Village Foundation, Sandhills Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership at Sandhills Community College, and St. Joseph of the Pines.

In addition to this important work, Mr. Bingham served as the United Way Campaign Chair from 2018 to 2019 and is a former President of the Moore County Community Foundation. A proud father and grandfather, he attends Southern Pines United Methodist Church with his wife, Jill Ward Bingham.

Mr. Bingham has made an immeasurable impact on our community and is deserving of this distinction. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him success as he continues to serve our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Hugh Bingham for his service to our community and being named the Moore County Man of the Year.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 WEEK OF
POSITIVE CHANGE, NON-
VIOLENCE, AND OPPORTUNITIES

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2019 Week of Positive Change, Nonviolence and Opportunities which runs from October 12 to October 19, 2019. This week was created to remind us of the toll that violence is taking in our communities but also to remind and reaffirm that we can all help to end the violence.

During this week, events will take place in communities throughout the nation to discuss solutions and partnerships that will help to protect our communities from violence. I urge my colleagues to learn more about the events in their communities.

As Congress considers ways to address the deadly gun violence that is plaguing too many of our communities, one of the central themes and solutions to consider are ways to increase resources and training available to community members themselves to help prevent or de-escalate conflict that can help break the deadly cycle that violence has in our communities.

There is no question that stronger gun laws are an important part of efforts to prevent gun violence. I again urge Senator MCCONNELL to take up the bills the House has already passed that would help strengthen background checks, a move which is broadly supported by the American public, and to close the Charleston loophole that allows gun sales to go through if not completed within three days.

But just as critical is the need to develop and strengthen community wide resources and tools that can help prevent violence, including gun violence, in the first place. One such way is to increase support so that a broader range of individuals in communities can learn conflict prevention and de-escalation and violence interruption strategies that can help prevent situations from turning violent while helping to connect individuals to community supports.

Now more than ever we need to explore all the ways to end this epidemic of violence. A study published in the October 2019 issue of Health Affairs shows that the rate at which Americans died from firearm injuries increased sharply starting in 2015. And while high profile mass shootings make up a small portion of these incidences, the vast majority are from the daily violence that too many of our communities continue to endure.

According to that study, the United States saw a 14 percent rise in the rate of gun-related deaths of all kinds from 2015 to 2017 compared with the rate from 1999 to 2014.

Like other cities around the country, the city of Milwaukee has experienced multiple forms of violence that have caused significant injury and trauma for individuals, families, and neighborhoods. From 2010 to 2016, there has been a 76 percent increase in firearm-related homicide victims, a 38 percent increase in nonfatal shooting victims, and a 43 percent increase in combined victims.

During this time of crisis with violence happening around the country, we need to focus on how all elements of our society, government and the communities themselves, can work to help end violence.

We need to invest in policies and programs that could literally save lives. Communities standing together can make a difference.

I applaud the organizations that have come together to sponsor this week and help make our communities safer including Black Women for Positive Change, the National Black Nurses Association, Moms Demand Action and others.

In addition, governors in Wisconsin, Colorado, Michigan, and Virginia have all issued proclamations recognizing this week.

HONORING ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Rockland Community College as the in-

stitution begins a year-long celebration of its 60th anniversary this month.

Six decades ago, a group of community leaders boldly transformed an old almshouse and 27 acres of farm land into an institution of higher education. Since then, Rockland Community College has provided quality, affordable education to students of all ages and been an important resource to the residents of the Lower Hudson Valley.

The institution's motto—"to learn, to search, to serve"—has guided students in their academic journeys ensuring they are supported every step of the way. With more than 500 full and part-time faculty members, support and one-on-one help is readily available to all students.

Madam Speaker, I urge my fellow Members of Congress to join me in expressing congratulations and thanks to both former and current Rockland Community College administrators, Board members, faculty, staff and students for making and keeping the college such a vibrant part of our community for 60 years.

RECOGNIZING HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DELAWARE, OHIO FOR THEIR DESIGNATION OF "GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD" BY THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Delaware, Ohio as they are recognized by the American Planning Association as one of America's "Great Neighborhoods."

The American Planning Association introduced the first of its annual "Great Places" list in 2007 as a way to acknowledge the ingenuity and precision of city planners, city members, and local organizations around the country. The American Planning Association strives to expose the importance of city planners and their impact on communities.

Chosen from a pool of 200 nominees, Downtown Delaware became one of four neighborhoods around the country to receive this prestigious title. Throughout the nomination process, Downtown Delaware stood out for its outstanding revitalization and attention to the city's history. This impressive balance between historical preservation and innovative expansion can be credited to the city planners, business owners, workers, and community members of Historic Downtown Delaware that dedicated their time to improving their city.

The historic downtown area remains as one of Delaware's defining elements. Rooted in 200 years of history, Downtown Delaware's charm and antiquity have withstood the test of time. This achievement showcases both the beauty of this historic community as well as the thorough planning that went into the creation of Downtown Delaware. Downtown Delaware's revival has been decades in the making and Delaware's nomination as one of America's Great Neighborhoods is the honor this city and its dedicated citizens deserve.

Downtown Delaware's established history, set alongside up-and-coming innovations and improvements, creates for a one-of-a-kind city found in the heart of Ohio. The efforts of

Downtown Delaware's city planners and the community as a whole set high standards for cities all over America. As the city of Delaware celebrates its new title with the community on Thursday, October 17th, I cannot express how honored I am to serve the committed people of Delaware as their efforts resulted in this national recognition.

HONORING MR. LUIS LAURO LONGORIA

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Luis Lauro Longoria, a marine, a father, and a leader.

Mr. Longoria was born in La Grulla, Texas, on June 5, 1950, before he moved to Longview, Texas. In Longview, Luis attended Hart High School and graduated alongside a high school class of 32 students. After high school, Luis made the selfless and honorable decision to enlist in the military—at only 18 years old.

Mr. Luis Lauro Longoria chose to enlist in the United States Marine Corps in 1968, where he became a M60 Machine Gunner and a Recon Marine. Mr. Longoria honorably served in the Vietnam War and was stationed at Marine Quang Tri Province DMZ, Vietnam. While enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, Mr. Longoria served this country for four years of his early life, experiencing many aspects of military life.

Mr. Luis Lauro Longoria was decorated with two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star Medal for the injuries he sustained and courage he showed during his time in Vietnam. Everything we hold dear as a community, state, and country is owed to the brave sacrifice of service members like Mr. Longoria. I know that his legacy will inspire future generations to honorably serve our fellow man.

Mr. Longoria later returned to the United States where he met and married his wife, Olivia Longoria. Luis and Olivia have now been married for over 40 years and are the proud parents to their two sons, Luis Longoria II and Oly Longoria.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Luis Lauro Longoria fought to defend the values of the United States during the Vietnam War. He sacrificed his body, not once, but twice to accomplish the missions he was tasked with. He serves as both a light in our community and a leader. It is an honor to represent a dedicated and selfless individual who has greatly impacted the future of the United States and our beloved community. I wish Mr. Longoria the best in his future endeavors. I yield back the balance of my time.

RECOGNIZING STATESVILLE BRICK COMPANY FOR 128 YEARS OF BUSINESS

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Statesville Brick Company for 128 years of business.

Due to the Southeast's unique rivers that produce red clay deposits, North Carolina has long been at the center of the brick making economy. This includes companies like Statesville Brick Company which opened its doors in 1891. As times changed though and the post-World War II building boom began to slow, brick makers began closing shop, and small, local operations transitioned into large, interstate corporations. Statesville Brick Company, however, bucked that trend, and remains at heart the same family-run operation it was over a century ago.

For Statesville Brick Company Chief Executive Officer Michael Foster and President James E. "Sonny" Rankin, Jr. along with Executive Vice President Scott A. Rankin and Quality Control Manager Adam Foster, the brick business is a generational affair. Sonny's grandfather E.R. "Roy" Rankin joined the company in 1916 and oversaw the construction of an early iteration of the firm's plant while Michael's father, H.B. "Bob" Foster joined as a partner in 1969. Today, Statesville Brick Company currently employs over 90 people and their work can be found at some of our nation's most prestigious academic institutions such as Princeton University, Ohio State University, and Davidson College.

Statesville Brick Company's 128 years of business are a source of pride for our region, demonstrating how an operation dedicated to high craftsmanship with deep local roots can succeed and thrive in a changing landscape.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in celebrating Statesville Brick Company for 128 years of business.

PASSING OF MS. ELIZABETH J. WESLEY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor Ms. Elizabeth "Libby" Wesley, an extraordinary activist and dear friend from Palm Beach County, Florida.

Ms. Wesley was born in Defuniak Springs, Florida to William and Allie Mae Jackson. In 1958, she moved to Delray Beach, Florida where she began her 37-year career in the field of education as a classroom teacher, instructional television educator, and project manager of early childcare welfare and services with the Palm Beach County School District. Her steadfast commitment to quality education on the local, state, and national level and her expertise in the field of early childhood education and development was highly sought after by leading parent advocacy groups, businesses, and national and local legislators.

Ms. Wesley, affectionately known as Libby, gifted her talents, time, and voice to the community as a prolific speaker, soloist, community activist, organizer, and innovator. Throughout her 61 years as a member of St. Paul AME, she served as the church secretary, on the trustee board and finance committee, and lifted the spirits of the congregation with her signature rendition of Amazing Grace. Libby became a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. in 1954 at Florida A&M Uni-

versity. She continued the works of her beloved sisterhood first as a member of Delta Epsilon Zeta Chapter in West Palm Beach, and later a founding member of the Tri-City Chapter Omicron Delta Zeta.

Perhaps Ms. Wesley's most impactful community legacy was her role as a co-founder of the Roots Cultural Festival in Delray Beach. Her leadership of this festival grew a weekend celebrating Black American excellence and African culture into a year-round youth program that included music, culture, education, and athletic components.

Ms. Wesley was also the recipient of numerous prestigious awards for her contributions in the areas of volunteerism and leadership, including the Old School Square Life Achievement award, the Delray Beach Rotary Service Above Self award, the Sojourner Truth Living History award, the Jefferson Award, the JM Family Enterprises The Prestigious African-American Achiever's Award, the Publisher's Award from the Sun Sentinel, as well as the building and dedication of The Elizabeth "Libby" Jackson Wesley Plaza in Delray Beach.

Madam Speaker, my friend Libby dedicated her life to serving our community. She was admired, respected, and beloved by all. I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to her family and friends, during this time of great sadness. She will be dearly missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 556.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II, KOREAN WAR, AND VIETNAM WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on October 16, 2019 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on October 16th answered our nation's call to service during several of its greatest times of need. Across the world, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these

men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Steve K. Admonis, James V. Ambrosia, Joseph V. Ambrozich, Thomas J. Andersen, Robert L. Andrews, Joe Ayres, James R. Baillie, Gene M. Bednarz, Robert S. Bernas, Clarence Beuke, Rodney A. Bjerke, Robert L. Card, John Carlin, Dominick Castaldo, William Cathey.

Melvin S. Copeland, Frank J. Cudia, Richard H. Davis, Bert A. Davis, Louis Delgado, Charles B. Desmond Sr., David L. Dobbs, Jr., Leonard Dobrzynski, James W. Donahue, Tad Dymanus, John Edward Essex, Edward J. Fatla, Karl Ferstl, Lloyd D. Flanagan, William F. Flynn.

John R. Garland, Paul Goldman, Larry B. Grose, Daniel R. Heiden, John R. Hill, Kenneth W. Janowski, Earl Kent, Taylor J. Kent, Robert L. King, Walter Klemplier, Carl M. Klindworth, Dennis J. Kranc, Aloysius Ksiazek, Gary Kulhan, Lawrence J. Kummerer.

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Robert Sperlik, Phillip T. Thornton, Franklin Truesdale, Darrell W. Van Gameron, August Verschelden, Anthony Vinezeano, John R. Walker, Allan L. Walraven, Gary D. Wilke, Warzell Williamson, Kenneth W. Witowski, Richard A. Yndestad, William E. Zimmer, Marshall Zweig.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF LT. JOSEPH PETROSINO

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

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Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Giuseppe "Joe" Petrosino, NYPD Badge No. 285. 110 years ago, Lt. Petrosino was assassinated in Sicily while investigating organized crime and became the first NYPD officer killed overseas in the line of duty.

Born in Padula (Sa.), Italy on August 30th, 1860, Lt. Del. Petrosino rose to fame in New York for cracking down on organized crime throughout the city. "The Detective in the Derby", as he was known in Little Italy, was the architect of the Bomb Squad, the Canine Squad, and the Undercover Squad and his techniques are still used by law enforcement today.

Petrosino and his family immigrated to the United States from Padula (in the province of

Salerno, Campania) in the 1870s. In 1883, he joined the NYPD and became the first native Italian-language speaker in the department's history. During his service, Petrosino grew close to then-police commissioner Theodore Roosevelt and rose through the ranks of the service. In 1895, he was promoted to Detective Sergeant and was placed in charge of the department's Homicide Division, making him the first Italian-American to lead this department.

Petrosino's career reached its pinnacle in 1908 when he was promoted to Lieutenant and placed in charge of the Italian Squad, an elite corps of Italian-American detectives specifically assembled to deal with the activities of organized crime groups.

Unfortunately, Lt. Petrosino's life was cut short by an assassin in Piazza Marina, Palermo, Italy on March 12, 1909, while he was collecting evidence to be used against the mafia. Lt. Petrosino's body was returned to New York and a funeral was held on April 12, 1909; over 250,000 people were in attendance. New York City declared the day of his burial a holiday to allow its citizens to pay their respects.

A small plaza just north of the old NYPD Headquarters at 240 Center Street in Manhattan was renamed in his memory, but his true legacy lives on in the hearts and minds of his surviving family members: granddaughter Susan Burke, grandnephew Assistant District Attorney Joseph Petrosino, NYPD Officer Joseph Petrosino, and, in Italy, grandnephew and founder of the Joe Petrosino International Association Nino Melito-Petrosino.

Lt. Petrosino's mark extends far beyond New York City. Over 100 years after his death, The Lt Det. Joseph Petrosino Association in America continues the tribute to an NYPD and Italian icon by forming a trinity with the Joe Petrosino International Association in Padula (Sa.) Italy and the Joe Petrosino Association in Sicily, Italy; this trinity continues to perpetuate his memory, his values, and his fight against crime.

I would like to thank the board members of the Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino Association in America for their tireless advocacy for New York police departments; Cav. Joseph Mattone, Dr. Joseph Scelsa, and James Lisa, Chairman of the Lt. Joseph Petrosino Association in America. I would also like to recognize

Robert (Bob) Fonti, President of the Lt. Joseph Petrosino Association in America, Vincenzo Lamanna, President of the Associazione Internazionale Joe Petrosino, Padula (Sa.) Italy, and Anna Maria Corradini, President of the Association "Joe Petrosino" Sicilia, Palermo, Italy.

Fighting crime, unfortunately, sometimes requires the sacrifice of an untold number of men and women in blue. We thank them and their families for putting themselves in harm's way on our behalf.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 22

10 a.m.
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the status of the Consolidated Audit Trail. SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine international efforts to increase energy effi-

ciency and opportunities to advance energy efficiency in the United States. SD-366

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joshua A. Deahl, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Deborah J. Israel and Andrea L. Hertzfeld, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and Robert Anthony Dixon, to be United States Marshal for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Department of Justice. SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine sanctuary jurisdictions, focusing on the impact on public safety and victims. SD-226

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine reform in Armenia. CHOB-210

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather

To hold hearings to examine research and innovation, focusing on ensuring America's economic and strategic leadership. SD-562

OCTOBER 23

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on SeaPower

To receive a closed briefing on the Navy's "Spectrum of Conflict" strategic framework. SVC-217

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act. SH-216

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine improving American economic competitiveness through water resources infrastructure. SD-406