

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF TRISHA
MARTINEZ

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Ms. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Trisha Martinez of the City of Montclair, and her tireless dedication to serving the Inland Empire community.

A resident of Montclair since 1992, Trisha was elected to the Montclair City Council in 2014 and re-elected in 2018. Throughout her tenure, Trisha was a fierce advocate for the City she dearly loved. As a Council member, she fought for Montclair's award-winning Montclair to College Program which provides free tuition and books to graduating Montclair High School students who attend Chaffey College for up to two years.

Trisha also remained committed to Montclair's seniors, working to ensure the elderly community continues to receive free or reduced-cost services, including micro-transit and discounted refuse services. Trisha also continued to volunteer with the Senior Nutrition Program at the Montclair Senior Center for over 10 years.

In April 2019, Trisha was diagnosed with cervical cancer. Despite spending most of these past months in hospitals, Trisha still dedicated herself to attending City Council meetings and other local and regional board meetings. This rare kind of commitment and devotion to the people of Montclair is worthy of admiration.

For her exemplary life of service, Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Montclair City Council Member Trisha Martinez on the House floor. Her decades of commitment and contributions to the city she loved are exemplary, and her memory will live on through the countless lives she impacted. May she rest in peace.

TRIBUTE HONORING LATHRAN J.
WOODARD

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding South Carolinian and a proven health care champion for the people of South Carolina and the nation. Lathran Johnson Woodard has devoted her career to promoting the health and well-being of South Carolinians, especially those who struggle to access quality health care.

A Columbia, South Carolina native, Ms. Woodard received her primary and secondary education in Richland County public schools, graduating from C.A. Johnson High School in Columbia. She received her Bachelor of

Science Degree in Business Administration from Southern Wesleyan University and began her career at the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). Over the course of her fourteen-year tenure, she was promoted to various positions at the agency. Her hard work and dedication earned her the position of Deputy Director for the Division of Maternal Health. While at DHEC, Ms. Woodard helped write and initiate the state's Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program and led initiatives to ensure access and improve the quality of services provided to mothers and children in South Carolina.

Ms. Woodard has achieved over 30 years of service in the health care field. In 1987, she became the Assistant Director for the South Carolina Primary Health Care Association (SCPHCA), where she now serves as the Chief Executive Officer. As CEO of SCPHCA, Ms. Woodard has worked relentlessly to ensure the strength and capacity of the state's primary care safety net, focusing primarily on assistance to those health care centers that provide vital services to medically underserved communities. Her primary interests are community systems design, the development of integrated systems of healthcare, and youth self-enhancement.

Beyond her work in South Carolina, Ms. Woodard has promoted health care on a national level as well. She is currently the Chair-Elect of the National Association of Community Health Centers. She holds membership in the National Association of Female Executives, the National Rural Health Association, the American Society of Association Executives, and the South Carolina Public Health Association. She has earned several awards and honors. Most recently, Ms. Woodard was a recipient of the Order of Palmetto, the highest honor a civilian can receive in the State of South Carolina.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in offering congratulations and sincere gratitude to Ms. Lathran J. Woodard for her unwavering service to the people of South Carolina and the nation. Her many contributions have improved the quality of life for so many South Carolinians and helped advance healthy communities throughout the country. I am pleased to honor her for exemplifying what it means to be a true public servant.

CONGRATULATING SENATOR
MAGGIE HASSAN ON RECEIVING
THE 2019 NEW ENGLANDER OF
THE YEAR AWARD

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend and colleague, Senator MAGGIE HASSAN, for receiving the 2019 New Englander of the Year award from the

New England Council. This award recognizes New Englanders who make our region such a wonderful place to live, learn, and grow.

Senator HASSAN epitomizes all that we should strive for as public servants. Her call to public service is deeply rooted in her belief that everyone, no matter their ability or background, should be able to fully participate in their communities. Senator HASSAN knows that when we lift up and empower all members of our community, we can collectively rise higher.

First as a New Hampshire State Senator, then as Governor, and now as a United States Senator, Senator HASSAN has been a committed public servant and champion in making our communities stronger. During her tenure as governor, I was honored to work under her leadership to expand access to health care and deliver additional resources for treatment and recovery. Now in Washington, I am proud to work with her to address the opioid crisis, foster a more inclusive future, and build a New Hampshire economy that works for everyone.

Senator HASSAN's steadfast advocacy for our state and region may only be surpassed by one other thing—her passion for our great New England sports team.

I could not think of a better recipient of such an award than my colleague, Senator MAGGIE HASSAN. On behalf of our constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate Senator HASSAN on this well-deserved honor.

PHARMACEUTICAL INDEPENDENCE
LONG-TERM READINESS REFORM
ACT OF 2019

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Pharmaceutical Independence Long-Term Readiness Reform Act." I want to thank Congresswoman HARTZLER for her support as an original cosponsor.

Our legislation would require the Department of Defense to acquire and purchase only American-made raw materials, medicines, and vaccines for our military. It would also require the Department of Defense to identify the national security vulnerabilities caused by our country's current dependence on Chinese pharmaceuticals.

As a result of the Chinese government's chokehold on the generic pharmaceutical market, our military servicemembers have been left vulnerable. China is a principal creator of generic prescriptions, which account for approximately 90 percent of the global pharmaceutical market.

The reality is that if the Chinese wanted to cripple the United States they could sabotage or cut off our supply of generic medications and antibiotics used by our military. This simply is a vulnerability that we cannot let continue to exist. We need to reinvigorate the

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United States' industrial base to produce generic medicines and antibiotics domestically, ensuring the readiness of our military forces.

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to join us in cosponsoring the "Pharmaceutical Independence Long-Term Readiness Reform Act."

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YEMENI AMERICAN BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Yemeni American Benevolent Association, an outstanding service organization in Wayne County, Michigan, for its fifty years of service.

The Yemeni American Benevolent Association was founded in 1969 to promote empowerment of people, environmental protection, and respect for cultural diversity. They have worked to cultivate community leadership, as well as providing education and other services to the surrounding community. Aside from language classes, translation services, and tutoring, the Yemeni American Benevolent Association has grown its annual scholarship program to help young people achieve their dreams of pursuing higher education. The scholarship program is an amazing achievement that has provided a pathway to a better future and encourages young people to give back to their community.

I ask you to please join me in tribute to the Yemeni American Benevolent Association as they celebrate this milestone.

RECOGNIZING THIRTEEN PLANO ISD PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate thirteen Plano ISD schools on receiving the National PTA School of Excellence designation.

This recognition program, created by the National Parent Teacher Association, works to support and celebrate partnerships between PTAs and schools across the nation.

Plano ISD is setting an incredible example, with a current Parent Teacher Association membership of more than 16,000 parents. With the help of their PTA's, Plano ISD is cultivating crucial relationships between teachers, parents, and the surrounding community.

Their dedication to improving the learning environment for students in and outside of the classroom serves as a crucial reminder of volunteerism and its role in shaping a community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these thirteen Plano PTAs on their success of putting students first and championing a quality education.

PLANO ISD NATIONAL PTA SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Barksdale Elementary PTA, Boggess Elementary School, Bettye Haun Elementary School, Gullede Elementary School, Harrington Elementary PTA, Hickey Elementary School, Huffman Elementary School, Hughston Elementary School, Mathews Elementary, Mitchell Elementary School, Pearson Early Childhood School, Robinson Middle School, Wyatt Elementary School.

RECOGNIZING THE WASHINGTON BLADE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing The Washington Blade on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

On October 5, 1969, Richard M. Nixon was President, John W. McCormick was Speaker of the House, Richard Russell, Jr. was Senate President pro tempore, Americans were listening to "Sugar Sugar" by The Archies, and the 91st Congress was in weekend recess. However, a few LGBTQ Washingtonians read the first edition of The Gay Blade, created by Nancy Tucker and Lilli Vincenz.

The Gay Blade survived controversy, epidemic and bankruptcy to thrive as America's LGBTQ newspaper of record, The Washington Blade. On October 18, 2019, The Blade celebrates its 50th anniversary with a gala at the Wharf.

Since its inception, The Blade continued as a monthly one-sheet newsletter until it expanded to four pages in June 1972. By April 1974, it grew to eight legal-sized sheets, and in July of the following year, The Gay Blade moved to newsprint.

During the 1970s, The Gay Blade changed its name to The Blade. Don Michaels became the editor. Michaels took The Blade out of the closet by prohibiting pen names, and he increased its frequency to biweekly. By the decade's end, the newspaper added "Washington" to its masthead.

The Washington Blade entered the 1980s with headline, "Rare, Fatal Pneumonia Hits Gay Men," one of the earliest newspaper articles on the disease that became AIDS. The Blade promoted Don Michaels to publisher, a position he held for two decades. By the decade's end, the newspaper adopted computer layout that led to its online edition in 1995.

Window Media, LLC purchased The Blade in 2001. The paper's staff unionized, and in 2008, The Blade published the first interview ever given by a Republican presidential candidate to an LGBTQ newspaper. The Blade grew steadily until November 16, 2009.

That Monday, Window Media filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy. The Blade's staff found its offices locked. Former staff volunteered to produce a new publication, DC Agenda, by the following Friday.

Publisher Lynne Brown, editor Kevin Naff, sales executive Brian Pitts and other former Blade staff members pooled their resources to

form Brown Naff Pitts Omnimedia. This company published DC Agenda weekly until April 2010, when it acquired The Blade's assets from the bankruptcy court. Like a phoenix, The Washington Blade rose from the ashes on April 30, 2010.

The Blade remains, for many in our nation's capital, including me, a weekly must-read. It continues, according to The New York Times, to be "one of the most influential publications written for a gay audience."

In closing, I remind the House of Representatives that the 700,000 residents of the District of Columbia have yet to read, and The Blade, despite its many scoops and breaking news stories, has yet to publish the banner "Washington, D.C. the 51st State."

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating The Washington Blade on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

HONOR THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. DON WAFUL

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Don Waful, who passed away at the age of 103 on September 12, 2019. Mr. Waful was known in Central New York as a decorated World War II veteran, prominent Syracuse University sports fan, and for his tenure as the President of the Syracuse Sky Chiefs baseball team.

After graduating from Syracuse University with a bachelor's degree in 1937 and master's degree in 1939, Mr. Waful went on to enlist in the U.S. Army at the onset of World War II. In the war, Mr. Waful served with the 1st Armored Division, receiving several commendations for his service including, the POW Medal, American Defense Service Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the Honorable Service Lapel Button. Notably, while in Tunisia, Mr. Waful and his unit encountered a German tank company, which subsequently took him and his unit prisoner. Mr. Waful survived as a POW in camps in Italy, Poland, and Germany before finally returning home.

Following World War II, Mr. Waful returned home to Central New York to pursue a career in insurance and to serve as the President of the Syracuse Sky Chiefs baseball team. In his role with the Sky Chiefs, Mr. Waful contributed to the design and construction of NBT Bank stadium, which opened in 1997. Along with his contributions to the Sky Chiefs, Mr. Waful was known for his unwavering support of Syracuse University sports. As a lifelong Syracuse University Football fan, Mr. Waful was a mainstay at home games, missing only three contests since 1945.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Don Waful. As a celebrated member of our Central New York community and prominent Syracuse sports supporter, Mr. Waful will be dearly missed. I ask my colleagues to keep him and his family in mind as we remember his life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on October 16 due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on Roll Call No. 556, and “yea” on Roll Call No. 557.

HONORING THE 64TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLARKSVILLE NAACP

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 64th Anniversary of the Clarksville, Tennessee chapter of the NAACP.

This local chapter was chartered 64 years ago in 1955, just as the Civil Rights Movement was starting to gain momentum throughout the nation, culminating in 1963 with the March on Washington and Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “I Have A Dream” speech. The leadership of Dr. King and the NAACP challenged the nation to live up to its own founding ideals of liberty and justice for all.

The Clarksville NAACP has continued to serve the community since its founding, particularly in its engagement with the young people of Clarksville and its support for education.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Clarksville branch of the NAACP for its service to the community over the past 64 years.

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY, RIDGEWOOD BRANCH

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 90th Anniversary of Queens Public Library, Ridgewood Branch. I also rise to thank Friends of the Ridgewood Library and Principal Librarian Thomas Maxheimer for their contributions to this celebrated anniversary.

Queens Public Library, Ridgewood Branch opened on October 15, 1929. Not only was Queens Public Library, Ridgewood Branch the first library to open in Queens, but also the first library to be publicly-funded by the City of New York.

Over the last 90 years, Queens Public Library, Ridgewood Branch has served as a cornerstone of the Queens community. In one of the most diverse counties in New York State, the Library continues to invite individuals of all ages and ethnicities to learn, research and discover. In addition, Queens Public Library, Ridgewood Branch serves the community through unparalleled accessibility, providing

resources for individuals with physical and/or visual impairments. From children’s story time to genealogical research tools, the library offers a wide range of programming and learning opportunities.

I ask my colleagues of the 116th Congress to join me in celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Queens Public Library, Ridgewood Branch by recognizing its crucial contributions to the Queens community.

CALLING ATTENTION TO AN IMPRESSIVE PROGRAM THAT ORIGINATED IN POCATELLO, IDAHO

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2019 Idaho Career & Technical Education (ICTE) Special Program Award recipient, the Construction Combine.

At the Construction Combine, program participants learn to demonstrate their construction skills to builders who are potential employers. The program recruits local contractors to teach construction skills to interested high school students and others, and construction materials suppliers such as Home Depot generously provide the necessary supplies and tools to facilitate building sheds for this two-day event. The completed sheds are donated to deserving veterans at no cost.

The Construction Combine is the brain-child of Mr. Scott Stevens. As a staff member in Idaho State University’s (ISU) Continuing Education and Workforce Training Program (CEWT), Mr. Stevens recognized the need to attract more skilled workers to the construction industry and to increase the housing stock in order to promote economic growth. He teamed up with Brad Landon, the Pocatello/Chubbuck Home Depot Store manager, to execute his vision—one that helps home builders, veterans and students. There was extensive additional support from the surrounding high schools; local contractors; Gary Salazar, the Director of ISU’s CEWT; and others in ISU’s CEWT Program.

The first Construction Combine event took place at the Pocatello/Chubbuck Home Depot in the Spring of 2018 with 54 participants, producing eight sheds. The following year, in 2019, the Construction Combine hosted six events in Idaho and Oregon with 228 participants, producing 41 sheds. I am eager to see the continued growth of this program in years to come.

Madam Speaker, I would like to join the ICTE Awards Selection Committee in recognizing the Construction Combine as an innovative solution to the construction and low housing stock issues associated with Idaho’s very low unemployment rate and our booming economy. I would like to recognize ISU’s CEWT, the Home Depot, and the local contractors for their efforts to make the Construction Combine a success and to give back to their communities. Congratulations.

RECOGNITION OF WOOD COUNTY, OHIO’S 200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Bicentennial of Wood County, Ohio. This Crossroad of America was established by the Ohio State Legislature on February 12, 1820. Wood County has historical ties to the earliest days of Ohio history, gaining its name from Colonel Eleazer D. Wood, the planning engineer of Fort Meigs in 1813.

Wood County was once home to the Great Black Swamp. This made settlement of the area extremely difficult, but the pioneering spirit of early residents produced an extensive system of ditches which drained the swamp and revealed the rich farmland beneath. There are still more than 3,000 miles of drainage ditches keeping the county dry to this day.

The oil and natural gas industries were the first to enter Wood County in the late 1800s. This caused a large spike in population as people migrated to the county in hopes of obtaining riches. Wood County currently covers nearly 620 square miles of land and water which provides evidence of the rural traditions and history of the area, while fostering agricultural ingenuity, manufacturing developments, and educational success.

The celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Wood County is a meaningful reminder of the hard work, grit, and pioneering attitude upon which Wood County, Ohio and the United States of America were founded. Congratulations to Wood County in celebration of its Bicentennial Year.

300TH ANNIVERSARY OF GARRETSON FORGE AND FARM

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 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 300th 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.

HONORING LYLE ENDICOTT

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lyle Endicott of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, for his selfless service to our country during World War II and for his upcoming 98th birthday. Mr. Endicott served his country with honor, started multiple successful businesses, and is a staple in his community.

Mr. Endicott was born in Mt. Vernon on December 7, 1921. Twenty years later, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the United States Navy and became a fighter pilot. As a naval aviator, Mr. Endicott deployed to the Pacific on the Steamer Bay Aircraft Carrier, where he supported the invasions of Iwo Jima and the Okinawa Islands. After his honorable discharge, he married Elizabeth "Annie" Piercy and started a family. Upon settling in Woodlawn, Illinois, the two opened a grocery store and Endicott Interiors, a furniture business that still operates today. Mr. Endicott later became the head pilot for Self Oil Company in Mt. Vernon and was renowned as one of Southern Illinois' finest aviators. Those who know Mr. Endicott say that he is fun-loving and fearless in his approach to life. As a father, grandfather, and now great-grandfather, he is a true family man who has touched countless lives.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Lyle Endicott for his unwavering patriotism and celebrate his birthday. On behalf of Southern Illinois, happy 98th.

IN HONOR OF KRISTI FEHR

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a special teacher, Mrs. Kristi Fehr. Mrs. Fehr is an educator at Cassidy Elementary School in Lexington, Kentucky.

Mrs. Fehr has been selected to receive a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching by the National Science Foundation. This award, administered on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, recognizes outstanding K-12 teachers for their contributions to the teaching and learning of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science.

Mrs. Fehr, a graduate of Xavier University, has been an elementary teacher for 24 years and has taught at Cassidy Elementary School since 2014. She is a science lab teacher for grades K-5. Among many of her accomplish-

ments, she partnered with a bio-systems engineer at the University of Kentucky to implement a science garden at Cassidy. She led a Scientists and Engineers Empowering Kids (SEEK) Science Club for 3rd through 5th graders. She annually recruits engineers from the community to lead sessions with students during National Engineers Week. Mrs. Fehr has been awarded numerous environmental and sustainability awards. She is a recognized leader in her school and among science educators.

I thank Mrs. Fehr for educating and inspiring her students in the field of science. This prestigious award is well-deserved by Mrs. Fehr due to her innovation, dedication, and passion that she brings to science education. I congratulate her on being awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

MISSING AND MURDERED
INDIGENOUS WOMEN

SPEECH OF

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letter regarding the Special Order on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women on October 17, 2019.

NEZ PERCE,
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
Lapwai, ID, September 18, 2019.

HON. JERROLD NADLER,
Chairman, House Committee on the Judiciary, Washington, DC.

HON. RAÚL GRIJALVA,
Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources, Washington, DC.

HON. DOUG COLLINS,
Ranking Member, House Committee on the Judiciary, Washington, DC.

HON. ROB BISHOP,
Ranking Member, House Committee on Natural Resources, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMEN NADLER AND GRIJALVA AND RANKING MEMBERS COLLINS AND BISHOP: As Congressman Newhouse stated in his June 6 letter, Native American and Alaska Native women face a murder rate ten times higher than the national average, with 84% experiencing some form of violence in their lifetime. Still, the tools and resources to document and address this issue are severely lacking in Indian Country due to outdated databases and a lack of coordination between law enforcement agencies. In addition to the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019 (H.R. 1585), legislation such as Savanna's Act (H.R. 2733), the Native Youth and Tribal Officer Protection Act (H.R. 958), and the Bridging Agency Data Gaps and Ensuring Safety for Native Communities Act (H.R. 4289) are each distinctly designed to provide an array of solutions to some of these unique problems.

To fully understand the need for this type of legislation and the federal resources and programs necessary to combat violence against women and the resulting issues, it is important to hear directly from communities to learn how reservations, families, and law enforcement are impacted by this crisis. The Nez Perce Tribe has suffered the loss of a number of our tribal citizens as a result of violence. It is for this reason, and because Washington State encompasses some of the Tribe's treaty-reserved homelands,

that the Nez Perce Tribe supports Congressman Newhouse's request that either one or both of your committees host field hearings in the state of Washington to examine issues relating to missing and murdered Indian women.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

SHANNON F. WHEELER,
Chairman.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF LOUIS
M. CHIBBARO, JR.

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, during the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riot, it is my honor and pleasure to rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing my friend, Ward 6 neighbor and Washington institution Louis M. Chibbaro, Jr. Chibbaro is the Senior News Reporter for our nation's LGBTQ newspaper of record, The Washington Blade.

Washington, D.C. contains one of the largest LGBTQ communities in the United States. Among the thousands of LGBTQ Washingtonians, two names stand out: the late Dr. Franklin Kameny, who made the headlines, and Lou Chibbaro, Jr., who wrote the bylines.

Chibbaro is a native New Yorker who came to D.C. in 1971 as a college student with the State University of New York at Brockport Washington Semester Program. Upon graduation, he returned to work for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He continued his studies at American University before beginning his career as a reporter for several Washington-based independent newsletters, Environment Report, Energy Today and Science Trends.

Chibbaro became a public information representative for the American Public Power Association in 1975. Chibbaro volunteered as a freelance news writer and co-host for the then D.C. gay radio program "Friends." He soon began freelancing for The Washington Blade. The Blade hired him in 1982 part-time and later promoted him to full-time staff in 1984.

Chibbaro pounds the LGBTQ beat. He has covered the panoply of national and local LGBTQ interests of social, religious, and governmental institutions: the White House, Congress, the U.S. Supreme Court, the military, law enforcement agencies and the Catholic Church. Chibbaro began reporting on D.C. local politics with the 1978 mayoral and council elections. He commenced his chronicles of the Democratic and Republican conventions as a credentialed reporter in 1984.

Chibbaro has covered HIV and AIDS since the 1980s. He reported on the Matthew Shepherd trial from Laramie, Wyoming. Chibbaro filed radio news reports on LGBTQ developments for the Sirius XM Radio Network's "OutQ News" program from 2013 to 2019.

Chibbaro has received accolades for his contributions to journalism. The Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia presented him with the 1998 Justice for Victims of Crime Award. The Office cited his "outstanding service to crime victims and their families" through his news reporting. His colleagues at Society of Professional Journalists

D.C. Professional Chapter (SJP D.C. Pro) have awarded Chibbaro several Dateline Awards for Excellence in Local Journalism, most recently in 2016. Chibbaro became the first out-LGBTQ inductee to SJP D.C. Pro's Hall of Fame, where he joined such journalistic greats as Nina Totenberg and Bob Woodward.

This Friday, October 18th, The Washington Blade celebrates its 50th anniversary with a gala at Washington's Wharf. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Lou Chibbaro's accomplishments and his contributions to journalism, The Blade and our Nation's Capital.

**MISSING AND MURDERED
INDIGENOUS WOMEN**

SPEECH OF

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the ongoing epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Alaska Native and American Indian women and girls face disproportionately high rates of violent crimes including murder, rape, kidnapping, and trafficking. Alaska Native and American Indian women are 10 times more likely to be murdered than other Americans. The National Crime Information Center reported that, in 2016, there were close to 6000 reports of missing American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls. According to the Urban Indian Health Institute, Alaska is the fourth highest state in terms of the number of these cases.

In Alaska, extreme isolation and lack of law enforcement in remote Native communities make it difficult to prevent and respond to these crimes. In fact, only one out of every three Alaska Native villages have any law enforcement at all. These villages are not connected to the road system, and it can take days for state troopers to respond to incidents, particularly when weather prevents flights from landing. Women and girls in urban areas also face risk factors, particularly when they are away from the support of family and culture.

Given the scale of the crisis, it is troubling that tribes and Native communities do not have adequate resources to respond. Native communities around the country are governed by a varying patchwork of criminal jurisdictions that complicate law enforcement and leave Native women and girls unprotected. Native communities and tribes also lack full access to crime databases, which undermines the efforts of tribal law enforcement and tribal courts. In addition, the Justice Department, which is responsible for pursuing the most serious crimes in Native communities, declines to prosecute the majority of these cases.

Instead of simply acknowledging these issues, Congress must act. We must reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. VAWA funds vital programs, like domestic violence shelters. The House's reauthorization bill expands legal authority for tribes to prosecute violent crimes against women. It also includes a new demonstration program, enhanced by an amendment I offered, that would expand Alaska Native villages' jurisdictional authority.

We must pass the BADGES Act, which Rep. HAALAND sponsored and I cosponsored. The BADGES Act improves BIA law enforcement recruitment and retention. The bill also improves federal law enforcement reporting mechanisms for missing and murdered Indigenous women. In addition, it expands tribal access to federal criminal databases. Congress must honor the trust relationship and pass this crucial legislation.

**HONORING THE NEW MEMORIAL
PARK IN THE TOWN OF SARATOGA
DEDICATED TO THE HISTORIC
SURRENDER OF BRITISH
GENERAL BURGOYNE TO AMERICAN
GENERAL GATES ON OCTOBER
17, 1777**

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the new memorial park in the town of Saratoga dedicated to the historic surrender of British General Burgoyne to American General Gates on October 17, 1777.

242 Years ago, the first and second battles of Saratoga marked a crucial turning point in the American Revolutionary War. The courage and effectiveness of American troops during the battles broke the British Army's air of invincibility and led to the Franco-American alliance that proved crucial to winning the war. Today, that famous battle is memorialized in the rotunda of the Capitol with the famous painting by John Trumbull depicting General Burgoyne surrendering his sword to General Gates. That image was used to create a bronze relief that is displayed at the new memorial park. Many historians rank The Battle of Saratoga as one of the most consequential battles in history and I am glad to see this recognition for the heroism and sacrifices made that day.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to thank The Friends of Saratoga Battlefield, Open Space Institute, the Hudson-Hoosic Partnership and Saratoga National Historical Park for their hard work making this memorial a reality. It is crucial that we honor the achievements and sacrifices of those Americans who came before us as we chart our path forward. I look forward to this memorial serving as a space for all Americans to come and reflect on our history while we contemplate the future.

**COMMEMORATING THE 50 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNITY
HUMAN SERVICES**

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Community Human Services on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary. Throughout the last half-century, Community Human Services has not only brought attention to, but also alleviated the hardships that

middle and low income individuals and families in Monterey County face on a daily basis. Under the leadership of Chief Executive Officer Robin McCrae, the agency has grown from three programs, 55 employees, and a \$1 million budget to a multi-million dollar organization with a workforce that has doubled and operates twelve programs throughout Monterey County.

Community Human Services' mission is to address the tribulations that can be associated with addiction, mental illness, emotional health, domestic violence, child abuse, homelessness, and any other issue individuals may have trouble solving on their own. The institution allows people of all ages access to the tools necessary to overcome these challenges, creating lasting and sustainable changes on the central coast of California.

A key aspect of Community Human Services' mission involves connecting with individuals in our community and ensuring that help is available to them without insurance or monetary compensation. Information regarding programs and corresponding issues are widely distributed to schools, businesses, civic groups, churches, and service organizations.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing and congratulating the commitment that Community Human Services has provided the Central Coast. As the organization celebrates its 50th Anniversary, I am proud to recognize Community Human Services for its continued work to address the challenges of individuals and families on the Central Coast. We are fortunate to have an institution like Community Human Services call the 20th Congressional District of California home.

**SALUTING THE CHINESE AMERICAN
PLANNING COUNCIL
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY SERVICES
ON THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute the Chinese American Planning Council Brooklyn Community Services on its milestone 40th Anniversary Celebration. I thank them for their commitment to bettering Chinese-American Communities in Brooklyn and greater New York City.

Since 1979, CPC Brooklyn Community Services has provided Chinese-American residents in Brooklyn with vital social services, such as child care, youth organizing, workforce development, adult literacy opportunities, senior services and housing support. Since inception, it has delivered culturally competent social services and has been instrumental in enriching and enhancing the quality of life of Chinese-American families in Brooklyn and beyond. The families it serves are grateful for their dedication and commitment to the community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Chinese American Planning Council Brooklyn Community Services on this special anniversary. These dedicated individuals exemplify outstanding leadership through their public service to the community. I am confident the Chinese American Planning

Council Brooklyn Community Services will wish them continued success and many years continue to build on its history of service. I of service.