

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE PUEBLO OF LAGUNA FEAST DAYS

HON. DEBRA A. HAALAND

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Ms. HAALAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Pueblo of Laguna for hosting annual Village Feast Days. I speak in honor of the Pueblo of Laguna, our tribal members and traditions. With Laguna Village's Saint Joseph Feast Day, celebrated on the 19th day of March and September. With Seam Village's Feast Day celebrated on July 26th. With Mesita Village's Feast Day celebrated on August 15th. With Encinal Village's Feast Day celebrated on September 8th. With Pagueate Village's Feast Day celebrated on September 25th. With Paraje Village's Feast Day celebrated on October 17th. Laguna Pueblo has six distinct villages, and they each celebrate respective feast days; expect for the September Saint Joseph's Feast day where all villages celebrate together.

Pueblo Feast Days commemorate the Catholic Saints that were given to each New Mexico pueblo when the Franciscan Priests descended upon the Pueblos beginning in the late 1500s. The Pueblo of Laguna feast is among the largest of Pueblo feast days in the Southwestern United States where thousands of people travel across New Mexico and the United States to attend. The Pueblo is located approximately forty miles west of Albuquerque.

The ancestors of the Pueblo of Laguna have occupied the region since at least 1300 A.D. When the Pueblo Indians migrated to the Rio Grande Valley from places such as Chaco Canyon, Mesa Verde and Bears Eats. Laguna is Spanish for "lago" or "lake" which is in reference to a small lake that was once located within the Pueblo. The Keres language is the Indigenous language that members of Laguna speak.

The Pueblo of Laguna feast days are times for members of the Pueblo of Laguna to celebrate our culture, heritage, art and traditions by members gathering on the pueblo village plaza for traditions by members gathering on the pueblo village plaza for traditional dances and opening our homes to visitors to share in traditional food. Feast days are open to the public, where visitors are given the opportunity to understand the Laguna peoples' traditions by observing ceremonial dances, cultural activities and purchasing arts and crafts.

The importance of understanding all native cultures cannot be understated. Diverse cultural understanding is in furtherance of a better-informed people and nation. Knowledge of Native American culture tears down racial and cultural barriers and promotes an inclusive society. An inclusive society is necessary to national progress and the prosperity of the people of the United States. Inclusion allows people to come together in support of each other,

promoting the well being of all people regardless of cultural and racial background.

Madam Speaker, today I request to honor the Pueblo of Laguna for hosting their annual Feast Days which are essential to the future of our community and the overall strength and resilience of all Native American people. I thank and honor the Pueblo of Laguna for their hard work and dedication to protecting their culture and traditions, which will stand for generations to come.

MARTY SEROTER

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Gibbsboro, New Jersey resident Marty Seroter, Camden County Town Hall Veteran Honoree.

After graduating from High School, in the late 1960s, Mr. Marty Seroter proudly enlisted and served in the United States Army. During his time of service, Mr. Seroter was stationed in Germany where he earned the rank of Specialist E-4 and as a musician, gladly served in the United States Army Band.

Following his return stateside, Mr. Seroter continued to serve his community through his career with Camden County as a Clerk Driver and Messenger for more than two decades. Through his distinguished career and lifetime of public service, and as an American Legion Post Bugler, Mr. Seroter actively participates in countless events performing Taps for formal County ceremonies, such as the Pearl Harbor Day services held annually on the Battleship New Jersey in the City of Camden and the County Memorial Day ceremony held to honor veterans and those interred at Potter's Field.

As a dedicated public servant, today and for the past 30 years, Mr. Seroter continues his service as an active member of the American Legion Post 371 Honor Guard. Serving his community and fellow veterans at the American Legion Post, Mr. Seroter presently oversees the Legion Hall rentals and manages the canteen and continues to participate in the Presentation of the Colors and Taps at formal ceremonies as the Post Bugler.

In recognition of his valiant and distinguished service to our nation, Mr. Seroter was awarded and has humbly received the National Defense Service Medal for his honorable active service as a member of the Armed Forces.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Mr. Marty Seroter of Gibbsboro, New Jersey who is a constant reminder of the sacrifices that our men and women of the Armed Forces make to protect and defend the liberty and freedom of all Americans.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF ANNA MARIE TEODOSIO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Anna Marie Teodosio who peacefully entered into eternal life on October 16, 2019 while surrounded by her loving family.

Anna was born to Mary and Giuseppe Tiano on February 5, 1928 in Derby, Connecticut. She grew up in Derby along with two sisters and eight brothers and attended Derby High School.

Anna eventually met the love of her life, Alexander "Al" Teodosio, at a local dance celebrating the end of World War II. After a long courtship, Al and Anna were married on August 19, 1950 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Derby, Connecticut. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Brooklyn, New York and eventually Akron, Ohio, where they began their family. Their love grew and flourished throughout an adventurous sixty-five year marriage.

Anna was a true inspiration and a beautiful human spirit to all that knew and loved her. Her passions were embracing her faith, spending time with family and friends, reading, playing Scrabble and card games, cooking, and rooting for Notre Dame football. She especially treasured preparing large traditional Italian Sunday afternoon dinners for her ever-growing family.

Anna, with her beloved husband Al, raised five loving children: MaryAnne Cort (Bill), Thomas Teodosio (Linda), Carol Anne Peter (Dave), Robert Teodosio (Tina), and Alex Teodosio (Stephanie).

She is survived by nine grandchildren, Christine Klaben, Kathleen Klaben (Dave Nulanz), Ellen Karns, Joseph Cort (Melissa), David Cort, Christopher Teodosio (Katherine), Alexandra Teodosio, Nicholas Teodosio and Joseph Teodosio. She is also survived by six great grandchildren, Emily Cort, Clara Cort, Charles Nulanz, Alice Karns, Charlotte Teodosio and Ava Teodosio; and by her beloved brother, William Tiano along with many close friends who knew her to be compassionate and caring through her faith and in her service to others. Anna was preceded in death by her parents; nine siblings; son, Alan; and granddaughter, Andrea Teodosio.

I am very proud to be a friend of Anna's son, Judge Thomas Teodosio, and her daughter-in-law, Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio. Anna touched many lives, and I extend my deepest sympathies to all who knew and loved her. She will be greatly missed.

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INTRODUCTION OF THE COMBATING IMPLICIT BIAS IN EDUCATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Combating Implicit Bias in Education Act. My bill would create a \$30 million grant program for schools to train teachers, principals and other personnel on implicit bias with respect to actual or perceived race, religion, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), disability, ethnicity and socioeconomic status.

This year, a report by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights found that students of color with disabilities received far more severe and frequent punishment than their white counterparts. In December, the U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos eliminated the Obama Administration's guidance seeking to curb exclusionary discipline, undermining key steps toward dismantling discriminatory discipline practices in classrooms.

In 2017, the Georgetown Law Center on Poverty and Inequality released a report finding that people disproportionately think of Black girls as more adult-like and less innocent compared to their white peers. This bias has been linked to harsher treatment of Black girls in schools. Students experiencing implicit bias and even outright discrimination face far greater expulsion and suspension rates, fueling the school-to-prison pipeline and widening the student achievement gap.

This bill aims to reduce the effect of implicit bias on school discipline, academic achievement and academic attainment through research-based training for education personnel, and provides teachers with necessary tools to provide equal educational and constructive behavioral feedback.

Under my bill, the Institute of Education Sciences under the Department of Education would be tasked with evaluating and reporting on the effectiveness of the training.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING ROSEMARY PARGA DURAN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. RoseMary Parga Duran as she retires from her position as Superintendent of Merced City School District. Throughout her 43 years in education, Dr. Parga Duran has made a positive impact on countless Merced schools and students.

Dr. Parga Duran earned her associate degree from Merced College and completed her bachelor's degree from California State University, Fresno (Fresno State). After graduating from Fresno State in 1977, she returned to Merced County to begin her teaching career at Planada Elementary School. Later in her career, she received a master's degree from California State University, Stanislaus

and a doctorate from the University of Southern California.

In 1985, she started her career with Merced City School District as a teacher and would later become an assistant principal, principal, and in 2002 was named the district's Associate Superintendent of Educational Services. Six years later, Dr. Parga Duran became Merced City School District's first female superintendent.

As the leader of Merced County's largest school district, Dr. Parga Duran has worked tirelessly to address the challenges facing the 18 schools in the district. She began her job as superintendent during the great recession and led the district through this period without any employee layoffs, while keeping the district's budget fiscally solvent. Dr. Parga Duran was an advocate for the successful passage of Measure M, a bond which provided funds for school campuses to modernize and receive necessary safety upgrades.

Under Dr. Parga Duran's leadership, Merced City School District received two Golden Bell Awards from the California School Boards Association for their STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) and preschool programs. She also oversaw the opening of Rivera Middle School and their STEAM Center. It is evident that Dr. Parga Duran's contributions to Merced City School District will continue to have an impact on our educators and future generations of leaders long after her retirement.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the career and accomplishments of Dr. RoseMary Parga Duran. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor her and the positive impact she has made in the lives of students and staff as she celebrates her retirement. I wish Dr. Parga Duran, her family, and Merced City School District the best as she retires at the end of this year.

RECOGNIZING DR. MICHAEL CALIGIURI FOR HIS GROUNDBREAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD OF MEDICINE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary career of Dr. Michael Caligiuri who has been elected to the National Academy of Medicine's Class of 2018, one of the single highest honors in the field of medicine and healthcare.

Dr. Caligiuri spent his formative years in Kenmore, New York, where he attended St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute. He then enrolled at the University at Buffalo to earn his undergraduate degree, and subsequently attended Stanford College for Medical School where he obtained his M.D.

Dr. Caligiuri utilized his education to the best of his ability to become a leader in his profession. He served as the CEO of The James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute, and he also directed The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center for fourteen years. In addition, he is the Immediate Past President of the American Association for Cancer Research, of which he was recently named a fellow.

Dr. Caligiuri has served as chairperson, or in other advisory capacities, for countless research organizations in addition to conducting several of his own research protocols. His groundbreaking research focused on the development and activation of human natural killer cells and their modulation to help treat diseases like leukemia and brain cancer. Since these discoveries, over one thousand patients with cancer have been treated with clinical protocols that were conceived in Dr. Caligiuri's laboratory.

In 2018, Dr. Caligiuri was named the President of the City of Hope in Los Angeles, a leading cancer research and treatment center. He conducted rigorous research and combined that with an inclusive leadership style to connect other healthcare institutions together in order to ensure the highest quality patient experience and care.

Dr. Caligiuri's breakthrough discoveries in NK leukemia and cutaneous T cell lymphoma has helped get him elected to the National Academy of Medicine, which according to The New York Times is, "the United States' most esteemed and authoritative adviser on issues of health and medicine, and its reports can transform medical thinking around the world".

The incredible distinction of election to the National Academy of Medicine has only been awarded to just over two thousand medical experts since 1970. Members are elected based on their professional achievement and commitment to service, and they do their selfless and consequential work without any compensation. No more than eighty members are elected annually. This speaks to Dr. Caligiuri's passion for healthcare, commitment to community service, and his overall talent as a medical professional. Complimenting the extraordinary accomplishments achieved during his career, Dr. Caligiuri is also a loving husband and a devoted father of three children.

Today we recognize Dr. Michael Caligiuri for becoming an innovative and influential leader both in the United States and around the world in not only engaging in exemplary research and treatment practices, but also advocating for the many people whose lives have been affected by the devastating reality of cancer.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes due to circumstances beyond my control. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 561; "nay" on Roll Call No. 562; "yea" on Roll Call No. 563; and "nay" on Roll Call No. 564.

HONORING ARMY PFC. NATHAN P. BROWN

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Army Pfc. Nathan P.

Brown, who was tragically killed on Easter Sunday, April 11, 2004, when a rocket-propelled grenade hit his Humvee in Samarra, Iraq, about 60 miles north of Baghdad, during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Nathan was a lifelong resident of South Glens Falls, New York. He enlisted in the New York Army National Guard immediately after graduating from South Glens Falls High School in 2002, in the aftermath of 9/11. Nathan was posthumously awarded The Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and the New York Medal of Valor for his bravery.

Friends and family of Nathan remember him as a generous and positive person, a brave soldier, and a beloved member of the community.

Next week, he will be inducted into The South Glens Falls Bulldog Pride Hall of Fame, in recognition of his sacrifice and commitment. This honor is a testament to Nathan's selfless pride for his country. Nathan gave the ultimate sacrifice, and for that we all owe him a debt of gratitude.

I am proud to stand and honor Army Pfc. Nathan P. Brown, a beloved member of the South Glens Falls Community, and a shining example of those who give their lives to protect our country and its interests. Please join me in recognizing Nathan Brown for his service, and in honor of his legacy.

HONORING GREG M. CONGER

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the achievements of Greg M. Conger and congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement. Mr. Conger has been a voice for working Californians by organizing and advocating for workers' rights. He has changed the relationship between employees and management forever. Greg M. Conger served as the President of UFCW Local 324, with 23,000 members in Orange County and the Long Beach area in Southern California.

Mr. Conger started as a meat cutting apprentice with Local 551 in 1976. This is where he started volunteering for various union committees and campaigns. In 1984, he was hired as a Union Representative. His efforts did not go unnoticed and one year later he was promoted to Executive Assistant to the President and worked on contract negotiations.

Mr. Conger was a senior strategist and top-level negotiator during the Southern California supermarket strike and lockouts that ran between October 2003 and February 2004. Over the course of the dispute, Mr. Conger worked to boost the morale of his members and even volunteered to be arrested twice in acts of civil disobedience. His leadership and commitment to the working community attracted the attention of the UFCW International Union, which elected him as an International Vice President in April 2004.

In September 2003, Mr. Conger became President of Local 324. After just five weeks in his new role, he led Local 324 during the 141-day strike and lock-out—the longest and costliest retail strike in American history. Mr. Conger and UFCW Local 324 changed the relationship between employees and management

forever by empowering workers to stand up for themselves in the face of intense pressure. He was at the forefront of the dynamic movement that sought to build successes of recent years.

Today, we celebrate not only his advocacy and success, but his future. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Greg M. Conger for his commitment to serving the community by being the greater voice for our workers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on September 24, 2019 during roll call no. 541, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 3190, BURMA Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING WESTERN REGION DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR KARRIE SCHINDLER

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Karrie Schindler who has been selected as the Pennsylvania Advocacy and Resources for Autism and Intellectual Disability's Western Region Direct Support Professional of the Year. Ms. Schindler has dedicated her life to lifting-up and improving the lives of individuals in our community with autism. She is a beacon of compassion and dedicates her time to providing in-home care to those with disabilities so they can lead self-directed lives in their communities.

Since 2013, Ms. Schindler has provided Home and Community Habilitation care to a special woman named Maryann. Throughout the years, Ms. Schindler has helped Maryann live a full and active life and engage with her community.

Sadly, in December 2018, Maryann's mother unexpectedly passed away. Following this tragedy, Maryann was forced to move to Florida, away from the community she loved and the support system she had fostered throughout her years with Ms. Schindler.

Late one January night, Ms. Schindler received a call from Maryann that she was at the airport and didn't know what to do. Without hesitation, Ms. Schindler sprang into action. She drove straight to the Pittsburgh airport to pick Maryann up. It wasn't long before Ms. Schindler and her family made the decision to become Life Sharing providers and welcome Maryann into their home permanently.

Madam Speaker, Karrie Schindler has demonstrated extraordinary selflessness and compassion in her work with Maryann. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Schindler on her selection as the Pennsylvania Advocacy and Resources for Autism and Intellectual Disability's Western Region Direct Support Professional of the Year.

HONORING SIOBHAN McVAY AS A RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Siobhan McVay of Delran High School in Delran, New Jersey, as a recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

Each year, the PAEMST recognizes outstanding K–12 teachers for their contributions to the teaching and learning of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer science. Recipients of the award are widely respected by their peers, displaying strong expertise in STEM education, and having made a lasting positive impact on their students. Only 108 teachers from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories receive this selective recognition each year.

I commend Mr. McVay for his fine work as an educator and mentor to his students, building important skills that will help them succeed in a rapidly developing world. STEM education is a building block to an increasingly complex economy that relies on a strong technological skill set. Today's students with strong STEM backgrounds will be those that discover a cure for cancer, help to bring an end to climate change, and gets an American on Mars. The important skills that Mr. McVay's students develop from his instruction will bring important individual achievements, and will aid our nation in the future.

I'm proud to say that we have excellent quality teachers in New Jersey like Mr. McVay, and I look forward to seeing his important work develop in the growth and success of his students.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF GRACE QUINN GOODPASTURE

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Grace Quinn Goodpasture for being selected as a recipient of a Student-Athlete-Scholarship from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

Grace attends the Steward School in Ashland, Virginia, where she played 4 years of Varsity Soccer, lettering all four years. She was also a member of the Varsity Cross Country and Dive team, lettering in those as well. She says community service is a core value of her family and has always been a part of her life. She has earned her Gold Award in the Girl Scouts and was a Senate Page for the Virginia Senate. Her spirit of service should inspire all of us.

I commend her on receiving this recognition for her distinguished scholastic, leadership, and sportsmanship. This recognition of her work in the community, in the classroom, and

on the athletic field is a testament to her commitment to hard work and service to others. She is an example of the leaders that we will need to guide our nation and the Virginia Commonwealth in the future.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Grace Goodpasture for her achievements in her community. May God bless Grace and her family.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 8TH DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN'S FIRST RESPONDERS OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today during First Responders Appreciation Month to recognize ten first responders from Wisconsin's 8th District who received the Wisconsin State Assembly's First Responder of the Year award. The Assembly selected and recognized the nominees below for their heroic actions, professional achievement, body of work, and length of service within the field of public safety:

The late Mitchell Lundgaard, Appleton Fire Department; Joseph Wesoloski, Ashwaubenon Department of Public Safety; Dan Rettler, Black Creek Fire Department; Lt. Jeff Engelbrecht, Green Bay Police Department; Sgt. William Tedlie, Greenville Police Department; Chief Al Tlachac, Luxemburg Community Fire Department; Chief Rick Badgley, Peshtigo Police Department; TJ Schrank, Riverview Volunteer Fire Department; Mary Beck, Shawano County Dispatch Center; and Sgt. Brandon Leschke, Weyauwega Police Department and Weyauwega Area Fire Department.

First responders represent the best and bravest in our communities. These heroes selflessly give their time and skills to protect and serve others. I am proud to represent men and women with such a commitment to their communities and who prioritize the welfare of others before their own. Their unwavering devotion to fostering safe and strong communities is truly inspiring.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in thanking these first responders for their service and dedication to protecting our communities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on September 27, 2019 during roll call no. 553, On Passage, S.J. Res. 54, Relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 554, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 3722, Joint Task Force to Combat Opioid Trafficking Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 555, On Motion to Table, H. Res. 603, Raising a question

of the privileges of the House. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

COST ESTIMATE TO H.R. 4617

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate for H.R. 4617 from the Congressional Budget Office. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the filing of the Committee report.

U.S. CONGRESS,

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,

Washington, DC, October 21, 2019.

Hon. ZOE LOFGREN,

Chairperson, Committee on House Administration, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM CHAIRPERSON: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 4617, the SHIELD Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Matthew Pickford.

Sincerely,

MARK P. HADLEY

(For Phillip L. Swagel, Director).

Enclosure.

H.R. 4617, THE SHIELD ACT—OCTOBER 16, 2019

[By fiscal year, millions of dollars]

	2020	2020–2024	2020–2029
Direct Spending (Outlays) ..	*	*	*
Revenues	*	*	*
Increase or Decrease (–) ..			
in the Deficit	*	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	2	**

* = between –\$500,000 and \$500,000.

** = not estimated.

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? Yes.

Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2030? No.

Mandate Effects:

Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.

Contains private-sector mandate? Yes, Under Threshold.

H.R. 4617 would amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. Most provisions in the bill are related to prohibiting the participation of foreign nationals in election-related activities, and making additional campaign expenditures and advertising purchases subject to public disclosure.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4617 would cost \$2 million over the 2020–2024 period, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Those amounts would cover additional administrative costs for the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to ensure compliance with the bill. In 2019, the FEC received an appropriation of \$71 million.

Violators of the bill's reporting requirements could be subject to civil and criminal penalties, so enacting H.R. 4617 could increase collections of fines. Civil fines are recorded in the budget as revenues. Criminal fines are recorded as revenues, deposited in the Crime Victims Fund, and subsequently spent without further appropriation. CBO estimates that any additional collections would not be significant in any year and over the 2020–2029 period because of the relatively small number of additional cases likely to be affected.

H.R. 4617 would impose private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) on candidates for federal office, campaign committees, political entities, and advertising platforms, among other entities. CBO expects that the aggregate cost of the mandates would be small because compliance with some of the mandates would not impose costs or because the affected entities already perform similar disclosure and reporting activities. For such entities, the new duties would impose only small incremental costs. Therefore, CBO estimates that the cost of the mandates would not exceed the private-sector threshold established in UMRA (\$164 million in 2019, adjusted annually for inflation).

Title I would:

Require political campaigns to report contacts by foreign entities offering contributions or election coordination to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the FEC and to establish a policy requiring staff to report such contacts and to notify staff of that policy.

Expand the types of communication subject to existing disclosure rules under the Federal Election Campaign Act and require disclaimers on internet and digital communications.

Require online platforms that sell political advertisements and meet minimum traffic thresholds to maintain a public database of qualified political advertisements.

Require television and radio broadcasters and online platforms to make reasonable efforts to ensure that campaign communications are not purchased by a foreign national.

Title II would prohibit foreign nationals from:

Participating in the decision making process of any election-related activity.

Contributing to super political action committees (PACs) or campaigns concerning a state or local ballot initiative or referendum.

Making campaign or advocacy expenditures for digital, broadcast, and internet communications.

Title II would impose additional private-sector mandates by requiring corporations and labor organizations that make campaign contributions to certify that no foreign nationals participated in the decision making process related to those contributions and by requiring corporate PACs to certify that they are not under foreign control.

H.R. 4617 would impose no intergovernmental mandates as defined in UMRA.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Matthew Pickford (for federal costs) and Andrew Laughlin (for mandates). The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 15, 2019 during roll call no. 556, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, 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. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 557,

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 95, Homeless Veteran Families Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING PATRICIA LEE AS A RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Patricia Lee of Lumberton Middle School in Lumberton, New Jersey, as a recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

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I commend Ms. Lee for her fine work as an educator and mentor to her students, building important skills that will help them succeed in a rapidly developing world. STEM education is a building block to an increasingly complex economy that relies on a strong technological skill set. Today's students with strong STEM backgrounds will be those that discover a cure for cancer, help to bring an end to climate change, and gets an American on Mars. The important skills that Ms. Lee's students develop from her instruction will bring important individual achievements, and will aid our nation in the future.

I'm proud to say that we have excellent quality teachers in New Jersey like Ms. Lee, and I look forward to seeing her important work develop in the growth and success of her students.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote number 565, 566, and 567 on October 18, 2019. I would like the record to reflect how I would have voted: on roll call vote number 565, I would have voted NO; on roll call vote number 566, I would have voted NO; on roll call vote number 567, I would have voted YES.

HONORING THE SARANAC LABORATORY FOR BEING DESIGNATED A MILESTONES IN MICROBIOLOGY SITE BY THE SOCIETY FOR MICROBIOLOGY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Saranac Laboratory for being designated a Milestones in Microbiology site by the Society for Microbiology. I am proud to represent a district that has made such historic impacts on science and medicine.

Saranac Lake is host to many important historical sites including the Saranac Laboratory. Dr. Edward Livingston Trudeau was a physician operating out of New York City when he contracted tuberculosis. He found that the climate in the North Country significantly improved his health so he moved to Saranac Lake, where he established the Adirondack Cottage Sanitarium at Saranac Lake for treatment of tuberculosis. Dr. Trudeau used his own home to study tuberculosis until it was burned down by some of the equipment. With his partners, Trudeau immediately began planning a state of the art laboratory to continue his work. Saranac Laboratory was finished in 1894 and was the only lab in the country specifically designed to study tuberculosis. Experiments were conducted there until its closure in 1935. After changing hands several times, Historic Saranac Lake faithfully restored it and opened it to the public as a museum in 2009.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to thank the Historic Saranac Lake Board of Directors for their hard work. Their success in preserving the rich history of Saranac Lake has led to this well-deserved recognition. As we look back on and celebrate the achievements of previous generations, I encourage everyone to support the North Country's next generation of scientists and entrepreneurs.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARNOLD "BUD" STERN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Arnold "Bud" Stern of New London, Wisconsin on celebrating his 100th birthday.

Born on November 3, 1919, Bud grew up in New London, Wisconsin and graduated from New London High School. He then attended St. Louis University and studied nursing. Upon the completion of his degree, he moved to Nevada and worked at the Hoover Dam as an industrial nurse. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Bud entered the armed services and was deployed overseas.

Bud served as a surgical nurse during World War II. His assignment was to set up field hospitals where he assisted in abdominal repair surgeries. Field hospitals were mobile medical care units typically erected near the front lines of battle. Operating teams were

often used to reinforce other medical units and treat soldiers who suffered non-transportable injuries. Nurses in World War II were a part of every link in the chain of evacuation established in each theater of war, and contributed to the low post-injury mortality rate among American military forces.

To commemorate Bud's milestone birthday, the community of New London is hosting a celebration on October 27th in his honor. Friends of the New London Public Museum and the New London Heritage Historical Society captured Bud's memories of living in New London and his service in World War II in a video to be played at the event. The Mayor of New London, Gary Henke, recognized Bud by issuing a proclamation declaring November 3 as Arnold "Bud" Stern Day.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in thanking Arnold "Bud" Stern for his service and wishing him a happy and healthy 100th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD MCEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on September 26, 2019 during roll call no. 549, On Ordering the Previous Question, H. Res. 591, Providing for consideration of S.J. Res. 54, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 550, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 591, Providing for consideration of S.J. Res. 54, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 551, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 3525, U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 552, On Passage, H.R. 3525, U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN HONOR OF MAUREEN FRESCHET, UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE SAN MATEO CITY COUNCIL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Maureen Freschet as she retires from the San Mateo City Council after eight years of noteworthy service to the people of San Mateo. This service follows many years in other positions of public benefit throughout the county.

Maureen has deep roots in San Mateo. Her grandparents immigrated from Italy in the 1920's and Maureen is justly proud of her Italian-American heritage. On one occasion in recent years, she spoke movingly from the

council dais about the evolution of San Mateo through the eyes of an immigrant family. She recounted the older stores and businesses that made San Mateo, in the eyes of its residents in the 1920's, 30's, 40's and 50's, a place where neighborhoods and neighbors mixed freely as everyone raised families and watched generations grow through peacetime and wars.

Many of these memories served her well as she sat on the city's planning commission and also guided her decisions as a councilmember. During her tenure, she supported the redevelopment of Bay Meadows race track into a thriving commercial, residential and transit hub. The city straightened out a convoluted intersection at Highway 92 and El Camino Real, began a \$1 billion + project to add to the sewer treatment system, saw an explosion of jobs and amenities downtown, witnessed the rebirth of its major shopping center, and undertook transformational work at 25th Avenue and the Caltrain line.

As the economy recovered, she encouraged high technology companies to settle into downtown San Mateo and advocated for restaurants and in favor of a lively downtown at nighttime and on the weekends. While many contributed to these successes, few were as vocal as Maureen Freschet in making the point: Downtown San Mateo is a destination that is fun, safe and lively from morning to night.

She's an active member of the San Mateo Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club. She was the President of the Belmont Chamber of Commerce during her 23 years as a government and community relations officer for Notre Dame de Namur University, in Belmont. If there was a public event or civic engagement that needed attention in either city, Maureen Freschet was present, energetic, often a leader, and always a beneficial force for community improvement.

Many of Maureen's most visible contributions will never have her name on them. Due to her service on the county's transportation authority, she was involved in major projects to improve traffic and transit. As people move through the community, and despite traffic woes created by a 2 percent unemployment rate and high technology job growth that is essentially engulfing our community, travelers have Maureen to thank in part for recent and coming improvements that will benefit them for generations to come.

Maureen is an enthusiastic supporter of San Mateo's adopted Army unit, the 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles," and worked tirelessly to welcome them on the 50th anniversary of their adoption by San Mateo. She spearheaded the effort to create a memorial in Central Park to honor San Mateo's fallen military and local public safety heroes.

Her dedication to law enforcement is multifaceted. She served on the county's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission and on the Executive Board of the Service League. She is also a staunch opponent of human trafficking and made numerous presentations on this important subject.

Maureen raised her two daughters, Nicole and Kristen, as a single mother. She is now known as "Nini," to her grandson, Carson. Out of all the titles she's earned over the years, this one is her most cherished. She also

earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services Administration and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Notre Dame de Namur in Belmont.

For decades, Maureen Freschet has been the quintessential pillar of the community. In America's democratic tradition, no leader can honestly say, "Only I can lead us or all will perish." No one is irreplaceable. That being said, in San Mateo, Maureen is close. She wishes to spend more time with her husband, Andy, and her family. I commend her for keeping her priorities straight. However, exemplary citizenship is inspiring to us all. Maureen will likely roar at times with her private voice, continue to lead by personal example, and thus inspire all who know her to remain engaged in the awesome task of governing this great nation.

HONORING THE KNOWLES TEACHER INITIATIVE FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Knowles Teacher Initiative of Moorestown, New Jersey, for their 20 years of work developing teachers that transform math and science education for students across the United States.

Established in 1999 by Janet H. and C. Harry Knowles, the Knowles Teacher Initiative supports a network of math and science teachers nationwide in expanding innovative practices and teaching expertise. Through their programs like the Knowles Teaching Fellows Program and the Knowles Senior Fellows Program, Knowles brings in early-career high school math and science teachers to aid in their professional development and create a lasting network of highly qualified educators across the country.

Over their 20 years serving our nation's teachers, Knowles has supported more than 400 Fellows who have taught math and science to more than 250,000 students. There is no doubt that the Knowles Teacher Initiative has made a lasting impact in not only the lives of the educators that took part in their fellowships, but also the students that have benefited from the high-quality instruction stemming from Knowles programs.

I commend the Knowles Teacher Initiative for the important work they have done to help to provide development opportunities for our nation's math and science teachers. I'm proud to support their work and look forward to many impactful years to come.

HONORING THE RETURN OF THE REMAINDER OF THE TULUWAT TO THE WIYOT TRIBE

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the long-awaited return of

the remainder of Tuluwat to the Wiyot Tribe. This transfer of land from the City of Eureka is an exceptional gesture that recognizes the sacredness of the island to the tribe, which considers it the center of the universe.

Also known as Indian Island, the 280-acre island was home to the Wiyot people, which held its annual World Renewal Ceremony there for many hundreds of years. In the winter of 1860, white settlers coordinated attacks on Wiyot women, children, and elders while the men were away. As many as 250 unarmed Wiyot people were massacred. Indian Island was later diked and drained and a boatyard and lumber mills were built there, leaving behind a toxic legacy.

In 2000, the Wiyot Tribe purchased a 1.5-acre parcel of the island. Four years later, the City of Eureka transferred 67 acres to the tribe. In 2014, the Wiyot Tribe restored the World Renewal Ceremony to that part of the island. In December 2018, the Eureka City Council voted to repatriate the rest of its land on Tuluwat to the Wiyot Tribe. The Wiyot Tribe has worked for years to clean up toxins on the island, as well as to protect shell middens and other important sites and resources from erosion.

The Wiyot Tribe will continue to use the site for ceremonies, including at the Etipidolh Village site, and work to remove invasive *Spartina densiflora* on the island's wetlands.

Madam Speaker, the repatriation of Tuluwat from the City of Eureka to the Wiyot Tribe has profound importance to the Wiyot people, whose ancestors suffered greatly during the early white settlement of the region. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing this historic agreement that continues to try to heal the harms of the past.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD MCEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 16, 2019 during roll call no. 558, On Ordering the Previous Question, H. Res. 629, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1815) SEC Disclosure Effectiveness Testing Act, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3624) Outsourcing Accountability Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 559, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 629, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1815) SEC Disclosure Effectiveness Testing Act, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3624) Outsourcing Accountability Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 560, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.J. Res. 77, Opposing the decision to end certain United States efforts to prevent Turkish military operations against Syrian Kurdish forces in Northeast Syria. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN CUM-
MINGS FROM THE AMERICAN
DENTAL ASSOCIATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the loss of my colleague, Congressman Elijah Cummings. He was a true leader in Congress and had the respect of his colleagues. I feel honored for having the opportunity to work with him as his Co-chair of the Congressional Oral Health Caucus. As a former dentist, I appreciated Congressman Cummings for being an advocate for oral health and advancing many important issues in a bipartisan manner. He will be missed in the halls of Congress and I send my deepest condolences to his family.

On behalf of the American Dental Association, I would like to include in the RECORD the following statement which recognizes Congressman Cummings for his dedication to oral health:

The American Dental Association (ADA) would like to offer its sincerest condolences to the colleagues, family, friends and constituents of Representatives Elijah Cummings. Representative Cummings dedicated his life of service to uplifting and empowering the people he was sworn to represent in Congress.

Since 1996, Congressman Cummings has proudly represented Maryland's 7th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, where we have discussed many of the complex challenges of health care in his state. Rep. Cummings understood the significance between oral health and general well-being for overall health.

As Co-chair of the Oral Health Caucus, Rep. Cummings was dedicated to increasing awareness of oral health care and to funding emerging dental research. Americans will forever be thankful for his support of initiatives that address oral health equity, including the Action for Dental Health Act. He was a staunch supporter and promoter of oral health as a part of overall health policy. Rep. Cummings knew that greater access to dental care needed to include education and awareness and made it a priority to help initiate Maryland's first statewide oral health literacy campaign.

Rep. Cummings often said that "Our children are the living messages that we send to a future we will never see." We admired his dedication to ensuring that our next generations have access to quality health care and education. Congress lost a true advocate for the people today. His willingness to work and fight for those who need him most is the biggest loss to our nation.

The ADA will sincerely miss the wisdom and dedication of Congressman Cummings to make real and lasting change with the continued commitment and collaboration of the oral health community. We will remain saddened yet dedicated to help make that lasting change as part of his legacy.

Sincerest condolences,

CHAD P. GEHANI, D.D.S.,

President of the American Dental Association.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes due to circumstances beyond my control.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 565; "yea" on Roll Call No. 566; and "nay" on Roll Call No. 567.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALFRED
JACKSON "A.J." POWELL

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Alfred Jackson "A.J." Powell.

A.J., as he was affectionately known by his family and friends, was a longtime resident of Quitman, Georgia. He graduated from Dixie High School and went on to study at the University of Georgia, earning a degree in Agriculture. Upon graduation, A.J. enlisted in the Army Air Corps, where he served our country honorably as a meteorologist and Ordinance Officer, ultimately achieving the rank of Captain.

A.J. had a broad and meaningful impact on his community in Quitman, Georgia. After returning from military service, he paired his love for agriculture with his experience in the Army to serve veterans in his community. He organized the first Veterans' Farm Training program in the county, serving as an agriculture teacher for groups of veterans, and later was promoted by the State Department of Education to Supervisor for the Veterans Agriculture Program for all the counties in South Georgia.

After leaving the Department of Education, A.J. opened Powell's Farm Supply, becoming a leading innovator in agricultural infrared photography and liquid fertilizer products. He raised beef cattle on his farm, Crooked Creek, and was actively involved in the agriculture community, assuming roles ranging from President of the Georgia Seedsmen's Association to President of the Chamber of Commerce.

Throughout his life, A.J. served his community in a variety of capacities. Among his greatest joys was serving in his church, Quitman First Baptist Church, where he was an active member, serving many roles, including as a Sunday school teacher and the Chairman of Deacons. First and foremost, A.J. was a man of integrity who was well known for his faith in Jesus and his love for others. He lived out Joshua 24: 15, "... as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

A.J. will be forever remembered as a man of faith, diligence, and integrity. Most importantly, he will be remembered as a loyal and faithful husband to his beloved wife, Mary; father to his three children, Beth, Jay and Lisa; grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, and friend. A.J. will be dearly missed, but his legacy will be felt for generations to come. On behalf of the people of Georgia, I hope you will join me in celebrating his wonderful life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD MCEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on September 25, 2019 during roll call no. 542, On Ordering the Previous Question on the Amendment and the Resolution, H. Res. 577, Providing for consideration of H.R. 2203, the Homeland Security Improvement Act; H.R. 3525, the US Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act; and H. Res. 576, expressing the sense of the House with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 543, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 577, Providing for consideration of H.R. 2203, the Homeland Security Improvement Act; H.R. 3525, the U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act; and H. Res. 576, expressing the sense of the House with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 544, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 1595, SAFE Banking Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 545, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 2203, Homeland Security Improvement Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 546, On Passage, H.R. 2203, Homeland Security Improvement Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 547, On Motion to Table, H. Res. 590, Raising a question of the privileges of the House. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 548, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 576, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING MICHAEL DUNLEA AS A
RECIPIENT OF THE PRESI-
DENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCEL-
LENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND
SCIENCE TEACHING

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Dunlea of Tabernacle Elementary School in Tabernacle, New Jersey, as a recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

Each year, the PAEMST recognizes outstanding K-12 teachers for their contributions to the teaching and learning of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer science. Recipients of the award are

widely respected by their peers, displaying strong expertise in STEM education, and having made a lasting positive impact on their students. Only 108 teachers from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories receive this selective recognition each year.

I commend Mr. Dunlea for his fine work as an educator and mentor to his students, building important skills that will help them succeed in a rapidly developing world. STEM education is a building block to an increasingly complex economy that relies on a strong technological skill set. Today's students with strong STEM backgrounds will be those that discover a cure for cancer, help to bring an end to climate change, and gets an American on Mars. The important skills that Mr. Dunlea's students develop from his instruction will bring important individual achievements, and will aid our nation in the future.

I'm proud to say that we have excellent quality teachers in New Jersey like Mr. Dunlea, and I look forward to seeing his important work develop in the growth and success of his students.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
JERRY EPSTEIN

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Congresswoman LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, to celebrate the life of Mr. Jerry Epstein, who passed away at the age of 96 on September 2, 2019 in Los Angeles, California. Jerry was an integral part of the development of Los Angeles County through his involvement in real estate, construction, and philanthropic causes.

Born on August 29, 1923 as the only child of Meyer and Tilda Epstein, Jerry was raised in the Bronx and Mount Vernon, New York. Shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Jerry enlisted in the military, serving as an enlisted man and commissioned officer in the United States Army and Air Force. He flew in B-17 and B-29 bombers and served on active duty during multiple island invasions in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

After the war, Jerry enrolled at Emory University, where he met the love of his life, Pat. They were married on December 26, 1948 and celebrated more than 66 years together before she passed on July 22, 2015.

In 1949 Jerry and Pat moved to Los Angeles, where Jerry initially worked for Pat's family business. In 1952, Jerry became involved in real estate, including the development and management of multi-family rental apartments, as well as the initial creation and development of Marina del Rey, now the largest pleasure boat harbor community in the world.

Jerry took pride in his service on several local and state public bodies focused on transportation infrastructure and public building construction. He was appointed to the Los Angeles County Economy and Efficiency Commission in the 1970s and was the first chairman of the Energy Commission for the City and County of Los Angeles. Jerry also served as a chairman of the California Transportation Commission and vice chair of the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

As a trustee of Saint John's Hospital and Health Center Foundation in Santa Monica for more than 40 years, Jerry felt great pleasure working with the compassionate sisters, doctors, nurses and staff treating and healing patients. Jerry was also chair of the Development Committee that oversaw the \$500 million reconstruction of Saint John's after the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

Philanthropic causes played a big role in Jerry's life—he and Pat were honored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Boys and Girls Club of Venice, Big Brothers of America, Portals, and Saint John's Hospital; they also supported many charities, including the Lucille and Edward R. Roybal Foundation, the Jewish Federation, and Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles.

Jerry's impact on the communities he helped build from the ground up is indelible. Congresswoman ROYBAL-ALLARD and I are blessed to have known and worked with Jerry on issues of importance in Southern California. May his commitment to service inspire those of us working toward a brighter future.

HONORING WILLIAM M. MOONEY,
JR.

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor William M. Mooney, Jr. as he prepares for his retirement from the Westchester County Association (WCA), where he currently serves as President and CEO.

First elected to head the Westchester County Association in 2004, Bill Mooney has distinguished himself as one of the premier advocates for the Lower Hudson Valley's business and banking communities. Under Bill's steadfast leadership, the WCA transformed from a network of business interests to a formidable organization focused on fostering economic growth and development in Westchester County and beyond.

Counted among Bill's numerous accomplishments are helping to launch The Blueprint for Westchester, a groundbreaking campaign that resulted in the repurposing, reactivation, and redevelopment of millions of square feet of underutilized space in Westchester County. With Bill at the helm, the WCA also managed a \$9.8 million federal workforce development grant—the largest such grant in the history of Westchester County—resulting in hundreds of jobs for Hudson Valley residents.

Beyond his prowess as a business leader, Bill has always been dedicated to giving back to the community. Bill's philanthropic efforts have directly benefitted the United Way of Westchester and Putnam Counties, the American Heart Walk, the Westchester Partnership for Economic Development, the Red Cross of Rockland County, and countless other nonprofits and educational organizations.

Bill Mooney has dedicated his career to making Westchester County a desirable place in which to live and work. Bill's achievements have left an indelible mark on the lives of so many, and his legacy will be remembered long after he leaves the WCA. Thanks to his tireless efforts, William M. Mooney, Jr.'s prediction that Westchester County's best days lie ahead seems certain to come true.

HONORING CHRISTINE CARPENTER
AS IOWA'S CANCER CHAMPION
OF THE YEAR

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor breast cancer survivors across Iowa. I want to recognize Christine Carpenter as a champion and advocate for Iowa women with breast cancer.

Christine was diagnosed with breast cancer 26 years ago—and won. She took her experience with breast cancer and turned into a mission. She is now a leading voice with the Iowa Breast Cancer Advocacy Network, a valuable member of the Iowa Beyond Pink Team, and a frequent face here on Capitol Hill.

I've had the chance to meet with Christine as she fights for research funding and advocates for legal changes that will better serve Iowans, and all women, with breast cancer. If you or a loved one in Iowa have experienced breast cancer, you've likely either met Christine or benefited from the work she's done. She helped ensure that those on Medicaid receive treatment for breast and cervical cancers—even if they didn't qualify under the standard programs. Through her persistent advocacy, Christine was able to protect Iowan women who are most in need.

Christine is the right woman to have on your side and fierce advocate for breast cancer survivors. That is why it is no surprise that Christine was awarded the Iowa Cancer Champion of the Year 2019. Christine's "Iowa-Nice" approach has ensured that all our federally elected officials from Iowa are supporting important breast cancer reform legislation.

In honor of Christine and Iowans with breast cancer, I am calling on my House colleagues to sign onto the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act. This legislation will waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility and the 5-month waiting period of Social Security Disability Insurance for those with metastatic breast cancer. Metastatic breast cancer is when that cancer has spread beyond the breast and into other organs. Devastatingly, it cannot be cured. It is estimated that nearly 160,000 women in the United States have this terminal form of breast cancer. As we work toward a cure, it is important we provide these women and their families with the financial peace of mind they need in this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO MONTGOMERY
MAYOR TODD STRANGE

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Todd Strange, the 56th mayor of Montgomery, Alabama, on his decade of service to his city, his state and to the people of Alabama. Mayor Strange's outstanding career has been characterized by his commitment to restoring and ensuring Montgomery's economic vitality, his unique sense of humor and, most importantly, his deep and

unwavering love for his city. Since taking office on March 23, 2009, Mayor Strange has been a strong and able leader, who has consistently put people over politics, and has remained resistant to the divisions commonplace in today's political climate. He leaves the City of Montgomery a better place for his excellent leadership.

Long interested in the complexities and practical applications of politics, Mayor Strange graduated from Murphy High School in Mobile, Alabama before continuing on to earn his B.A. in Political Science from Montevallo University. After graduating, Mayor Strange took the opportunity to try his own hand at politics, serving as chairman of the Montgomery County Commission and as Director of the Alabama Department of Commerce. During this time, Mayor Strange was instrumental in coordinating efforts that resulted in substantial job growth and economic revitalization throughout the city, including working with many partners to bring the Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Facility of Alabama to Montgomery.

Over the course of his career, Mayor Strange also worked in the private sector, ably taking on leadership roles in the automotive and telecommunications fields. Mayor Strange served as President, CEO and Co-owner of Blount-Strange Automotive Group, where he oversaw hundreds of employees, and held several leadership roles within South Central Bell Company (now AT&T). He further served as Senior Vice President of Administration of Blount International, Ltd. and President and CEO of Blount Development Corporation.

Mayor Strange first came into office winning a special election after his predecessor, Mayor Bobby Bright, was elected to the United States House of Representatives. His election came on the heels of the economic recession, evident in the city's operating budget. Over the following six years, Mayor Strange worked diligently to continue revitalization in his city, making use of major sporting events, conferences, new jobs and economic development to drive revenue. By 2015, the City of Montgomery closed out the fiscal year with over twenty million in the coffers.

Further, during his time as mayor, Mayor Strange made use of new technologies to cut costs and keep the city safe, implementing a Smart City Initiative, which makes use of artificial intelligence to assess roads for paving projects. The initiative utilizes cutting edge surveillance and sanitation technology in order to streamline efficiency; and uses in-house software technology to keep costs in check. The project symbolizes Mayor Strange's commitment to finding practical, cost-effective solutions that make use of all that modern technology has to offer, in order for the city to run as smoothly as possible.

Mayor Strange has served as Chairman of the Montgomery Business Committee for the Arts, Chairman of the Capital City Club and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the City of Montevallo. He was formerly the Chairman of the University of Montevallo National Alumni Association, the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce, the President of the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind Foundation, the Board Chairman of the Montgomery Riverfront Development Committee and the Chairman of the Montgomery Riverfront Alliance. A testament to his enduring legacy and impact,

Mayor Strange has been honored with myriad awards and recognition, including: The Business and Professional Women Boss of the Year Award, the March of Dimes River Region Citizen of the Year Award, the Auburn University at Montgomery Outstanding Community Leader Award and Time Magazine's Quality Dealer Award for Alabama.

Throughout his long and impressive career, Mayor Strange has been blessed to be supported by his wife Linda, his two daughters, Jennifer and Elizabeth and his grandchildren. The strength provided by his family has allowed Mayor Strange his remarkable professional successes and, certainly, his commitment to honoring family values has carried over to his service as mayor.

On a personal note, I have greatly enjoyed working with Mayor Strange on the federal issues that matter most to Montgomery and the River Region. I'm especially proud of the work that our community and, especially, the work that Mayor Strange and his office have done to make the 187th Air National Guard home to the new F-35 Lightning II Jets, resulting in the creation of hundreds of jobs and tens of millions of dollars in economic investment. As we usher in this new era for the City of Montgomery, I know that Mayor Strange's legacy will be the foundation upon which others will lead. While he may be retiring from his service as Mayor, I know he will still be an active, lifelong advocate on behalf of the people of the City of Montgomery and the River Region.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Todd Strange for his outstanding service as mayor of the City of Montgomery.

HONORING JASON ROSS

HON. JOHN RATCLIFFE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. RATCLIFFE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank a truly great American, my District Chief of Staff, Jason Ross. After five years of dedication to our country and the communities of Texas' Fourth Congressional District, Jason is departing from my office to return to the private sector with a record of extraordinary achievement and the gratitude of thousands of Texans whom he has served faithfully.

Madam Speaker, I don't have the words to accurately or adequately convey my gratitude for Jason's commitment, dedication, devotion and loyalty to this endeavor over the past five years.

Since Day 1 in January 2015, I have trusted Jason with charting a course for our district operations to the more than 700,000 Texans across 18 counties. Now, almost 5 years later, there has never been a single day where I have not been rewarded for that decision.

Along the way, I've been witness to and credited for so many great and wonderful things that have transpired in our district—but always knowing that the credit belongs to and has resulted from the work of everyone on staff, under Jason's inspiring leadership.

Personally, I could never have expected or deserved a better supporter, defender, confidant and friend than Jason Ross.

I was once told that if the only prayer you ever say in your life is "thank you," but if you say it with genuine praise and glory to God, then you've both said and prayed enough. So, on behalf of Texas' Fourth Congressional District, I would like to formally honor Jason Ross on his years of dedicated service to our constituents and this nation by saying . . .

Thank you, Jason.

TRIBUTE TO GREGORY GARCIA

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of Mr. Gregory Garcia who passed away on Friday, October 4, 2019. Mr. Garcia dedicated his life to community and education. He is survived by wife of 42 years, Margaret; his daughters Christine, Gina, and Glinda; son Gregory Anthony; and his sister Leila Ramos. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. Greg Garcia was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas, graduating from Central Catholic High School in 1958. A proud alumni of Texas A&M University, he graduated in 1962 with a Bachelor of Arts in Business. There, he actively participated in the Corps of Cadets.

After extensive work in the private sector for 20 years, he heard the call to return and serve the alma mater that he so loved. Mr. Garcia was incredibly active in our community and his involvement was only matched by his desire to make San Antonio the best it can possibly be.

During his time with the Texas A&M University System, he served as Vice Chancellor of Governmental Relations. He partnered with his dear friends, the late Senator Frank Madla, in establishing a university on San Antonio's Southside. He has since been recognized as a founding father of Texas A&M University—San Antonio.

Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I acknowledge the passing of Mr. Gregory Garcia. San Antonio and its Southside communities mourn the loss of a great pillar who dedicated his life to the service of others. I thank Mr. Garcia for everything he has done for San Antonians, the entire state of Texas, and for his fellow Aggies.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House Chamber on October 18, 2019, to attend a funeral in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted no on Roll Call No. 565; no on Roll Call No. 566; and yes on Roll Call No. 567.

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 Tuesday, October 22, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

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

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

To hold hearings to examine United States policy and assistance in Syria.

SD-124

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation

To hold hearings to examine successes and unfinished business in the Western Balkans.

SD-419

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control

To hold hearings to examine marijuana and America's health, focusing on questions and issues for policy makers.

SD-215

OCTOBER 24

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Vice Admiral Charles A. Richard, USN, to be Admiral and Commander, United States Strategic Command, Department of Defense.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine data ownership, focusing on exploring implications for data privacy rights and data valuation.

SD-538

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management

To hold a joint hearing to examine E-Rulemaking comment systems.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 2511, to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide the Marshal of the Supreme Court of the United States and Supreme Court Police with the authority to protect the Chief Justice of the United States, any Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and other individuals in any location, and the nominations of Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Danielle J. Hunsaker, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Steven J. Menashi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, William Joseph Nardini, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Jodi W. Dishman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, Karen Spencer Marston, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Richard Earnest Myers II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Sarah E. Pitlyk, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Anuraag Singhal, to be United States District Judge for the Southern

District of Florida, Daniel Mack Traynor, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota, and David M. DeVillers, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Department of Justice.

SD-226

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine anti-corruption initiatives to fight emerging methods of foreign bribery.

RHOB-2128

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine treating substance misuse in America, focusing on scams, shortfalls, and solutions.

SD-215

2 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

OCTOBER 29

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lisa W. Hershman, of Indiana, to be Chief Management Officer, Dana S. Deasy, of Virginia, to be Chief Information Officer, and Robert John Sander, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50

OCTOBER 30

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold hearings to examine the use of technology and innovation to increase water security and enable economic development in the West.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity

To receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations.

SVC-217

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property

To hold hearings to examine promoting the useful arts, focusing on how Congress can prevent the issuance of poor quality patents.

SD-226