

INTRODUCTION OF WHITE HOUSE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR DIVERSITY ACT

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, after President Trump's inauguration, the White House deleted Spanish-language content from the official White House website. At the time, the White House claimed that a Spanish-language site was under development, but, more than two years later, such a website has yet to materialize. Meanwhile, the previous two administrations offered Spanish-language content on the official White House website.

There are many taxpayers whose first language is not English. Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and French are among the most spoken languages in the United States. People benefit tremendously from having different options to access their government and receive information that may impact their lives. This is why it is imperative that the White House and federal agencies continue to be accessible to all taxpayers.

Therefore, I am reintroducing the White House Accountability for Diversity Act. It is vital for all Americans to be able to follow issues that affect their lives. This legislation will allow for content to be translated into Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, French and any other language deemed necessary by the Office of Management and Budget. This will ensure that all taxpayers have the option of accessing up-to-date information in their preferred language.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BOB AND ANNA RENAUD TRAIN BARN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Renaud Family and celebrate the opening of the "Bob and Anna Renaud Train Barn." The Renaud Family's generosity and life-long commitment to our community are worthy of commendation.

The Renaud Family is a central fixture of the Southgate community. Since moving to Southgate in 1947, Bob and Anna Renaud have fully dedicated their lives to serving the city. Anna, a retired councilwoman, served on the Southgate City Council for 16 years, and her husband Bob was a United States veteran who dutifully served our country in World War II. Throughout the decades, Bob and Anna have become pillars of Southgate and are widely recognized for their lifetime of generosity and philanthropy. To the great sadness of our community, Bob Renaud passed away last August, yet his remarkable work alongside his wife will always be remembered, honored, and appreciated.

The opening of the Bob and Anna Renaud Train Barn was only made possible due to the continued generosity of the Renaud Family. Named in recognition of Anna and in honor of the legacy of Bob, the barn will provide the

Great Lakes Live Steamers crews a place to store and work on their trains. More importantly though, the barn will serve as a welcoming place for our community to gather and learn more about something Bob loved: trains.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the dedication of the Bob and Anna Renaud Train Barn. We are grateful for Bob and Anna's 70 years of meaningful service to Southgate and their efforts are truly deserving of this recognition. The Renaud Family is cherished by so many within our community, and I am glad the train barn will bear their name for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING SPECIALIST ERIC HALL, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2019 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, it is my privilege to honor twelve distinguished military veterans from Texas' Third Congressional District who answered the call to serve their Nation honorably, both in uniform and following their return to civilian life. The recipients of the 2019 Congressional Veteran Commendation exemplify the time-honored qualities of patriotism, service before self, and bold leadership. Following their time in service, their efforts in our community have earned these fine individuals recognition as the recipients of this prestigious commendation. Their stories of sacrifice will encourage future generations to pursue a life dedicated to the very values we cherish as Americans: faith, freedom, and democracy. One such hero is Specialist Eric Hall of Frisco, Texas.

Specialist Eric Hall began his career in the United States Army as an infantryman, in both Scout and Reconnaissance Platoons. He was deployed to Iraq and continued his active duty service until June 2010. For his valiant efforts in the Army, he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Combat Infantry Badge to name a few.

Mr. Hall would spend the next few years of his career in the Army National Guard, during which time he attended the University of Texas at Dallas, earning a Bachelor of Art in Political Science and a Masters in Constitutional Law. As a student, Eric developed a passion for servant leadership in organizations including the Young Conservatives of Texas, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, the Cares Team, and as a member of the Rugby team. His deep desire to ensure equality, as instilled by the teachings of family members, led him to continue to serve in a multitude of organizations including the Equal Rights Voting Institute, 22 Fellowship Program, and as a Board Member for the DFW Chapter of the Martin Luther King Jr. Association of Texas.

As an advocate for our military and veterans, Eric has maintained an active role in organizations including the Association of the United States Army, Veterans of Foreign

Wars, and Carry the Load. Specialist Eric Hall is a leader of service and sacrifice who is wholly deserving of this recognition.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Specialist Hall for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2019 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on October 22, 2019, I was absent for a vote on H.R. 2426, the CASE Act of 2019, due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 578.

RECOGNIZING SGT. JEFF HEWITT AND DEPUTY JARED S. HEWITT

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sgt. Jeff Hewitt and Deputy Jared S. Hewitt of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for their courageous actions during the Eastpoint, FL fire that took place last June devastating the community and stretching over 1,000 acres.

The father and son received a call over dispatch that a family was trapped in a burning vehicle, and without hesitation, the two of them hurried to the scene. Placing their lives at risk, they fought through the heavy smoke and engulfing fire to free a young boy, his parents, and their cat from the emblazoned truck.

Because of their bravery and swift action, this family was safely rescued and there were no deaths as a result of the horrific fire in Eastpoint.

Their heroic actions have not gone unnoticed. Sgt. Jeff Hewitt and Deputy Jared Hewitt were named as the 2019 Law Enforcement Officers of the Year at the Florida Sheriff's Association annual summer conference. As a nation, we are indebted to our first responders and law enforcement officers for their daily acts of heroism.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking this father and son for risking their lives not only during this fire, but every day to ensure that the people of Franklin County can live safe and prosperous lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I was attending a committee meeting. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 579.