

IN RECOGNITION OF IVAN “BUD” WARREN ATWOOD, JR.’S LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO THE VETERAN COMMUNITY

HON. JAHANA HAYES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mrs. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ivan “Bud” Warren Atwood, Jr., of Torrington, Connecticut, who passed away on October 20, 2019 after a long battle with cancer. As a decorated member of the U.S. Army and a longtime advocate for veterans, Mr. Atwood lived a life that was truly emblematic of service to his community.

During his time in the U.S. Army, Mr. Atwood proved himself to be a dedicated and brave soldier. As a result, he was awarded a series of medals and decorations, including the National Defense Service Medal, the Marksman (Rifle), the Good Conduct Medal, a Korean War Service Medal, and a Letter of Appreciation.

However, work for the Armed Services and his country continued long after he left the Army. After retiring, Mr. Atwood turned his attention to veterans. He became the Director of the Torrington Veterans Service Office, where he had the privilege of providing services and final honors to countless veterans for at least eighteen years. In addition to this, Mr. Atwood served with the Northwest Connecticut Honor Guard and was instrumental in organizing local events for veterans such as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Veterans Day, National Vietnam War Veterans Day, National Korean War Armistice Day, and many more.

Mr. Atwood’s work in the military community shows his character and integrity. His legacy lives on through the veterans for whom he advocated tirelessly, the organization which he championed, and his family members who have inherited his commitment to service. It cannot be understated how much he will be missed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ivan Warren Atwood, Jr. as he rests in peace after such an extraordinary life. He truly made our community a better place.

HONORING RABBI MORLEY FEINSTEIN

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a leader in the Jewish community, Rabbi Morley Feinstein.

Ordained in 1981 at Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Rabbi Feinstein served as the assistant and first associate rabbi of Temple Beth-El in San Antonio, Texas. From 1987 to 2002, he served as senior rabbi of Temple Beth-El in South Bend, Indiana. During his tenure there, Indiana’s Governor recognized Rabbi Feinstein with the state’s highest citizen honor, The Sagamore of the Wabash, for his efforts in promoting peace and justice.

Rabbi Feinstein has devoted time for thirty-four summers teaching at the camps of the

Union for Reform Judaism. In addition, he has served in leadership roles with the Los Angeles Council of Religious Leaders, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and the Board of Rabbis of Southern California.

For the past 17 years, Rabbi Feinstein has served as senior rabbi at University Synagogue in Los Angeles, where he has shared his love for teaching Torah and helped to grow a vibrant Jewish community. He has also brought his passion for music to this sacred work.

I have had the privilege of attending services officiated by Rabbi Feinstein and have seen firsthand the welcoming spiritual home he has fostered at University Synagogue.

In his role as rabbi emeritus, Rabbi Feinstein will remain a treasured resource to our community. Rabbi Feinstein is loved by his wife Dr. Margarete Myers Feinstein, sons, Aaron and Ari, twin daughters, Eliana and Renata, and his two grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I wish to thank Rabbi Feinstein for his service to our community.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE MARYSVILLE-PILCHUCK HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate a solemn anniversary.

Five years ago, on October 24, 2014, the Marysville, Washington and Tulalip communities were violently ripped apart by a tragic shooting at Marysville-Pilchuck High School. The victims—Zoe Galasso (14), Shaylee Chucklunaskit (14), Gia Soriano (14) and Andrew Fryberg (15)—were filled with ambition and excitement for life.

Jaylen Fryberg (15), also died. Nate Hatch survived the shooting and spent months fighting for his life.

As a father of two boys, my heart still hurts when I think of those parents who received the worst news imaginable.

Today, five years later, I recognize the strength and resilience of the victims’ families, the Tulalip tribes, the Marysville-Pilchuck High School community and the city of Marysville, Washington. When faced with unimaginable tragedy, the community came together to celebrate the young victims and give thanks for their lives which were cut short in a senseless act of violence.

CONGRATULATING DR. C. DIANE MOSBY FOR 10 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE ANOINTED NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Ms. SPANBERGER. Madam Speaker, it is my true pleasure to congratulate Dr. C. Diane Mosby on her deeply deserved recognition for 10 years of service as a Senior Pastor for the Anointed New Life Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia.

Over the past decade and beyond, Dr. Mosby has served as a leader in her faith and community. Her dedication is evident through her Doctor of Ministry and Master of Divinity degrees from Virginia Union University. Moreover, her work in the Commonwealth, as well as completion of international ministry assignments in Ghana, France, and the Philippines, exhibits remarkable commitment to the communities she serves. In Dr. Mosby’s daily work, she has made a positive impact on countless lives and has honored the values she preaches at the Anointed New Life Baptist Church.

Dr. Mosby’s commitment is both inspiring and humbling. I hope to emulate her service as the Representative for Virginia’s 7th District and would like to thank her for all her work. I look forward to celebrating her continued service in years to come.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE AMERICAN SYRIAN ARAB CULTURAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BANQUET

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Syrian Arab Cultural Association and celebrate its 2019 Annual Banquet. The association’s lasting commitment to supporting our Syrian Arab American community is worthy of commendation.

The American Syrian Arab Cultural Association (ASACA) is a non-profit and non-sectarian cultural and education organization with a mission to “acquaint the American public with the rich Arabic culture and heritage through the promotion of lectures, educational seminars and cultural events.” The association aspires to strengthen ties and promote friendly relations by building bridges between Arabic culture and the American community at large. In addition, ASACA tirelessly strives to preserve and instill Arabic language, culture, and heritage within the youth of the Arab community, ensuring it will be shared with generations to come.

ASACA’s Annual Banquet exemplifies the association’s continued commitment to our Arab American community. This year, the banquet will support Syrian Youth Empowerment (SYE), a non-profit initiative that empowers Syrian youth by providing paths to higher education. Established by a group of Syrian refugees who personally experienced the challenges of pursuing higher education both inside and outside Syria, SYE was created to support students in conflict areas and help them navigate the barriers they encounter throughout the college application process. ASACA’s important work alongside SYA will generate a greater awareness for the obstacles many Syrians face due to ongoing conflicts, and ASACA’s dedicated efforts with help better support students who wish to obtain their college degrees.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the American Syrian Arab Cultural Association as it hosts its annual banquet. ASACA’s commitment to empowering Syrian youth truly changes lives, and I am deeply appreciative of the association’s remarkable work.

GEORGIA SUPPORT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 598, the Georgia Support Act. This bill helps strengthen the vital U.S.—Georgia partnership, a strategically important relationship in a critical part of the world. In 2008, Georgia was invaded by Russia and the Kremlin continues to attack Georgia through subversive disinformation campaigns and cyberattacks. This bill provides Georgia with assistance to combat this threat and support its democratic institutions.

The Georgian government has long made closer integration with the EU and NATO a priority. According to recent polls, almost 80 percent of the Georgian population supports membership in the EU and over 70 percent supports membership in NATO. As a member of the U.S. delegation to NATO Parliamentary Assembly, I am pleased that the bill recognizes that Georgia has been a longstanding NATO-aspirant country.

I urge all of my colleagues to support the Georgia Support Act. Passing this bill shows our support for Georgia's sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity, as well as for its democratic development, Euro-Atlantic integration, and peaceful conflict resolution in Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

GEORGIANA VINES

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, today I recognize longtime East Tennessee journalist Georgiana Vines as she celebrates her 80th birthday this week.

Over the last five decades, Georgiana has had a successful career as a reporter and editor. She retired from full-time work in 2005 but continues to cover East Tennessee news and politics as a newspaper freelancer. In addition to working in the news industry, Georgiana has spent a great deal of time teaching and sharing her experience with future journalists at the University of Tennessee's College of Communications and Information.

I am honored to call her my friend, and I know I speak for many in East Tennessee when I say Happy Birthday, Georgiana.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of the Society for Neuroscience, an organization at the forefront of medical research and positively affecting the lives of people across America and all over the world. The Society for Neuroscience

is the world's largest organization of scientists and physicians devoted to understanding the brain and nervous system.

Over the past few days, more than 30,000 scientists from more than 70 countries have gathered at the Society's Neuroscience 2019 Conference in Chicago to present emerging science, learn from experts, forge collaborations with peers, and explore new tools and technologies. Some of the research being presented includes the latest projects and discoveries surrounding Alzheimer's and opioid addiction research, both of which are issues I care deeply about and have advocated for here in Congress.

At the annual conference, the state of Illinois is represented by nearly 1,400 attendees who are sharing cutting-edge research conducted by Illinois' research institutions and academic centers. One of these institutions taking part in the gathering of minds is Northern Illinois University (NIU), which I proudly represent in Illinois's 16th Congressional District. NIU had 10 researchers showcasing their dedicated work to the Society, representing their passion to better the sciences and find answers to questions we all hope to uncover.

In Fiscal Year 2019, the state of Illinois received over \$485 million in funding through grants from the National Institute of Health (NIH). Of that funding, \$424,000 went to IL-16 and included funding to conduct research aimed at better understanding the nervous system and to improve the treatment and prevention of brain and nervous system disorders. I want to commend the institutions in my district and state, as well as the Society for Neuroscience, for being leaders in neuroscience research and highlighting the importance of scientific research to advance our understanding of the nervous system to ultimately improve the health of people across the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT MICHAEL GRISSOM

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Michael Grissom and congratulate him on receiving The Washtenaw 100 Firefighter of the Year Award. Lieutenant Grissom's selfless dedication to protecting the Washtenaw County community is worthy of commendation.

The Washtenaw 100 is a non-profit organization committed to supporting our hometown heroes. The organization's mission is to provide immediate financial funding to families of law enforcement and firefighting personnel in Washtenaw County who have died in the line of duty, helping them through their grief. In addition, the organization strives to serve active duty law enforcement officers and firefighters by providing grants to local departments and offering annual scholarships to their children to bolster their educational opportunities.

The Washtenaw 100's Annual Dinner exemplifies the organization's continued commitment to supporting our community's firefighters and law enforcement officers and serves as a great way to recognize their outstanding efforts. This year, The Washtenaw

100 is proud to recognize Lieutenant Michael Grissom as the 2019 Firefighter of the Year.

Lieutenant Michael Grissom is an experienced and valuable member of the Dexter Area Fire Department. Nominated by Chief Robert Smith, Lieutenant Grissom is known as a leader who consistently goes above and beyond what is expected of him in his position. Lieutenant Grissom has a host of remarkable accomplishments that make him deserving of the Firefighter of the Year Award, but some of his most noteworthy achievements include his involvement with Active 911, a mobile app that enables responders to easily access pertinent information and communicate effectively with one another, and his leadership in repurposing old radios.

When asked about his impressive work, Lieutenant Grissom responded, "It's not about me." Lieutenant Grissom truly embodies all the qualities of a dedicated firefighter—he humbly strives for excellence without seeking praise or recognition for any of his significant accomplishments.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lieutenant Michael Grissom. His bravery, dedication, and service to the citizens of Washtenaw County is deeply appreciated and truly makes a difference in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE COTTONDALE HIGH SCHOOL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA CHAPTER

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cottondale High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter for winning the 2019 state championship for both Agriculture Communication and Parliamentary Procedure.

Cottondale FFA Chapter members Josh Scurlock, Addison Griffin, Taylor Dumas, Lillie Livingston, Blayton See, Carl Young, Joey Jackson and their Advisor Stan Scurlock did an outstanding job preparing and practicing for this competition.

Agriculture will always be vital to the sustainability of this great nation and we are fortunate to have FFA Chapters across the country that instill its importance in our youth.

The Cottondale FFA members will compete at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana for the national title.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Cottondale FFA chapter and wishing them luck at the National FFA Convention next week.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF MICHAEL SCHNEIDER

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of my good friend, and true leader of labor, Mike Schneider of Rochelle Park, New Jersey. After thirty-