

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF FISK JOHNSON'S APPOINTMENT TO THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL OF ADVISORS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fisk Johnson, Chairman and CEO of SC Johnson & Son, Inc. For 133 years, SC Johnson has been a cornerstone of Racine, Wisconsin. President Trump was wise to select Fisk to serve on his Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. Fisk is a visionary. Fisk, now the fifth generation Johnson family leader of SC Johnson, has continued the family-owned company's tradition of adding good into the world.

Fisk's passion to support his employees, to create great products, and to make the world a better place is evident in his work. SC Johnson has partnered with multiple organizations to tackle issues facing Racine. From working with Gateway Technical College to give workers the education and technical skills they need to obtain a good paying job, to ensuring homeless veterans in Racine have a safe place to go, Fisk continues to find ways to make our community stronger.

Fisk's commitment to environmental sustainability has been nationally and internationally recognized. I recently met with Fisk to hear about the company's ocean conservation efforts. Through Fisk's leadership, SC Johnson partnered with Plastic Bank to give people in countries like Thailand, Vietnam, and Indonesia the opportunity to run recycling centers to prevent plastic waste from entering the ocean. This not only addresses an important environmental issue, but allows residents of these countries to earn a living, move out of poverty, and support their families.

These are just a few examples of Fisk's work in Racine and across the globe.

On behalf of Wisconsin's First Congressional District, I thank Fisk Johnson for his continued work in our community and throughout the world. Congratulations on this appointment to the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. Fisk's leadership and expertise will serve this nation well.

RECOGNIZING TECHNICAL SERGEANT PAT MINER, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2019 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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tary 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 Technical Sergeant Pat Miner of Plano, Texas.

Technical Sergeant Patrick Miner had a twenty-year career as an United States Air Force Non-Commissioned Officer, beginning his service in 1976 at Lockland Air Force Base in Texas. During his time in the military, he deployed to Japan with the 3rd Marine Division as well as the Fleet Marine Force—Pacific. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, he served as a broadcast manager at U.S. Central Command, supervising communications and broadcasts to foreign countries. As an Air Force Broadcast Journalist and Public Affairs Newscaster, his coverage, including the 1982 release of American hostages from Iran, would earn him two Thomas Jefferson Awards, the Department of Defense's highest honor recognizing journalists for outstanding achievements in furthering their Internal Information Program.

As a decorated military veteran, Mr. Miner received the Air Force Commendation Medal three times, the Longevity Service Award three times, the NCO Professional Military Education Ribbon twice, the Organizational Excellence Award twice, and the Good Conduct Medal five times.

Following his distinguished military career, Pat worked as a television producer for the Social Security Administration for twenty-three years. Following his move to Plano in 1996, Mr. Miner developed deep roots within the community, holding roles on the Plano Independent School District Council of PTAs, as the President of the Plano Homeowners Council, and on the Plano Transition and the Revitalization Commission. Giving back to the community is of paramount importance to Mr. Miner, and he was twice elected to the Plano City Council, holding positions as the Mayor Pro Tem and the Deputy Mayor Pro Tem. Civic involvement is also an important component of Pat's life, as evidenced by his role as Past-President of the North Texas Pioneers Rotary Club for which he was recognized with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. Today, Pat is currently working to recognize our first responders who have given all through his efforts on the Plano Police and Firefighters Memorial Fund. Sergeant Patrick Miner is a hometown hero who has served both his country and community in meaningful ways and we are honored to recognize him with this award.

Today, a grateful Nation thanks Technical Sergeant Miner 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.

HONORING THE 1ST ANNUAL MERCED COUNTY NUT FESTIVAL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the first annual Merced County Nut Festival, an event celebrating the agricultural past, present, and future of Merced County and furthermore, the nut industry's impact on our Valley's local economy.

California's San Joaquin Valley is one of the world's top producers in almonds, walnuts, and pistachios, contributing to California's ranking as the sixth largest economy in the world. Together, the growers, hullers, and all involved in the tree to table process in California contribute to producing 80 percent of the world's almonds, which is also the state's top agricultural export.

The Merced County Nut Festival is the vision of Necola Adams, who saw the need to celebrate those involved in our Valley's nut industry while at the same time educating the public about these crops that are present in all parts of Merced County. After discussing this idea for three years, Mrs. Adams put together a committee of community leaders from various backgrounds to help make this vision a reality.

The planning committee consisting of Mrs. Adams, Gwen Hagaman, Cynthia Adams, Kim McMillion, and Vicki Underwood collaborated to ensure the success of this festival. They contacted local businesses and community organizations, marketed the festival to local stakeholders, and overcame any challenge that arose.

The vision of the Merced County Nut Festival being an event to educate about the tree-to-table process and one that brings together members of the community to celebrate an industry uniting the county has been achieved by the committee. This festival will feature demonstrations from industry professionals, food cooked by Merced chefs, and live music from local bands. Any of the additional funds raised will benefit local youth organizations in Merced, signifying the vision that the festival can bridge the local community to those involved in the nut industry.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Merced County Nut Festival during their inaugural year. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor them and recognize the significant impact they will have on the greater Merced community and nut industry this year and in future years.

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RECOGNIZING 30 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE BY CAMP LIVE OAK AND FOUNDER KEN EVANS

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor 30 years of exemplary service to South Florida by Camp Live Oak and its Founder, Ken Evans. Under Ken's direction, Camp Live Oak has been a leader in children's environmental education since 1989.

As the only American Camp Association accredited camp in Broward County since 1990, Camp Live Oak believes that every child is gifted and designs a challenging curriculum to keep young minds sharp during school breaks. It employs certified Broward County teachers to help instill a sense of environmental stewardship in its campers through beach cleanups, sea turtle education, native plantings, and recycling initiatives.

Beyond the valuable services it provides to its campers, Camp Live Oak continues to provide direct benefits to the local economy and the environment. It draws employees and families from around the world, ensuring more dollars are spent at businesses in our community. In this role, Camp Live Oak has also been instrumental in the revitalization and preservation of Hugh Taylor Birch State Park by bringing awareness, funds, and families to the park for the last 30 years.

I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Ken Evans and Camp Live Oak for the amazing work they have done over the years to educate the public and to help our environment.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW YORK-PRESBYTERIAN WESTCHESTER DIVISION

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the New York-Presbyterian Westchester Division, as it celebrated its 125th anniversary on October 25, 2019.

Located in the City of White Plains, New York-Presbyterian Westchester Division provides critical mental health care services to New York metro area children, adolescents, adults and seniors. The facility is staffed by Weill Cornell Medicine clinicians, who work diligently to study mental illness, provide patient-centered care, and promote activities that support mental health healing. Housed in gracious buildings across 200 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds, the hospital offers patients a tranquil environment to receive the care they need and deserve.

For its high quality of services and commitment to its patients, NewYork-Presbyterian Westchester Division has received national recognition for excellence in nursing from the American Nurses Credentialing Center's (ANCC) Magnet Recognition program. The facility was also the first behavioral health hospital in the nation to be formally named by Planetree Inc., an international non-profit pro-

moting the development and implantation of innovative, patient centered models of care delivery, as "Gold Certified for Excellence in Person-Centered Care."

New York-Presbyterian Westchester Division has been an invaluable partner in making the City of White Plains and the surrounding area a healthier and more prosperous community. Madam Speaker, I urge my fellow members of Congress to join me in expressing both congratulations and thanks to the past and current employees and supporters of New York-Presbyterian Westchester Division for their 125 years of distinguished service to our community.

RECOGNIZING GRACE CRUNICAN

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, along with Representatives BARBARA LEE, ZOE LOFGREN, RO KHANNA, MARK DESAULNIER, and ANNA ESHOO, I rise to recognize Grace Crunican, who earlier this year retired as the general manager of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system.

Grace began her long career in transportation management in 1979 when she was appointed to the Presidential Management Intern Program at the U.S. Department of Transportation. She continued to work in a variety of roles in transportation management before going to Seattle to direct its Department of Transportation.

In Seattle she implemented its Transit Master Plan, which included Seattle Connections, the Bike Master Plan, the Freight Mobility Strategic Plan and the Pedestrian Master Plan. These initiatives helped to reduce congestion and commute times, helping Seattle achieve the U.S. Kyoto Protocol goals.

In 2011 she joined BART as general manager. In that role Grace oversaw a staff of more than 3,000 full time employees operating a \$15 billion transit network. With over three decades in the public transportation industry, she displayed the necessary leadership and focus to provide safe and reliable transportation services for all Bay Area communities.

Grace's hard work and dedication will result in the replacement and expansion of more than 1,000 new rail cars for BART. Her leadership also encouraged collaboration with BART's labor force to ensure both riders and workers benefit from policy changes.

She developed and implemented policies that deepen BART's ties to the communities it serves by prioritizing inclusive planning that benefits small business owners, low-income and homeless riders, and the LGBTQ community. Her affordable housing initiative enhanced accessibility by requiring the inclusion of no less than thirty-five percent affordable housing on all BART transit-oriented development projects. Additionally, she coordinated local and federal resources and fostered regional partnerships to reduce congestion for eastern Contra Costa County communities during peak commute times and led the opening of BART's Oakland International Airport and Warm Springs/South Fremont stations.

Grace has been a tireless advocate for improved public transit throughout her career.

We want to thank her for her years of service to the Bay Area and to wish her well in all her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT JAMES NICHOLS, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2019 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

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OF TEXAS

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Mr. James "Nick" Nichols enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1967 as a Materials Specialist for the Strategic Airlift Command providing support operations during the Vietnam conflict until his discharge in 1971. For his service, Specialist Nichols was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal.

Mr. Nichols has found a multitude of ways to serve within our community, perhaps most notably as the Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2150 in McKinney, a leadership role that he has held for nearly a decade. During his tenure with the VFW, he has led a number of community service initiatives including an outreach program for students centered on patriotism and a membership outreach program that engages community business leaders through the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs in McKinney.

As a respected member of our veterans community, Mr. Nichols sat on the McKinney Armed Services Memorial Board where his efforts led to the successful completion of the Veterans Memorial Park in McKinney. In addition, Mr. Nichols has been an active participant in the local Marine Toys for Tots Program where he manages the coordination efforts for volunteers. Most recently, Mr. Nichols led fundraising efforts to support the Collin County Historical Museum's Centennial Celebration of America's entry into World War I, resulting in an exhibit that would honor the role of our Collin County soldiers in the Great War.

Air Force Specialist James "Nick" Nichols is justifiably admired by a multitude of civic leaders for his efforts to support our veterans and military, ensuring that Collin County remain a stronghold of support for our defenders of freedom.

Today, a grateful Nation thanks Specialist Nichols 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. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote number 579, 580, and 581 on October 23, 2019 due to my attendance at a funeral. I would like the Record to reflect how I would have voted: On roll call vote number 579, I would have voted YES; On roll call vote number 580, I would have voted YES; On roll call vote number 581, I would have voted NO.

RECOGNIZING PASTOR STACIE FIDLAR FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pastor Stacie Fidler for her 20 years of ministry at St. John's Lutheran Church in Rock Island, Illinois. Pastor Fidler has demonstrated her commitment to inclusivity, social justice and environmental responsibility, as well as her deeply personal investment in each parishioner as a member of the church family.

Pastor Stacie Fidler is a native of Cordova, Illinois, and a graduate of Riverdale High School. She earned her B.A. degree, *summa cum laude*, from Augustana College, majoring in religion with a concentration in Asian Studies. After completing seminary at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, she was ordained in 1995 and served churches in Forreston and Seneca, Illinois before joining St. John's in 1999. She has since devoted her time to helping and building the community. She is in charge of the W.O.W. program for after-school study help and meals, the establishment of the Free Little Pantry and the designation of St. John's as a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Pastor Fidler also oversaw the church's major building expansion project and aided a partnership to create the Micah House, a community of students practicing intentional living in which faith questions were explored through conversation and outreach projects. In addition, she serves on several boards around the community and her work has led her to be named a Leader Under 40 by the Black Hawk College Foundation, Professional and Overall Citizen of the Year by Rock Island, and a Heart of Gold recipient by the YWCA.

It is because of strong community faith leaders such as Pastor Stacie Fidler that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Pastor Stacie Fidler on her 20th Anniversary with St. John's Lutheran Church.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I regretably missed a vote on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. I had intended to vote "yes" on vote 584.

IN RECOGNITION OF LIONEL "LEE" GODBOUT

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the life of Lionel "Lee" Godbout, an active member of the Weymouth, Massachusetts community, consummate volunteer in local and state politics, and dedicated friend to all who knew him.

Lee's passion for service began after high school, when he joined the Navy. It was there, while stationed in Newport, Rhode Island, that Lee met his future wife Kathy. A proud union carpenter by trade, Lee worked tirelessly to support his family for many years before retiring in 2002. After retirement, Lee continued to serve his community by volunteering with the neonatal intensive care unit at St. Margaret's Hospital and at Murphy Primary School where he helped children practice their reading.

Lee would continue to work tirelessly to promote progressive values for the rest of his life. Utilizing his carpentry skills, Lee created signs for numerous campaigns and advocated for causes close to his heart. His work with MassEquality helped Massachusetts become the first state in the nation to see marriage equality fully implemented.

Those who knew Lee knew him as a good man, full of kindness and the desire to help others. His memory and spirit will live on through his loving wife Kathleen, his three sons Kevin, Keith, and Wayne, and his grandsons Ryan and Rylan.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Lee Godbout. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his many years of dedication and service to his community.

RECOGNIZING TECHNICAL SERGEANT FLETCHER SHARP, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2019 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

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ties 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 Technical Sergeant Fletcher Sharp of Plano, Texas.

Technical Sergeant Fletcher Sharp joined the United States Air Force in 1963. Following technician training school, he worked as an aircraft crew chief supporting the 436th Military Airlift Wing at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware and volunteered as a member of the base honor and color guards. In 1966, he was transferred to the 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing at Naha Air Base in Okinawa in support of the F-102 Delta Dagger and was later deployed on C-130A resupply sorties to bases in Vietnam and Thailand. For his efforts, he awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Overseas Service Ribbon, Air Force Longevity Ribbon, Texas ANG Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal, and the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon.

Upon his discharge, Mr. Sharp joined the Pennsylvania Air National Guard as a flight engineer on C-121 Super Constellation aircraft performing aero-medical evacuations. During the next twenty-three years, he would also serve in the Air National Guards of Maine, Vermont, and Texas. Most recently, he was deployed with the Texas Air National Guard from 1992 to 1995 to support the United Nations humanitarian missions to Sarajevo and throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina.

For over thirty years, Fletcher has been active in a variety of service organizations including the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Post 321 where he has held leadership positions including Sergeant at Arms, Judge Advocate, and Vice Commander. Mr. Sharp has also held the role of Post Honor Guard Commander, providing military funeral honors for veterans and participating in local Veterans Day and Memorial events. Mr. Sharp has also taken a lead to ensure that an American flag is placed on every veteran grave in the Plano Mutual Cemetery every Memorial Day to pay tribute to those who served. Further, as an active member of the Civil Air Patrol, Mr. Sharp has held a variety of leadership positions including his work with the cadet program where he assists with developing leadership skills, character development and aerospace education. Finally, as an active member of the Seidel Chapter of the Air Force Association, Mr. Sharp acts as a Liaison Officer between the organization and CAP to promote the scholarship program for cadets participating in flight academies.

Mr. Sharp displays the qualities of a true patriot who has selflessly served our nation and who continues to mentor our next generation of military leaders.

Today, a grateful Nation thanks Technical Sergeant Sharp 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.

CELEBRATING SPEAK UP, STAND UP, SAVE A LIFE CONFERENCE AND MOVEMENT

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the impact created by the Speak Up, Stand Up, Save a Life conference and movement.

In Arizona, much like the rest of the country, student deaths from suicide have increased substantially, and research has shown, many youth related deaths have been found to be preventable, if only people had the tools to make a difference. Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux, superintendent of the Pendergast District, and Gina Godbehere, attorney, and Bureau Chief of the Maricopa County Attorney's office, met in Leadership West Class XXII, and worked collaboratively to create the Speak Up, Stand Up, Save a Life Conference in 2017, the only conference of its kind in Arizona.

Now in its fourth year, over 5,000 students, counselors, law enforcement, parents and education advocates came together in a January 2019 conference, to eradicate the stigma and consequences of bullying and to prevent teen suicide. Due to their efforts to help Arizona be a better place for this and future generations, police chiefs, and law enforcement officers from agencies throughout the state joined the effort and attended the conference, along with students, counselors, teachers, education advocates, and caring adults.

The daylong event inspired attendees to connect and create lasting solutions they can implement at their schools. The conference offered students an opportunity to hear from local and national speakers on the difficult issues they face on a daily basis, both inside and outside of school. The conference is free of charge, thanks to sponsors and in-kind donations. What makes this youth conference unique is the outreach offered to the adults through the conference, implementation at the school sites, and follow-up to family resource nights in the communities.

This vital project is now active in 38 school districts in Arizona with a total of 158 schools participating. The upcoming January 2020 conference will inspire youth and adults to be empowered, and make a difference in their schools, districts and communities.

The objective of this vital movement is to create tools for students in schools with diverse populations and community partners to take back to their campuses and communities with the goal to prevent suicide by inspiring over 380,000 students to speak up, stand up, and save lives.

RECOGNIZING AL BURTON

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, joined by Representatives Jackie Speier and Anna Eshoo, I rise to recognize legendary television producer Al Burton, who died last week at his home in the Bay Area at the age of 91.

Born in 1928 in Columbus, Ohio, Al graduated from Northwestern University in 1948. Then it was off to California where he made his mark.

Al initially focused on shows and events targeted at teens, becoming known as the Teen Dean of Television, with shows like Tele-Teen Reporter and Spotlight on Youth. He also created the Miss Teen-Age America pageant (which became Miss Teen USA).

During this early period Al worked with a young Johnny Carson on the game show Do You Trust Your Wife? (later retitled Who Do You Trust?) and produced as well as directed a weekly talk show, The Oscar Levant Show.

In the 1960s, Al put on live and broadcast musical concerts. This included the first live television performance of The Beach Boys, the first appearance in the U.S. of The Rolling Stones, as well as concerts by The Doors, Cream, and The Four Seasons.

Then, starting in the early 1970s, Al worked with Norman Lear to revolutionize and change the very face of television. He worked on such iconic shows as All in the Family, The Jeffersons, One Day at a Time, Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman, Diff'rent Strokes, and The Facts of Life.

Al went to work on his own in 1983, continuing to produce television shows. These shows included Charles in Charge, The New Lassie, and Win Ben Stein's Money.

During Al's long career his positive attitude and steady demeanor helped manage difficult talent to allow the show to go on. For many of his television shows he even wrote and published the theme song as well.

Al's contribution to American culture is immeasurable. Millions of Americans, and indeed people around the world, have him to thank for helping to expand their horizons and for countless hours of pure enjoyment.

Our deepest condolences go out to his wife, Sally Burton, and their daughter, Jennifer Burton Werbe.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MCINTIRE-STENNIS ACT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EQUALITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the McIntire-Stennis Act District of Columbia Equality Act, which would amend the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act (Act) to make the District of Columbia eligible for funding. The District is treated as a state under federal programs, with a few exceptions, most of them simply oversights or failures to update. This legislation would rectify the exception in this Act, ensuring equitable treatment for the District and allowing the District to benefit from the funding opportunities available under the Act.

The Act provides U.S. states and territories with formula funds to support state-designated institutions' cooperative forestry research programs. The Act defines "State" to include Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam. The District's notable, but faulty, absence from this definition makes it ineligible for grant funds that would support research at the District's state-supported university, the University

of the District of Columbia's (UDC) College of Agriculture, Urban Stability, and Environmental Science, a program that complements the city's ongoing forestry efforts. UDC is the nation's only urban land-grant university.

We appreciate that Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam are included under the definition of "State," even though, unlike the District of Columbia, their residents do not pay federal income taxes. It would be particularly troubling if the District, whose residents pay the highest amount per capita in federal taxes, which support farm and other federal programs, were to continue to be excluded.

It has been argued that the District should be excluded because of its lack of local timber production. However, the Act says, "[i]n making such apportionments, consideration shall be given to pertinent factors including" local timber production. Proximity to timber is, therefore, only one in a non-exclusive list of factors that are part of the larger analysis regarding the apportionments. Excluding the District from the definition of "State" merely because it is not located in an area with a timber industry runs counter to the intent of the Act. While timber production can be a factor in determining the amount of state allocations, there is no reason that the District should be excluded from the Act.

We believe, therefore, that the omission of the District must have been the result of an oversight during the original drafting of the Act. However, as you can imagine, this omission has serious consequences for the District, rendering UDC ineligible for these formula grant funds. Passage of this bill would allow students and researchers in the nation's capital to take part in this important forestry program.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote because I was in my district to participate in an official event with the Vice President.

Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 579; NAY on Roll Call No. 580; YEA on Roll Call No. 581; YEA on Roll Call No. 582; NAY on Roll Call No. 583; and YEA on Roll Call No. 584.

RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT JIM SKINNER, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2019 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

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Staff Sergeant Jim Skinner's history of service began in 1979 when he entered into the United States Air Force, quickly earning the title of Security Police Military Working Dog Handler after completing the rigorous patrol and drug dog handler training. He would spend the next seven years in the role of dog handler, investigator, and SWAT team operator in Southeast Asia, the Middle East and New Mexico. For his dedicated efforts in defense of our nation, Staff Sergeant Jim Skinner would receive the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, and Outstanding Small Unit Award.

While Skinner would leave the military in 1987, his desire to protect the innocent would continue, leading him to pursue a Juris Doctorate from the University of Houston Law Center in 2001. Upon graduation he would work as a civil rights lawyer, representing child victims of sexual abuse. In 2007, he was appointed as an Assistant District Attorney and Special Prosecutor of the Collin County Criminal District Attorney's Office and later served as the Second Assistant District Attorney and Chief of the Special Prosecutions Division.

Jim further developed his passion for serving the public when he was elected as the 39th Sheriff of Collin County in January 2017. His drive to protect the most innocent led to the creation of the Child Exploitation Unit. Additionally, Sheriff Skinner was responsible for bringing together the Sheriffs of seven counties to form the North Texas Sheriff's Office Criminal Interdiction Unit, which targets criminals who are illegally transporting narcotics, weapons, cash or persons involved in human trafficking on our highways.

Sheriff Skinner has found countless ways to serve our community including his role as a board member for the Child Advocacy Center of Collin County, as a Trustee for Collin County Meals on Wheels, as a former board member for the North Texas Crime Commission, and as the Judge Advocate for the Bill Bryant Post 110 of the American Legion. Jim Skinner is a devoted public servant who has spent his entire life giving back to the community and working towards ensuring the values that we hold dear as Americans are maintained and he is to be commended for work to improve our nation.

Today, a grateful Nation thanks Staff Sergeant Skinner 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.

RECOGNIZING THE HONOR FLIGHT OF THE QUAD CITIES FOR ITS 50TH FLIGHT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Honor Flight of the Quad Cities for its 50th flight.

The Quad Cities formed a local chapter of the Honor Flight Network, called Honor Flight of the Quad Cities (HFQC) in 2008. The mission of HFQC is to fly America's veterans to Washington, D.C. in order to honor their sacrifices by allowing them visit memorials dedicated to their service. I especially extend my gratitude to Robert "Bob" Morrison, the founder of Honor Flight of the Quad Cities, for his dedication to serving local veterans and ensuring they can travel to visit the memorials. Mr. Morrison passed away October 7, 2019. He was the first Hub Director and took more than 3,000 veterans on 33 flights to see the memorials in our nation's capital. His memory and impact on our community will be well regarded for generations to come. Thank you again to this organization for its commitment to our veterans over the course of the 50 flights they have organized.

It is because of organizations such as the Honor Flight of the Quad Cities that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Honor Flight of the Quad Cities on its 50th flight.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote No. 581 on the Lesko Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 4617. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Madam Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote No. 582 on the Republican Motion to Recommit H.R. 4617 with Instructions. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Madam Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote No. 583 on the Final Passage of H.R. 4617, as amended. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Madam Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote No. 584 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 777. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING THE GALWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY ON THE OPENING OF ITS NEW FACILITY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor The Galway Public Library on the opening of its new facility.

Over the past decade, the entire community of Galway has been contributing to the effort

to construct the new library. This new facility is more than three times the size of the old one, which was founded in 1997, and will act as a holistic community center. It will offer venue space and technology resources for all the residents of Galway to use and benefit from in addition to the collection of books and other media. The library has been supported not only by tax dollars but also by private donations, grants and bonds approved by the voters. Further, the move from the old library was supported by over one hundred volunteers who worked hundreds of hours ensure that the transition was successful. This level of civic involvement highlights everything that makes the North Country so vibrant and makes me proud to be its representative in Congress.

On Behalf on New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate the residents of the Town of Galway on this amazing accomplishment. I look forward to the success of the new Galway Public Library as a centerpiece of the community long into the future.

CONGRATULATING THE MATER DEI GOLF TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of the Mater Dei Knights golf team, which recently brought home the Illinois Class 1A State Golf Championship.

It was a very tense tournament. At the end of the first round the Knights found themselves tied for first with the Althoff Crusaders. However, with a great deal of grit and determination the Knights eventually pulled out a hard-fought one stroke victory over rival Althoff to claim the state title.

My hearty congratulations go to team members Grant Goebel, Carter Goebel, Nathan Rivera, Blake Kloeckner, Ian Benderson, Tanner Gerdes, head coach Dennis Trame, athletic director Ron Schadeegg, and school principal Dennis Litteken.

Madam Speaker, these student-athletes and their coaches have represented themselves, their school, and their community in the best tradition of high school athletics. I am pleased to join with the other Members of this House in congratulating them on their victory and wishing them all the best in their future academic and athletic careers.

RECOGNIZING SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT BARNETT WALKER, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2019 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 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 Senior Master Sergeant Barnett Walker of Prosper, Texas.

For twenty-two years, retired Master Sergeant Barnett Walker proudly served our nation with distinction in the United States Air Force. During his military career, Walker was awarded 25 different military decorations, most notably three Meritorious Service Medals, four Joint Service Commendation Medals, the Air Force Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, and the Air Force Recognition Ribbon following his selection as Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year at every level including the United States Air Force Headquarters.

Throughout his career, Walker volunteered for the most hazardous military operations in Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He was stationed at United States Central Command under General H. Norman Schwarzkopf and was part of the first wave of U.S. military forces that arrived in Saudi Arabia in August 1990. Then-Technical Sergeant Walker was in charge of the Joint Communication Center that processed real-time classified communications and intelligence to the President of the United States, the Joint Commanders-in-Chiefs, and other U.S.-led coalition countries. From 1993–1994, Master Sergeant Walker volunteered for assignment in support of Operation Provide Comfort, where he served as First Sergeant and Non-Commissioned Officer In-Charge of the Communications and Intelligence facility which provided classified cryptographic material to our armed forces. From 1995 to 1996, Walker volunteered to implement and monitor military aspects of the Dayton Peace Agreement throughout war-torn Bosnia and Herzegovina while searching for war criminals. For his contributions to our nation, Master Sergeant Walker was often recognized by military leadership.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, Walker earned his Juris Doctorate from Southern Methodist University and was later appointed as a Judge for Collin County Court at Law 2. Judge Walker would be awarded the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, reserved for those who have demonstrated the highest commitment of time and effort for community and charitable organizations. Today, Judge Walker selflessly devotes his time to organizations including the Collin County Veteran's Court, the DWI Drug Court, Collin County Bar Association Mentorship Program, Girl Scouts, Special Olympics, the Samaritan Inn, and Feed the Homeless where he helps prepare and deliver meals to those in need. Judge Walker is the epitome of a leader who has served America through both his military and civil servant roles and we are honored to recognize him for his countless efforts.

Today, a grateful Nation thanks Senior Master Sergeant Walker 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

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I was absent for votes on H.R. 4617, the SHIELD Act, and H.R. 777, reauthorizing the Debbie Smith Act, due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 581; YEA on Roll Call No. 582; NAY on Roll Call No. 583; and YEA on Roll Call No. 584.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, due to a family obligation I missed one vote on October 22. Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote Number 576 (Motion to Recommit H.R. 2513): NO.

RECOGNIZING THE BUCKS COUNTY BRANCH OF THE NAACP FOR THEIR 68TH ANNUAL FREEDOM FUND BANQUET

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to recognize the Bucks County Branch of the NAACP on their 68th Freedom Fund Banquet. It is an honor to recognize an organization that has always been at the forefront in the fight for civil rights. I particularly want to applaud the tremendous impact the NAACP has had locally and across this great nation in fighting to make our communities better. The theme for this year's banquet, "When We Fight, We Win!" invokes this constant fight for progress and inspires each of us to work harder for justice.

Our congressional district, the place we call home, is another place where progress can continue. It begins with each of us in the community. The NAACP is an integral part of that. While our nation has made tremendous strides with respect to civil rights, there is still much to be done. We can do better, we must do better. The NAACP in Bucks County is working each and every day to bring people together to stand up for justice. When hateful language was found at the Carl Sandburg Middle School, the NAACP was instrumental in uniting our community against the hateful rhetoric by helping to organize a candlelight vigil. The work of our local NAACP is indis-

pensable for our community and our country, and we must continue to support its efforts.

Our community, our nation, is stronger when we stand together. Change begins with each one of us here at home. Whether we are elected officials, moms or dads or neighbors or community leaders or students or anyone—we must remember that there is more that unites us than divides us. As a Bucks County resident, I want to thank our local NAACP for all that they do to make Bucks County a better place. I look forward to continuing working together with the NAACP to make our district safer and prosperous for all.

HONORING PERSHING EDWIN (P.E.) MACALLISTER

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor of the life of a beloved and iconic member of the Hoosier state, Pershing Edwin (P.E.) MacAllister. A pillar of the Indianapolis community, P.E. passed away at the age of 101 on October 23, 2019. P.E. was an industrious, enthusiastic and generous individual whose life's work touched and benefited so many Hoosiers. A longtime leader in Indiana politics, P.E. was a guiding force in not only my career but also the political careers of legendary Republican Hoosier lawmakers, the late Senator Richard Lugar and the late Indianapolis Mayor William Hudnut, among others. In 1945, P.E. co-founded the MacAllister Machinery Company with his father. His 74 years at the helm of the company are a telling reminder of his unequaled business acumen and leadership capabilities. Throughout his life he helped lead and develop both the public and private sector successes of Indianapolis and the state of Indiana. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for P.E.'s contributions to our Hoosier community, and it is my privilege to honor him today.

P.E. was born August 30, 1918, in Oconto, Wisconsin to Edwin W. (E.W.) and Hilda MacAllister. As a recent veteran of World War I, Edwin named his son Pershing after General John Joseph "Black Jack" Pershing. Growing up during the Great Depression, P.E. was taught the frugality and self-sufficient nature required to survive and flourish in the America of the time. With a strong Scottish Presbyterian upbringing and close familial bond, P.E. advanced in his academic career, graduating high school and then enrolling at Carroll College. After graduation from Carroll College in 1940, P.E. joined the United States Army Air Force. On October 25, 1941, he was shipped off to basic training, and his service to his country began. As an armament officer, P.E. was stationed initially in the United States, but also served in England, North Africa, and finally in Italy where he earned the rank of Captain. After 5 years in the Army Air Force, P.E. finished his service having earned four Overseas Service Bars and a Presidential Unit Citation.

Upon returning from service overseas, P.E. and his father E.W. co-founded the MacAllister Machinery Company in June of 1945. After his father's medical complications in 1951, P.E.

and his brother Dave took the helm of the company. Over the next 74 years, P.E. led the company as it grew to cover two states with over 2,500 employees. Starting in 1986, he began to co-publish and write the lead articles for 170 issues of the company's newsletter, "Mac Today". Outside of the office, P.E. maintained strong ties with his faith as a devoted member of Northminster Presbyterian Church. As a leader in the church's governing body, P.E. served two terms as its moderator. In 1972, he was the moderator of the Synod of Indiana, and in 1975 he was named the moderator of the Synod of Lincoln Trials. P.E. also served on the board of trustees at the Christian Theological Seminary, where along with friend Dick Petticrew, he created "The MacAllister-Petticrew Chair" of the Old Testament Studies. At his alma mater of Carroll College, P.E. endowed a "Chair in Old Testament Studies".

Later in his career, P.E. began his entrance into the Indiana political arena. Along with close friends Harold Ransburg, John Burkhart and Keith Bulen, P.E. helped to bring about a political revolution within Indiana. He helped to foster the early careers of many Republican candidates such as former Mayor William Hudnut, former Governor Mitch Daniels, former Senator Richard Lugar, and former Governor and Vice-President MICHAEL PENCE. P.E. was also an integral part of the creation of the Indianapolis Parks Foundation and served as the chairman of the Foundation for many years, helping to transform many of the city's various parks and public lands. His time as a member and then chairman of the Capital Improvements Board helped to see the city commit to the building of the RCA Dome and Convention Center which were important steps to eventually enticing the Colts of the National Football League to relocate to Indianapolis. These partnerships helped change Indianapolis from a sleepy stop on the highways of middle America to a premiere emerging city in the heartland of America.

P.E. leaves behind a larger than life legacy that is fitting for the impact he had on the city of Indianapolis and the state of Indiana. During his life, he was one of the most impactful local leaders in the city's public and private sectors, leaving a legacy unmatched by his peers. He dedicated his life to the service of his clients, employees, and fellow Hoosiers, fundamentally changing the lives of those he served for the better. His unparalleled love for Indiana and the city of Indianapolis led to massive changes that impacted not only the lives of Hoosiers, but also the skyline of Indianapolis. P.E. will be remembered for his amazing compassion, charismatic and warm personality, as well civic involvement. Awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash, Indiana's highest public honor, by three separate Governors is a testament the influence P.E. had on our state. I feel fortunate to have known him, and I know that his legacy lives on through the great contributions he made to Indianapolis, to Indiana, and to the country. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth District, I offer my condolences to the entire MacAllister family and all who mourn his loss and cherish his memory.

RECOGNIZING HOSPITAL CORPSMAN KENNETH YELLE, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2019 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 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 Hospital Corpsman Kenneth Yelle of McKinney, Texas.

Kenneth Louis Yelle began his service to our nation in 1945 during World War II as an integral member of the United States Navy in Washington, D.C. During the Korean War, he served with the 1st Marine Division as a Hospital Corpsman. For his efforts he would be awarded with the WWII Victory Medal, American Area Campaign Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Medal, and the Presidential Unit Citation.

In the years following his military service, Mr. Yelle has found multiple ways to serve his community including his active membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Lone Star Post No. 2150 in McKinney. At the age of 92 years old, he still provides transportation to the Veterans Administration health facilities in Bonham and Dallas for friends and neighbors. At the community where he has resided for many years, he has been an exercise leader and a model of physical fitness for his fellow residents. Mr. Yelle is continuously called upon to assist others with various projects and transportation to appointments. It is because of his continuous fellowship and encouragement to those in need that he was nominated for the Congressional Veteran Commendation. Mr. Yelle is a compassionate and generous patriot who has served our nation both in and out of uniform and who consistently lends a hand to those in need.

Today, a grateful Nation thanks Hospital Corpsman Yelle for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. By 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.

HONORING THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 241 MARINES LOST IN BEIRUT, LEBANON

SPEECH OF

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the 241 American service members who died in Beirut, Lebanon 36 years ago.

The vast majority of the Marines and sailors who tragically lost their lives in the attack were from the 1st Battalion 8th Marines stationed at Camp Lejeune, which I have the honor of representing in the Third District of North Carolina.

In addition, we keep the families who lost their loved ones in our thoughts and prayers. Their immense sacrifices should never be overlooked.

In remembering this anniversary today, we reaffirm our commitment to not only never forget these heroes, but also to ensure that they did not die in vain.

The United States of America will never cower to evil and abandon our values. We will always stand against enemies of liberty and justice.

Thank you to the members of our armed services, especially to the men and women who serve at Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Stations Cherry Point and New River, who help guarantee we do just that.

RECOGNIZING AMERICAN LEGION POST 946

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize American Legion Post 946, located in Ursina Borough in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

Founded in 1919, the American Legion is one of nation's oldest veterans service organization. For a century, the American Legion has served American communities with services ranging from offering youth mentoring and educational programs to promoting patriotism and our national security.

Most importantly, the American Legion serves as a resource for veterans, oftentimes helping veterans and service members in need of support and assistance.

It is a privilege to represent American Legion Post 946 in the House of Representatives, and I thank its members for their work to serve the Ursina Borough community and Americans around the country.

CONDEMNING VLADIMIR PUTIN'S HUMAN RIGHT ABUSES

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the plight of political prisoners in the Russian Federation, and to commemorate an important anniversary.

Sixteen years ago last week, on October 25, 2003, Mikhail Khodorkovsky was arrested at gunpoint by special forces of the Kremlin. At the time, Mr. Khodorkovsky was head of a successful Russian company, Yukos, which had adopted Western standards of governance. His crime was to have called publicly on the Russian President, Vladimir Putin, to address the problem of state corruption—and to have suggested that such corruption had reached the very highest levels of government. Mr. Khodorkovsky would spend a decade in a Siberian labor camp.

Today, Russia is holding more than 230 political prisoners behind bars. Various reports leave no doubt as to the gravity and urgency of the problem and make clear that the situation is only becoming worse. The Kremlin is engaging in a crackdown on political opponents in order to suppress critical voices they see as a threat.

Russia's longest held political prisoner is Alexey Pichugin. He is still in jail after more than 16 years because he refuses to sign false testimony against his former colleague, Mikhail Khodorkovsky. It would be difficult to imagine a more egregious violation of the rule of law and human decency.

I urge Congress to use the numerous political and economic tools at its disposal—starting with the Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act, which the House of Representatives adopted in 2012—to bring greater pressure on the lawless regime of Vladimir Putin. We owe it to the courageous Russian men and women fighting for their God-given human rights and freedoms.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EBELL SOCIETY OF SANTA ANA VALLEY

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Ebell Society of Santa Ana Valley, which was commemorated on October 19, 2019, at the organization's historic club house.

The Ebell Society of Santa Ana was founded in 1894 to provide social, cultural, and educational opportunities for members.

With its motto "That is Only True Living which is Ever Learning," the Ebell Society includes 10 educational and cultural sections, including antiques, bridge, genealogy, quilting, home and garden, literature and the arts.

The Society's founding president, Mrs. Franklina Bartlett, was an outstanding citizen and a prolific writer whose short stories appeared in publications alongside well-known authors such as Willa Cather, Jack London, and Mark Twain.

In the early 1900s, featured Ebell Club speakers included Helen Keller, Will Rogers, Jack London's daughter Joan London, and Chief Standing Bear of the Sioux Indian Tribe, who was recently honored with a statue here in the Capitol. These renowned individuals helped raise money to build the Ebell Clubhouse, which was designed in 1924 by Fredrick Eley, one of Orange County's best-known architects.

The 95-year-old Mediterranean-style building, which is included on the National Register

of Historic Places, underwent restoration in 2018. Thanks to the caretaking of the Society's members, the Ebell Clubhouse continues to be a hub for community gatherings.

Throughout the years, Ebell has made philanthropy and community service an important part of its mission. Ebell members ran a nursery for working women's children for almost 35 years, made bandages and sold Liberty Bonds during World War I, and held blood drives during World War II.

Today's members provide philanthropic support to WISEPlace Women's Shelter in Santa Ana and the Friendly Center of Orange County.

In addition, the Ebell Society Color Guard proudly participates in patriotic observances in the community throughout the year.

The club's current president is Dr. Betts Rivét, an author who retired from the Santa Ana school system and then taught English at a women's college in China for 19 years.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 125th anniversary of the Ebell Society of Santa Ana Valley. Congratulations to this group of outstanding Orange County citizens who continue building our community through the pursuit of education and philanthropy.

RECOGNIZING ZIGGY AND STELLA ZIEGLER OF BILLINGS

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ziggy and Stella Ziegler of Billings for their decades of selflessly helping people find a second chance in life.

For more than 40 years, Ziggy and Stella owned and operated Stella's Kitchen and Bakery in Billings. Their establishment created a downtown buzz where every weekend you can find a line out the door of people waiting to eat a delicious breakfast. Their restaurant won a 2018 Billings Gazette Readers' Choice for Best Breakfast and Best Bakery.

Recently retired, Ziggy and Stella were honored with this year's Billings Chamber Legacy Award for their dedication to the city. While their business success is well documented, it's the Zieglers' work in their community that sets them apart.

In 1973, when Ziggy was young, his father was murdered. Instead of reacting in anger, Ziggy used that tragedy to fuel his passion for serving others. He dedicated his life to helping prisoners find fruitful, meaningful lives during and after incarceration.

For the last 40 years, Ziggy has traveled to prisons and halfway houses throughout Montana. In those cell blocks and rehabilitation rooms, Ziggy offers spiritual guidance, be it a passage of scripture or a prayer. He also helps those incarcerated or formerly incarcerated develop their self-esteem, encouraging them realize their worth. Ziggy has helped hundreds of men and women find a plan for life after incarceration.

That's where Stella stepped in to complete the ministry. Stella oversaw the day-to-day operations of the Ziegler's bakery, including hiring workers. Collaborating with the prison ministry, Stella filled many of open jobs with former inmates. The employment provided

those reentering society with structure and a community.

Stella's reach goes beyond her bakery. She was instrumental in building the new St. Francis Catholic Elementary School and remodeling St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral in Billings. Even after retiring, Stella continues to help her community as she serves on boards and leadership committees.

Madam Speaker, for their business successes and ministerial impact to help build a better path for those reentering society, I recognize Ziggy and Stella Ziegler of Billings for their Spirit of Montana.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE AND HONORING THE GENEROSITY OF THE MAXINE AND RICHARD MORSE ENDOWMENT FUND

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Canterbury Shaker Village and honor the generosity of the Maxine and Richard Morse Endowment Fund for their commitment to both the Shaker Village and for the arts across New Hampshire.

The Maxine and Richard Morse Endowment Fund has supported many philanthropic causes across New Hampshire for more than 60 years. Among their most notable efforts was to help support the establishment of the Canterbury Shaker Village. In 1969, the Morses worked with a group of Shaker sisters to provide funds and devise a plan to allow the sisters to remain in their home while also preserving the Shaker history, legacy, and lifestyle for generations to come. From then on, Canterbury Shaker Village Inc. was formed to hold the property, thus enabling the continued celebration and teaching of Shaker legacy, philosophy, and teachings for years to come.

To this day, my dear friend, Maxine has spearheaded efforts to protect and preserve the Village as both a Corporator and Trustee. Today, the Canterbury Shaker Village, in addition to be listed as a National Historic Landmark for its architecture, serves as a critical site for teaching people of all generations about the lives and legacy of the Canterbury Shakers.

On behalf of our constituents across New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I congratulate the Canterbury Shaker Village at the Currier Museum on its 50th anniversary. I thank everyone, especially Maxine and the late Dick Morse, who have been instrumental in its formation and continued flourishing.

RECOGNIZING THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUPPORT ACT

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the one-year anniversary of

the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act being signed into law. The SUPPORT Act was the most comprehensive law ever enacted by Congress to take on a drug crisis—a bold response to an opioid epidemic that has affected every corner of our country.

The SUPPORT Act took big strides in addressing the crisis by expanding access to treatment and recovery services, providing communities with the tools and resources they need to be successful on the front lines, ensuring we have effective systems in place to keep these powerful drugs from getting into the wrong hands, and more.

I was proud to have my legislation, the Opioid Addiction Action Plan Act, included in the final package. My bill requires a comprehensive look at government practices—including reimbursement, coverage, and data collection—and allows us to find alternate methods of treating pain through innovation by making Medicare and Medicaid more flexible, adaptable, and focused on preventing and treating addiction.

The SUPPORT Act recognized that while this crisis has reached every zip code, a one-size-fits-all approach won't remedy the issue effectively, and that's where the role of community comes into play. I believe community is at the heart of many issues facing our nation right now and is a key component for those struggling with opioid addiction.

Having a support network and a sense of belonging is important to all of us, so it is imperative that on a community level we guide those who are fighting addiction, whether that be a family member, neighbor, or a compassionate stranger. The SUPPORT Act helps communities do just that, by propping up community organizations with technical or financial assistance, establishing peer support networks, and distributing best practices for those on the front lines within the community, like health professionals or law enforcement.

As a society, we must do better to ensure those who are struggling know that they are not alone, and that they have a team of support around them. The stigma surrounding substance use disorders is real and detrimental to those who need help or are trying to rebuild their lives. The language we use to talk about them is incredibly important to breaking the stigma. We wouldn't define a person with cancer or Parkinson's by their disease and addiction is no different.

The SUPPORT Act was a giant leap in the right direction, and while we are already seeing real results, we must continue to work together, from Congress down to the community leaders, to help those who are struggling and end this devastating crisis for good.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAJOR
GENERAL RONALD HRANT
MARKARIAN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life of Major General Ronald Hrant Markarian, who passed

away on October 12, 2019. Major General Markarian valiantly served our country for 46 years in the California Army National Guard and the Air Force.

Major General Markarian was born in Fresno, California on June 27, 1931 to Theodore and Rose Markarian. He graduated from Clovis High School and was a member of the California Cadet Core. While in high school, Major General Markarian joined the California National Guard. He was in the Heavy Mortar Company of the 185th Infantry Regiment for three years. He then attended California State University, Fresno. During that time, he enrolled in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. After graduation, Major General Markarian joined the United States Air Force. His assignments included duties such as B-47 and B-52 strategic bombers. In 1964 he completed his master's degree in public administration from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Major General Markarian was also Chief of Air Reconnaissance Operations in Southeast Asia. He flew 116 Reconnaissance missions during that time. One of his duty stations was in Hawaii and he served as the Pacific Air Forces Director of Plans and Programs. He was Commander of the 548th Reconnaissance Technical Group. Major General Markarian also worked for six years at the Pentagon and was the Chief of Air Reconnaissance Systems and Director of the United States Air Force Intelligence Reserve Forces.

After 30 years of military service, Major General Markarian retired in August 1980 as a Full Bird Colonel in the Air Force. His need to serve did not end at his retirement. In 1987, Major General Markarian was nominated by California Governor George Deukmejian to be appointed by President Ronald Reagan as California State Director for the Selective Service System. Later, Pete Wilson, Governor of California then appointed him to be the California Commission for the Commemoration of the Second World War. He was appointed Commanding General of the California State Reserve and later promoted to Major General in 1990. In 1994, he was appointed to the California Veterans Board. Major General Markarian retired with 46 years of uniformed military service in October of 1995 after he became a member of the California State Military Reserve.

Major General Markarian's commitment to public service and our country is truly remarkable and he was a key leader in the community in many capacities even after his military years. He was a founding member of the Central California Veterans Home Support Foundation (CCVHSF) and assisted in acquiring the land for the California Veterans Home in Fresno where he lived during the later years of his life. Major General Markarian was the president of Central California Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, American Red Cross and the Military Intelligence Corps Association.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Major General Ronald Hrant Markarian. His service to our nation and contributions to veterans in the Central Valley will not be forgotten.

CONGRATULATING CONGRESSMAN
STEVE CHABOT

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Congressman STEVE CHABOT on the birth of his granddaughter, Keira Noelle Bischof, on October 21, 2019.

As a proud grandfather, I understand firsthand how exciting this joyous occasion is for Congressman CHABOT and his wife, Donna. Kiera will be welcomed home by her big brother, Reed.

My wife Alice and I extend our best wishes to the Chabot family as they celebrate their new addition. We wish them continued health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING MELISSA "MISTY"
GRANDEL, 2020 MISSOURI TEACHER
OF THE YEAR

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Melissa "Misty" Grandel for being named the 2020 Missouri Teacher of the Year.

If there is one thing people know about Misty, it's that she is a Missourian through and through. Generations of her family, including Misty, grew up in rural Webster County near the town of Fordland, Missouri. She attended Fordland High School and went on to study English at Drury University. After a few years into her teaching career, she was asked to teach at Fordland High School where she has been teaching for 21 years.

Misty knows the importance of education in a rural community. The Fordland School District serves 550 students, and over half of them qualify for free and reduced-price meals. Despite this statistic, 97 percent of students graduate on time, and 61 percent go on to attend college. This would not be possible without teachers like Misty who are passionate about their students and their community.

Misty doesn't just put in her time and go home. She goes above and beyond for the children of Fordland High School. Along with teaching six courses, she also sponsors after school and extracurricular activities including the Beta Club. Through her work with the Beta Club, she shares her passion for giving back to the community with her students.

Every day, Misty walks into her classroom not just to teach, but to instill lifelong values into the children of Fordland High School. She goes above and beyond for the children she teaches and the community she serves. She is well-deserving of this achievement, and we are proud to have her represent Missouri in the National Teacher of the Year program.

HONORING MRS. DOROTHY
KATHERINE SPENCE BROWNING

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Dorothy K. Spence Browning for her service in the Navy WAVES during World War II.

Dorothy was born on January 2, 1922, in Great Falls, Montana. She grew up running an apple orchard with her family in Glenn's Ferry, Idaho. Later, she attended college at the University of Idaho and then began teaching in a one-room school house in Pocatello, Idaho.

When the war broke out, Dorothy joined the Navy WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service). The Navy WAVES were created in 1942, following the signing of the Women's Reserve Act. This landmark legislation allowed women to serve as an official part of the Navy for the first time and helped pave the way for the future of women in the United States Armed Forces. The numerous contributions from the WAVES proved to be a vital asset to winning the war.

Dorothy served in Brooklyn, New York, Stillwater, Oklahoma, Seattle, Washington, and then finally discharged at Klamath Falls, Oregon. While living in Oregon Dorothy met her husband John H. Browning. John was a young marine from Mobile, AL, who served two tours in Okinawa and Guadalcanal and later received a purple heart for the wounds he suffered.

The couple later moved to Montgomery, AL, where they went on to raise their three children Phillip, Steve, and Kathy. Dorothy was a tutor for several local elementary schools, taught Sunday school at Perry Hill United Methodist Church, and would sew and craft Raggedy Ann dolls that she would donate to the church bazaar and local charities in Montgomery.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to honor Mrs. Browning's legacy and her service to our nation. Her contributions to secure and maintain our freedom will not be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call No. 579; Nay on Roll Call No. 580; YEA on Roll Call No. 581; YEA on Roll Call No. 582; NAY on Roll Call No. 583; and YEA on Roll Call No. 584.

CELEBRATING THE REVIVAL OF
THE REX THEATRE

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the re-opening of the Rex The-

atre in Manchester, New Hampshire. After 30 years of inactivity, the Rex will re-open its doors to Manchester and the rest of the Granite State.

Opened in 1940, the Rex Theatre served as a performance venue until it closed in 1989. In early 2019, after 30 years, the Manchester Development Corporation and Palace Theatre Trust, in collaboration with the City of Manchester, embarked on the tall task of renovating the original location of the Rex with the goal of re-opening in the fall. Only nine months after groundbreaking, the Rex is now re-opening on time and on budget.

The re-opening of the Rex will continue Manchester's recent growth as a center for innovation and creativity. As a lifelong Manchester resident, I am excited to see the return of this historic Theatre. Venues like the Rex Theatre help us showcase the many creative, passionate, and talented people who call New Hampshire home. I am proud to see investment in our local economy and in the arts in the Granite State through projects such as the revival of the Rex.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate the Manchester Development Corporation and the Palace Theatre Trust on a successful renovation of the Rex Theatre. Let us celebrate the revival of this historic theater and those who work hard every day to make New Hampshire such a wonderful place to live, learn, and enjoy the arts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOUNDING OF KING GEORGE COUNTY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 300th Anniversary of the founding of King George County in Virginia, taking place on November 15, 2019.

The area we know as King George has a long and storied history that is integral to the overall history and development of America's government and way of life as we know it today. Its history stretches back over 10,000 years with its settlement by Native Americans, through Captain John Smith's explorations in the early 1600's, through the French and Indian Wars, Bacon's Rebellion, the Whiskey Rebellion, the American Revolution, the Civil War, World War I, the Great Depression, World War II and into the modern era. King George has been the birthplace and childhood home of Presidents, and home to some of the very founders of our great Nation.

King George County has served as the home of one of the country's great military and research development centers for over 100 years, as well as functioned as a focal point for commerce and trade for our nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the founding of King George County. Words cannot express how grateful we are to have a place with such history in the founding of our great Nation. May God bless King George County and its residents, and continue to prosper for another 300 years.

CONGRATULATING HUGH HALPERN

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I congratulate Hollidaysburg native, Hugh Halpern, on his appointment to be the Director of the Government Publishing Office.

Mr. Halpern previously served as the Director of Floor Operations in the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and spent more than 30 years in the House before retiring in January of this year. During his tenure, he served as the Staff Director of the powerful House Rules Committee among other committee roles.

Throughout his career in Congress, Mr. Halpern was dedicated to working in a bipartisan manner, garnering the support and respect of House leadership, Members of Congress, and their staff. In recognition of his many achievements, he received the McCormack Award of Excellence for Congressional Employees.

Mr. Halpern has dedicated his life of service to our country, and I am confident that he will continue his outstanding work at the Government Publishing Office. There is no one better to fill this position, and I wish him the best of luck as he commences this new chapter.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF ORANGE COUNTY ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PROGRAM

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in observation of Energy Awareness Month to honor the work of the Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAP OC) Energy & Environmental Services Program.

CAP OC has been weatherizing homes and providing utility assistance for Orange County residents for more than 40 years.

Of the energy funds allocated between 2014 and 2018 to the 34 cities in Orange County, CAP OC has invested more than 35 percent into California's 46th Congressional District, which includes portions of Anaheim, Orange, Garden Grove and Santa Ana. Among those served in CA-46 by CAP OC were 6,659 disabled persons, 9,677 seniors, and 3,504 children under the age of 5.

During this same period, CAP OC issued more than \$5 million in utility assistance for over 14,000 homes in the 46th District and underwrote over \$1.5 million in weatherization services with improvements to 1,000 dwellings.

This investment has provided an economic boost for low-income individuals by lowering energy costs and reducing or eliminating late fees, thus assuring less dependency on public assistance.

In 2019, CAP OC is projected to weatherize a total of 330 homes in Orange County and invest a total of \$1.8 million into services that reduce energy costs by 30 percent on average.

and save families at least \$238 per year. This will help families to afford other necessities such as groceries and doctor bills.

Other benefits of these services include the elimination of carbon emissions, stimulation of local economies, job creation, improvements to the overall health of the community, and neighborhood stabilization.

By sharing these statistics and benefits through an October 30th Orange County Weatherization Day Celebration, CAP OC is working to inform more constituents of its important services.

Please join me in honoring the critical work being done by the CAP OC Energy & Environmental Services Program to help those in need, to improve our communities, and to protect the planet.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARIO DE FRANCESCO, JR.

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague Mr. Cox to honor and pay tribute to the life of Mr. Mario De Francesco, Jr., who passed away on October 14, 2019. Mario was a successful Fresno County Farmer and beloved member of his community. His presence will be greatly missed.

Mario was born on March 25, 1938 to Mario and Pauline De Francesco in Gilroy, California. In 1960, Mario married his loving wife Carolyn Filice on December 4, 1960. Together they raised five children, daughter Michelle, sons Frank, Mario III, Michael, and Christopher.

In 1972, the family relocated to Firebaugh, California in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley agriculture to expand their farming business. With his father and brother, Mario started a food processing business which quickly flourished and became one of the premiere companies in the dehydrated onions and garlic industry. The De Francesco's products were sold in the United States and worldwide.

Mario found his greatest joy in his family and friends. He enjoyed life's simple pleasures, such as cooking and entertaining loved ones in his home.

Mario is survived by his wife, Carolyn, daughter Michelle and her husband Chris Cardella, sons Frank and his wife Sandi, Mario III and his wife Vicki, Michael, and Christopher and his wife Linda. He also leaves behind many grandchildren, their spouses and great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in honoring the life of Mr. Mario De Francesco, Jr. His commitment and dedication to farming in California's heartland deserve recognition. We join his family, friends, and members of the community in honoring his great life.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF JAMESTOWN AREA MEALS ON WHEELS

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the fiftieth anniversary of Jamestown Area Meals on Wheels.

The Jamestown Area Meals on Wheels was formed on July 21, 1969 by Rolland Taft, Vaughn Rudy, Harry Bloom and other members of the community. In the past fifty years, the program has served almost five million meals—serving the community each and every day one meal at a time.

Volunteers at Meals on Wheels bring healthy, much needed meals to those who cannot access them otherwise. They give of their time, their energy and their passion to do good in the world. This organization is made up of people who care about those in need—that is what makes them truly successful.

Today, the program delivers meals five days a week and the meals they provide cover seven days' worth of food for their clients. This service has grown from just a few clients in 1969 to many across the Jamestown area in fifty years. I can't wait to see how much of an impact they have in another fifty years.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to recognize Jamestown Area Meals on Wheels on their fiftieth anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRED KELLER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I had to miss votes due to a commitment in Pennsylvania.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 579, Previous Question H. Res. 650; NAY on Roll Call No. 580, Adoption of the Rule Providing for Consideration of H.R. 4617; YEA on Roll Call No. 581, Lesko Amendment No. 2; YEA on Roll Call No. 582, Republican Motion to Recommit; NAY on Roll Call No. 583, Passage of H.R. 4617; and YEA on Roll Call No. 584, H.R. 777.

COMMEMORATING ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. STIVERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate one-hundred and fifty years of college football. In 1869, Rutgers College, now Rutgers University, won the first college game against the College of New Jersey, now Princeton University, with a score of 6 to 4. Since then, this time-honored game has been woven into the fabric of our nation and the lives of countless Americans. I will always re-

member Saturdays spent at "the Shoe" as a student at The Ohio State University, gleefully cheering on the Buckeyes, and the camaraderie I felt with tens of thousands of fans there.

As our differences are used to divide us, college football allows us to celebrate what unites our nation. We value grit and determination; we believe in teamwork, and in having the will to succeed; we embrace our individual roles to advance an idea or organization that is bigger than us. College football allows us to put aside our differences and rally around a common, unifying cause: victory for our team.

Knowing that nearly five million Americans attended college football games during the 2018 season highlights just how ingrained this game is in today's culture. It makes our communities grow closer and gives each of us a sense of pride that was honed during raucous chants of "O-H-I-O," "Roll Tide," or "Hook 'em, horns."

Beyond the undeniable excitement and sense of community our teams foster every Saturday, it is undisputable that the stories and memories made live on well after the lights have been shut off. Commemorating the memories, from the first game a child attended, bonding with their parents, keeping family tradition alive, to the tailgate where total strangers became lifelong friends—it's easy to see the importance this game has played in our history for over one hundred and fifty years. I am confident that, for the next one-hundred and fifty years, Americans will continue to eagerly await college football season and the excitement, pride, and unity it brings. Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in recognizing this milestone for college football.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF JAMES DOUGLAS COLQUITT

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of James Douglas Colquitt, a veteran, a businessman, a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and a champion of the marginalized and underserved.

Born July 21, 1930, to Willie Colquitt and Mary Naomi Brown, James grew up with his brother, Thomas Meeks, in Valley Mills, Texas.

After graduating from high school, he joined the United States Army. His military service allowed him to travel throughout the United States and abroad.

A veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars, James served his country for 20 years with honor and distinction, earning personal decorations and many unit certifications and awards. In 1967, he retired at Fort MacArthur Army Base in San Pedro, California.

He began a second career in aerospace with Hughes Aircraft Division in Fullerton, California. He realized a long-held desire to become a business owner when he opened an automobile tire center in Fullerton. He also owned liquor stores in Santa Ana and Los Angeles, which he operated for more than 20 years.

James became an activist in local civic organizations. He served as President of the Orange County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for over 15 years.

In addition, he spent more than two decades on the Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAP OC) Board of Directors as a representative of the NAACP.

He also carried out duties of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the African American Beverage and Grocers Association Scholarship Fund and was a long-term member of the National United Merchants and Beverage Association.

James was married to Betty J. Colquitt for over 63 years and spent 50 of those years together in Placentia. James and Betty raised four children, who blessed them with six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Please join me in honoring the legacy of James Douglas Colquitt, a patriot who dedicated his life to his family, country, and community.

GENERAL JAMES N. MATTIS CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, all of Central Washington's constituents are special, and I am proud to represent each of them in our nation's capital. One constituent I am most proud of is General James N. Mattis, decorated four-star general and former U.S. Secretary of Defense. He exemplifies the American principles of hard work, patriotism, and integrity. He can communicate and resonate with everyone—from heads of state and Members of Congress to local business leaders and young students. His military and civilian service serves as an example for all, and I am honored to call him my friend.

Jim Mattis is a Washingtonian through and through. He was born in Pullman, raised in Richland, and attended college in Ellensburg. When he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1969, I doubt he realized the impact his service would have on the people of Washington State—and the entire nation.

His devotion to defending the United States and our Constitution has earned the deepest degree of trust, respect, and admiration from our men and women serving in uniform across the globe. He was the first United States Marine Corps officer to command a Naval Task Force in Afghanistan following the attacks on September 11, 2001. He bravely commanded forces including the U.S. Joint Forces Command, NATO's Supreme Allied Command for Transformation, and U.S. Central Command. When President Donald Trump nominated General Mattis for United States Secretary of Defense, he served honorably until December 31, 2018.

General Mattis is recognized around the world as an exemplary military general, and he is revered in Central Washington as a hometown hero. Despite his outstanding career and numerous awards, he remains humble and involved throughout Washington state. From volunteering with the Tri-Cities Food

Bank to hosting ceremonies for Vietnam veterans, General Mattis continually demonstrates his commitment to our local community.

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest honor the United States Congress can bestow on an individual. The greatest generals, thinkers, and leaders in our nation have received this award, including, but not limited to, George Washington, Ulysses S. Grant, Douglas MacArthur, and Harry S. Truman. I believe General Mattis belongs amongst these giants of American exceptionalism.

That is why I am introducing the General James N. Mattis Congressional Gold Medal Act with the full bipartisan support of the Washington congressional delegation. If signed into law, this bill would bestow our hometown hero with this great honor. As I told General Mattis, I will work my hardest to ensure he is the next distinguished leader to receive the Congressional Gold Medal. I urge all of my colleagues to support the General James N. Mattis Congressional Gold Medal Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on October 23, 2019, I was absent from votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "Nay" on Roll Call No. 579; "Nay" on Roll Call No. 580; "Yea" on Roll Call No. 584; "Yea" on Roll Call No. 581; "Yea" on Roll Call No. 582; and "Yea" on Roll Call No. 583.

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 29, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

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

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sean O'Donnell, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of John Joseph Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on Health Care

To hold hearings to examine Medicaid, focusing on compliance with eligibility requirements.

SD-215

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 Budget

To hold hearings to examine the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990.

SD-608

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management

To hold hearings to examine the unauthorized and unaccountable government.

SD-342

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

OCTOBER 31

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine supply chain security, global competitiveness, and 5G.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 1665, to modify the procedures for issuing special recreation permits for certain public land units, S. 1723, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account, and S. 1967, to promote innovative approaches to outdoor recreation on Federal land and to increase opportunities for collaboration with non-Federal partners.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Aneliz N. Castillo, of New York, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, Alma L. Golden, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and

Peter M. Haymond, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Alina L. Romanowski, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, and Leslie Meredith Tsou, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 1657, to provide assistance to combat the escalating burden of Lyme disease and other tick and vector-borne diseases and disorders, S. 2619, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Healthy Start program, S. 1399, to amend title VIII of the Public Health Services Act to revise and extend nursing workforce development programs, S. 995, to amend title XXIX of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program under such title relating to lifespan respite care, S. 1130, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life, S. 1608, to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans, S. 2629, to amend the

Public Health Service Act with respect to the Public Health Service Corps, and an original bill entitled, "Over-the-Counter Drug Safety, Innovation, and Reform Act of 2019".

SD-430

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, Steven J. Menashi, 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, 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, Daniel Mack Traynor, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota, Barbara Lagoa and Robert J. Luck, both of Florida, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit,

Sylvia Carreno-Coll, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, John M. Gallagher, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Sherri A. Lydon, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina.

SD-226

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the human toll of Turkey's policy at home and abroad.

RHOB-2200

2 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

NOVEMBER 5

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of James P. Danly, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Katharine MacGregor, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

SD-366