

Lowering the pool level would negatively destroy jobs, recreation, and economic development up and down the river undermining hundreds of millions of dollars of investment. The Corps has chosen to ignore the will of the American people and the intent of Congress and move forward in complete disregard of the law. I am grateful to work with North Augusta Mayor Bob Pettit, Representative Bill Hixon, Senator Tom Young, South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson, and many other local leaders on this issue from South Carolina and Georgia.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism. Just as next week we cherish the thirtieth anniversary of Ronald Reagan's liberation of Europe from Communist socialism.

HONORING ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize a beloved place of worship in my district that is celebrating its remarkable 150th Anniversary this year, St. Luke's Lutheran Church in New Rochelle.

The mission of St. Luke's Lutheran Church is one of hope and service to the community. St. Luke's exists in order to communicate the Lutheran understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone through a community that seeks warmth and meaning in everyday life. St. Luke's mission is to address the community with respect through teaching, hospitality, Word and Sacrament in a fellowship faithful to Jesus Christ and committed to growth in response to our Lord's Great Commission: "Go therefore and make disciples."

In the words of church Reverend Dr. William J. Damrow, "We have been marked as a people called to reach out and welcome all. We are a people who enjoy diverse backgrounds, yet, in common we share our struggles while affirming the gifts of faith, hope, love, and forgiveness. Come visit, worship, and grow with us."

It is in this spirit of inclusivity that St. Luke's Lutheran Church has blossomed, with a loving and dedicated congregation.

As Representative for New York's 16th Congressional District, I want to congratulate Reverend Damrow, the staff, leadership, and congregation of St. Luke's Lutheran Church on reaching this blessed milestone. Here is to 150 more years of serving the people of New Rochelle and the surrounding community in Westchester.

CELEBRATING ANTHONY AND
KAREN REED OF THE PURPLE
CHURCH

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in celebration of pastors Rev. Dr. Anthony Reed

and Rev. Karen Reed of South Miami-Dade's Martin Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church, commonly known as the Purple Church.

The Reeds have been with the Purple Church for 14 years, providing constant support and inspiration for the Richmond Heights community. The Purple Church maintains active community outreach initiatives, including a food program, support for the homeless and juvenile offenders, and toy giveaways. The Reeds' leadership has brought their community together to participate in and benefit from these community service activities.

The Reeds are committed to helping anyone who comes to them looking for support, regardless of culture or background. This spirit of acceptance led them to found the Unity Gathering, through which members of multiple churches come together in worship. The Unity Gathering also serves to raise scholarship funds to help attend college.

I'm deeply grateful to Anthony and Karen Reed and for their dedication to the South Dade community.

NEW DEAL FOR NEW AMERICANS
ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, the United States is the nation that it is today, because of immigrant contributions. In fact, I am proud to represent one of the most diverse congressional districts in the country—Queens, New York; it is a place where immigrant communities thrive.

I also know our nation can only get stronger if we assist new Americans in their efforts to contribute to the growth of our economy and be civically engaged.

Madam Speaker, I am a daughter of immigrants. I saw firsthand the difficulties my parents and grandparents encountered when they immigrated to the United States for a better life for their children. This is not an uncommon story. While the levels of hardships of new immigrants vary, there are common challenges—from language barriers to finding work.

That is why, I am so proud to introduce the "New Deal for New Americans Act," legislation which would ensure a more inclusive and welcoming system for all those who arrive on our shores.

Specifically, the "New Deal for New Americans Act" would:

Establish a National Office of New Americans in the Executive Office of the White House to promote and support immigrant and refugee integration and inclusion and coordinate efforts of federal, state, and local governments to support social, economic, and civic integration of immigrants and refugees.

Establish a Federal Initiative on New Americans to coordinate federal response to address issues that affect the lives of new immigrants and refugees and communities with growing immigrant and refugee populations.

Create a Legal Services and Immigration Assistance Grant Program to support organizations that provide direct immigration assistance to those in need of immigration screening; know-your-rights education; assistance in

applying for citizenship, lawful permanent resident status or other immigration status; or seeking relief from a removal order.

Create an English as a Gateway to Integration Program for organizations that teach English or help individuals prepare for naturalization or earn a GED.

Create a Workforce Development Grant Program to ensure that immigrant and refugee adults have equitable access to education and workforce programs that help equip them with occupational skills needed to secure or advance in employment.

Reduce barriers for individuals to naturalize by establishing a flat application fee for naturalization, amending the English and civics exam requirements for older individuals, and exempting eligible U.S. high school graduates from taking the naturalization exams.

Limit USCIS's ability to raise fees without Congress' approval, plus require authorization of appropriations to cover USCIS' need to operate and adjudicate cases.

Promote civic engagement through automatic voter registration of newly naturalized individuals.

Expand family integration by reducing the age of citizens who are able to petition eligible family members from 21 years old to 18 years old.

Increase Refugee Admissions level to 110,000 per fiscal year.

Provide social, economic, and civic support to refugees and rebuild the capacity and infrastructure of local communities to welcome refugees.

Amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to no longer allow deportation of an individual deemed to have become a public charge.

Madam Speaker, the United States is a nation of immigrants. The rich tapestry of our nation that is comprised of diverse cultures, languages, and lives experiences have always been America's strength. Immigrants and refugees have always been America's strength—which is why improving our system to welcome new Americans will ensure our nation continues to thrive. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and join me in moving our diverse nation forward by helping immigrants and refugees.

RECOGNIZING EDWARD
MORRISSETTE, WWII VET AND
LEGION OF HONOR MEDAL RECIPIENT FROM FRANCE

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize World War II Veteran Edward H. Morrisette of Omaha who will be awarded with France's highest distinction—the Legion of Honor—on October 30, 2019 for his heroism and courage in the liberation of France.

Mr. Morrisette enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1940, at the age of 17. He served with the 16th Regiment, First Infantry Division, also known as "The Big Red One," as a machine gun squad leader and military policeman. From August 1942 until September 1945, he participated in the campaigns of North Africa, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe.

On June 6, 1944 Edward landed at Omaha Beach as part of the second wave. He then went on to fight in the Battle of the Hedgerows and participated in the capture of St. Lô and many other cities in Normandy. During the fall and winter of 1944–45, he fought in the Hürtgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge before entering Germany and later Czechoslovakia.

After the war, Mr. Morrisette obtained a civil engineering degree from Indiana Tech University and spent most of his career with the U.S. Air Force including time at Langley Air Force Base at Norfolk, Virginia and March Air Force Base in Southern California. In 1972, he moved to Nebraska and was employed by Offutt Air Force Base, where he retired in 1981 as the Deputy Director of Operations and Maintenance for Strategic Air Command.

For his actions during World War II, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, and the Distinguished Unit Badge.

The Legion of Honor is the highest distinction that France can bestow upon those who have achieved remarkable deeds for France. Founded by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, the National Order of the Legion of Honor recognizes eminent service to the French Republic. Recipients of this honor are named by a decree signed by the President of the Republic. The Consul General will present the medal on behalf President Macron of France on October 29, 2019.

I personally thank Mr. Morrisette for his many years of sacrificial service to our country, and the liberation of so many in France. Without courageous men like him, World War II might have had a completely different ending. Congratulations to Edward on receiving this prestigious honor. It is well deserved.

**MOUNT VERNON SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTIST CHURCH 80TH ANNI-
VERSARY**

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, today I recognize one of the great religious institutions in New York's 16th Congressional District, the Mount Vernon Seventh-day Adventist Church, which this year is celebrating its 80th year of ministry in the community.

The Mount Vernon Church's journey began in the Fall of 1932 when Thaddeus Wilson, Sr., a layman and local elder of the New Rochelle S.D.A. Church, purchased two thousand Present Truth tracts in hope of starting a bible study. A weekly Bible study class began in a private home at the corner of East Third Street and South Seventh Avenue. In less than a month the interest and attendance had grown so much that two adjoining rooms had to be used to accommodate the people. From there, the gatherings grew, to tented meetings whose patrons later formed the nucleus of the Mount Vernon Mission. The Mission's first home was in a loft at 3 West Third Street, at the corner of West Third Street and South Fourth Avenue.

In 1939, the mission was organized into a church. This was a milestone in the history of

the Mount Vernon Church. In 1942, a drive was started to raise funds to purchase a lot on South Fifth Avenue and by the 1950's the church building was complete. Over the years it became apparent that the building had become too small for its growing membership, and a new place was sought. The present edifice located at 230 South Columbus Avenue was purchased and a grand reopening came in 1975.

As the church grew it continued to welcome many new individuals into the church. It also expanded its youth programming and community outreach. The Mount Vernon Church is also responsible for starting two daughter churches.

The Mount Vernon Church has a remarkable history and an equally wonderful legacy in this community and beyond. I want to congratulate the entire congregation and church leadership for 80 incredible years.

**RECOGNIZING TORNADO
RECOVERY VOLUNTEERS**

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of countless volunteers and public servants across North Texas who help ease the burden of last week's tornadoes. When natural disaster strikes families suffer. It takes a strong community to bring hope out of the wreckage.

Communities with solid foundations do more than just rebuild homes, businesses, and schools, but also help relieve heartache that follows catastrophic loss.

Countless faith-based and non-profit organizations, including the Network of Community Ministries, American Red Cross of North Texas, and Texas Baptist Men have risen to meet the needs of our community. Alongside partners such as Atmos Energy and Oncor Electric, they have started the arduous process of helping rebuild our communities.

Likewise, city leaders including those in Richardson and Dallas have banded together to show support and provide valuable resources proving once more, we are always stronger together.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking volunteers and leaders throughout our region, not only for helping to bring relief to those who have been displaced from their homes and schools, but also for providing hope.

HONORING TINA INGRAM

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-driven community servant, Tina Ingram.

Tina Ingram is a Yazoo City native. Tina started her career as a young mother after graduating from Yazoo City High School in 1986. She attended Phillips College where she obtained a certification in Word Proc-

essing, which led to her first job in word processing at Deposit Guaranty Bank in Jackson in 1987.

For eight years Tina commuted to Jackson while she worked at Deposit Guaranty, and also spent another two years in Jackson working for Allstate Insurance, but she missed spending time at home with her children.

It was in January of 1999 that Tina was given an opportunity to start working with Bank of Yazoo as a part-time teller. By April of the same year, she was working full-time and has been with the Bank ever since.

During her tenure at Bank of Yazoo she has worked in the loan department before becoming a Vault Teller and a Customer Service Representative at the Jerry Clower location. Most recently Tina has been promoted to Teller Manager of the Yazoo City and Flora Branches.

While continuing her work at Bank of Yazoo, Tina graduated from the Mississippi School of Banking and earned her bachelor's degree in Business management from Belhaven University in 2016.

Tina has been married to Louis Ingram for 28 years. She is the mother of three. With Proverbs 3:5–6 as her guiding light, Tina gives all honor and glory to God for each success that has blessed her life thus far.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Tina Ingram for her hard work, dedication and tenacity to serving others.

**IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID
SCHOEM FOR A DISTINGUISHED
CAREER WITH THE MICHIGAN
COMMUNITY SCHOLARS PRO-
GRAM**

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. David Schoem on his retirement and recognize his twenty years of distinguished service with the Michigan Community Scholars Program at the University of Michigan. Dr. Schoem's contributions to the Michigan community are worthy of commendation.

Dr. Schoem has dedicated his life to improving the lives of others. While attending high school in a racially-divided Philadelphia, Dr. Schoem developed an interest in intergroup relations, aspiring to bring people together to resolve conflicts and build a more just society. Dr. Schoem brought his passion for conflict resolution and unification to the University of Michigan, where he received his undergraduate degree. Upon completing his master's degree in education at Harvard University and Ph.D. at University of California, Berkeley, Dr. Schoem returned to the University of Michigan, beginning his professional career with the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts in 1979.

Since joining the U-M faculty, Dr. Schoem has become a pillar of the university. Throughout his tenure, Dr. Schoem has impacted the lives of thousands of students, serving as a beloved professor in the Sociology Department, LSA Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Education, and U–M Assistance Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. In addition, Dr. Schoem's leadership as Director of