

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING EUGENE P. VUKELIC FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Eugene P. Vukelic, a business leader who has devoted his life to service, giving back again and again to the people of Western New York.

Gene joined the United States Marine Corps in September of 1955 and served active duty with the United States Marine Corps 3rd Marine Division. He was stationed in Japan, rose to the rank of Corporal, and continued his military service until his discharge in April of 1963.

Following his military service, Gene became president of Try-It Distributing Co., Inc. in 1960, when he took over the company from his father, Stephen. The company originated as a small beer distributor with 12 stakeholders in the late 1920s, and today has over 625 stakeholders and serves Western New York clients from a state-of-the-art sales and service center in Lancaster, New York. Try-It Distributing is the exclusive Western New York distributor of Budweiser beer and related Anheuser-Busch products, and now includes subsidiaries Balkan Beverage and Saratoga Eagle Sales & Service. Try-It is the largest distributor of Labatt products worldwide. Gene has now been with Try-It for more than six decades.

Gene and his wife Carole Rose were married in 1958, and are parents to eight children, including six sons: Gregory (who passed away in 1981), Paul, Tim, Matt, Jeff and Peter; and two daughters Mary Ellen Sullivan and Suzanne Mahoney. Four sons work for Try-It, continuing the company's family legacy that has now spanned three generations.

Gene's focus has always been to give back to our community. He has contributed an extensive amount of volunteer leadership over the course of his career. Not-for-profit agencies, institutions and charities including Muscular Dystrophy Association, Nardin Academy, Canisius College, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Our Lady of Victory Services, in addition to Father Baker Charities have all benefited from Gene's generosity.

Gene is the recipient of numerous professional and civic awards and recognitions for his leadership of Try-It and his civic endeavors. Gene was awarded the Caritas Award from the St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation in 2003, recognized as Humanitarian of the Year from Hope of Tomorrow in 2008, and was the recipient of the Buffalo Niagara Business Ethics Award in 2018. In 2019, Gene was inducted into the Buffalo Business Hall of Fame. Gene has also served as president of several local organizations, including Mercy Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees and the Buffalo Executives Association.

Madam Speaker, I recognize an honorable military veteran and a pillar of our community, Eugene P. Vukelic, and I hope that you and our colleagues will join in honoring Gene for his lifetime of service to the people of Western New York.

HONORING MAJ. CARL A. NUNZIATO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Maj. Carl A. Nunziato, for his continued work to assure veterans in the Youngstown area have access to the treatment they deserve.

Maj. Carl A. Nunziato proudly served his country during two tours in Vietnam. During his first volunteer tour he served as a senior lieutenant commander of door gunners over 300 men located in seven locations throughout Vietnam; Nunziato also secured air bases and camp perimeters during this first tour as an intelligence officer and commander. Nunziato went on to serve as an artillery battery commander with the 25th Division and then returned to Vietnam to assist infantry in Ku-Chi. In 1966, during his second tour, he fought in Operation Adelborough, but near the completion of this operation he was struck by a mortar which resulted in the amputation of both his legs and a 23-month stay at the Walter Reed Hospital in recovery.

Nevertheless, Maj. Nunziato did not allow this event to derail his life. Returning home a hero, he chose to pursue an education and graduated from Case Western Reserve University's School of Law in 1971. He went on to work in law and served nearly 30 years in the banking industry.

As a result of his injuries, Maj. Nunziato became an advocate for veterans with disabilities. His efforts to assure that all veterans received adequate care in the Youngstown Area helped lead to the establishment of the Veterans Outpatient Clinic on Youngstown's North Side in the early 1990s. This clinic now serves about 45,000 veterans annually, and to this day Nunziato continues to work tirelessly. The Department of Veterans Affairs recently announced the construction of a new, larger, 35,000-square-foot clinic near the old clinic. In May 2018, the Veterans Resource Center on Wick Avenue in Youngstown was renamed in his honor and he also helped to establish the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Youngstown's Central Square which commemorates the 104 Mahoning County soldiers who lost their lives during the war.

I am proud that Maj. Nunziato is a constituent of my district. The work he has done has been invaluable to our community and he has contributed an immense amount to the people of Youngstown through his service in both military and in the community.

I thank Maj. Nunziato for his service to our community and wish him the best of luck in his future efforts to assure the veterans and residents of Youngstown with disabilities receive the attention they deserve.

RECOGNIZING THE ASIAN AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Asian American Medical Association, which will host its 43rd Annual Gala on Saturday, November 9, 2019, at Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana. Each year, the Asian American Medical Association pays tribute to prominent, outstanding citizens and organizations for their contributions to the community. In recognition of their efforts, these honorees are awarded the prestigious Crystal Globe Award.

The Asian American Medical Association has been a tremendous asset to Northwest Indiana. Its members have dedicated themselves to providing quality medical services to the residents of Northwest Indiana and have served their communities through many cultural, scholastic, and charitable endeavors.

At this year's Annual Gala, the Asian American Medical Association will present the Crystal Globe Award to one of Northwest Indiana's finest citizens, Dr. William J. Pierce.

Dr. William Pierce's career in the medical field has been remarkable and noteworthy. After graduating from the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Dr. Pierce joined the Medical Corps of the United States Army, where he served proudly and reached the rank of captain. Subsequently, in 1973, he opened his private practice, Pierce Medical Clinic, which has been very successful and remains in operation today. During his illustrious career, Dr. Pierce has remained active in the medical community throughout Northwest Indiana, practicing at Community Hospital, Methodist Hospital, Saint Mary's Hospital, Saint Catherine's Hospital, Saint Anthony's Hospital, and Pinnacle Hospital. He also played a major role in the establishment and development of Pinnacle Hospital in Crown Point. In addition, he has served on numerous hospital and medical boards, chairing many of them. Dr. Pierce's expertise and leadership is highly respected, and he continues to go above and beyond for the healthcare community throughout the region. While his commitment to medicine and to his patients is most impressive, Dr. Pierce has also given much of his time and efforts to numerous charitable organizations in Northwest Indiana, and he has been very active in the Rotary Club for many years. For his dedication and important work, Dr. Pierce is to be commended.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending the members of the Asian American

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Medical Association, as well as this year's Crystal Globe Award recipient, Dr. William J. Pierce. For his outstanding and lifelong career in the medical field and his dedication to the community of Northwest Indiana, Dr. Pierce is worthy of the highest praise.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NORMA MALONE COOK

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Norma Malone Cook of Huron, Ohio. On Sunday, November 17, 2019, the Huron United Methodist Church will honor Norma for 50 years of service to their congregation.

Norma began playing the organ at age 15 for the Huron United Methodist Church on September 14, 1969.

Norma tells the story of the night that her parents dropped her off at the church to practice music and forgot to pick her up. She recalled the darkness and the sounds of the heat registers, and, there being no telephone near the choir loft, Norma just waited at the back door until her apologetic father showed up around midnight. Despite that event, Norma continued to serve her church with a smile.

There have been many changes at the Huron United Methodist Church during the time that Norma has served, and she has improvised and changed alongside the church. One such change that marked the end of an era was in 1995, when the Henry Organ Company increased the organ from 7 to 11 ranks, which made the organ four feet higher and moved to another location. Previously, the organist was in a sunken pit and could not see the activity of the sanctuary aisles. The organist relied on taking cues from the minister as to when music should commence or end, making it extremely difficult to play for a wedding as one could not see the bride walking down the aisle. Norma and Rev. Carothers formulated a communication strategy during his ministry by which the Reverend would crack open the parlor folding doors to bare the light. He would switch the light on and off as the cue for Norma to start the Wedding March. The wedding observers in the pew never suspected anything.

Over the decades, Norma has brought over 300 brides down the aisle for weddings and comforted more than 400 families with funeral music.

An active member of the Huron United Methodist Church congregation, Norma works with choirs of all ages and serves on multiple church committees. She always brings a sense of humor to choir rehearsals and helps make music fun for all who work with her or hear her play.

Norma has played ecumenical services at almost every church in Huron, serving as an asset to the entire Huron community.

Norma has been married to her husband Ron for over 35 years. Norma has three children and three grandchildren.

We congratulate Norma on all her accomplishments and dedication to her service to the

Huron United Methodist Church and the entire Huron community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT ERNEST SCHAEFER

HON. RUSS FULCHER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Robert Schaefer of Nampa, Idaho. An astute thinker, Robert used his passion for liberty to advocate for the fundamental principles of our divinely inspired constitution and form of government we enjoy as Americans. For 28 years, Bob, as most called him, attentively represented his constituents in the Idaho Legislature as a man of honor, integrity, and resounding character. Colleagues described him as a deliberate lawmaker, a diligent friend, and an honest critic of bad policy. In his spare time, Bob was passionate about modifying and rebuilding several Ford Thunderbirds—an icon that will always remind us of him. This year, Bob and his wife, Betty, celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary. As a follower of Christ, his faith was ever-more present when he was diagnosed with a terminal illness that ultimately claimed his life. Despite being away from the Idaho Legislature in his later years, he would still write letters to the editor, engage with other local officials, and work to protect the Constitution. Bob kept every piece of correspondence he ever received in the Idaho Legislature, and fondly enjoyed the time he was given to make a difference as a defender of liberty. I honor the passion of this great Idahoan, a humble, caring individual, dear to so many in Idaho. Bob will be missed by many, and remembered by all as a friend of freedom.

HONORING HY-VEE AS A 2019 COMMUNITY OUTREACH AWARD WINNER

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate, honor, and thank Hy-Vee and Hy-Vee employees in my district. For those not from the Midwest, you might not know the name of the grocery store with a helpful smile in every aisle. That's why I'm here today to let this Chamber know about the important and valuable work that Hy-Vee has done to support Iowans.

In March this year, Iowa was hit with severe flooding. Entire communities were underwater, homes destroyed, farm land ruined, and Iowans wondering how they were going to recover. For some Iowa residents, the flooding was so catastrophic that they had to flee their houses with only the clothes on their back. The situation was dire and tragic for all those impacted.

Hy-Vee stepped in during this difficult time to address the immediate food and water needs of these communities. They filled 8 semi-trucks with bottled water to make sure that those who were impacted had fresh,

clean water. And they didn't stop with just donations. They helped raise money for these communities. They held a monthlong campaign and let their customers chip in to donate. They raised nearly \$158,000 dollars—and then Hy-Vee pitched in an additional \$50,000. This money is helping Iowan families recover and rebuild.

So it's not a surprise that Hy-Vee was picked as a 2019 Winner for the Community Outreach Award for their work to address food insecurity issues and help Iowans get back on their feet. I'm proud to have such a great company in my district, working to help their community.

Congratulations again to Hy-Vee and all their employees for their tremendous work on behalf of Iowa.

HONORING SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS PARISH ON ITS 135TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 135th anniversary of Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish in Lemont, Illinois. On Sunday, November 3rd, the church held a celebration to commemorate their long history of faith and service to the community, and I am pleased to join them.

Founded in 1884, Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish has remained an unwavering example to our local community. Father Leopold Bonaventura Maria Moczygemba established this parish at the direction of the Archbishop of Chicago, the Most Reverend Patrick Augustine Feehanas. Saints Cyril and Methodius became a place of worship to serve the spiritual and cultural needs of Lemont's growing Polish-American community.

Father Witusik, who was assigned as an associate pastor in 1979, founded the Polish Club of Lemont and helped introduce a Polish Mass at Saints Cyril and Methodius to better serve the Polish-speaking parishioners. To this day, the parish continues to support the Polish community and its heritage.

In the 135 years since Father Moczygemba presided over the first mass, Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish has undergone many renovations and improvements to accommodate its ever-growing congregation. In 1898 and 1928, tragic fires struck Saints Cyril and Methodius. Each time the parishioners banded together to ensure that the church was rebuilt. This endeavor required hard work, commitment, and sincerity, all unifying characteristics of the church's parishioners.

What has remained constant through all the changes is the commitment of Saints Cyril and Methodius's parishioners to come together and work towards the fulfillment of their faith and the betterment of their community. This hard work has not gone unnoticed by the local community who benefit from the services that the church provides. The parish has a Ministry of Care which provides prayer, comfort, and healing to those who are unable to physically attend Mass. Father Stawarski and his congregation also organize the Helping Hands program to distribute food items and other products to those in need.

In addition to the Parish, Saints Cyril and Methodius School serves our community and provides the children of Lemont an opportunity for an outstanding Catholic education. The school has been honored with the prestigious 2019 U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School Award. In 1982, the Department of Education established the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program to recognize a select group of public and private schools with high or significantly improved achievement. I am proud that Saints Cyril and Methodius School has been honored as one of these exceptional schools.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish on its 135th anniversary and congratulating the Parish on its many accomplishments. May Saints Cyril and Methodius continue their great work in the community, while inspiring others through their dedicated service and faith.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OPENING OF THE IHA HEALTH CENTER

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the opening of the IHA community health center. The new facility will transform patients' access to health care and improve the lives, health, and well-being of many within the Ypsilanti community. This endeavor is worthy of commendation.

Eastern Michigan University (EMU) is the cornerstone of Ypsilanti. Founded in 1849, EMU is renowned for its distinguished programs that not only provide students a stellar higher education, but also have a significant community impact. Over the span of 170 years, EMU has demonstrated a clear commitment to this mission, striving to find new ways to serve the EMU community and beyond.

The launch of the new health center exemplifies EMU's continued dedication to strengthening the Ypsilanti community and represents the culmination of years of work between EMU and other community health care providers. Thanks to the collaboration of EMU, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, and IHA, the new health facility will provide high-quality and innovative health care services to members of the Ypsilanti community, as well as EMU students, faculty, and staff. The state-of-the-art facility will offer comprehensive health care and 7-day-a-week urgent care services, among a host of other critical services and tools that will improve patients' health care experiences. The IHA community health center will be an important resource to many, strengthening health care offerings for both residents and students alike.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the opening of the new IHA health center on the EMU campus. It is critical that health care providers adapt to meet the changing medical needs of communities nationwide, and I am grateful for Eastern Michigan University's, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System's, and IHA's continued commitment to this cause. Their advocacy and efforts help provide quality, accessible, and affordable health care to patients community-

wide, truly making a meaningful impact in their lives.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Merced Irrigation District (MID) on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. Since its founding, MID has provided water and power to many Merced, California residents and farmers in the greater Merced region.

MID began in 1919 when the community voted to establish its own public irrigation district. In 1922, MID purchased the Crocker Huffman Land and Water Company irrigation system and subsequently chose the Exchequer Mining Company on the Merced River as the ideal location to construct their first dam. Once constructed, Exchequer Dam allowed for storage of 281,000 acre-feet of water.

MID was looking to expand in the 1950s and began planning for more water storage. In 1964 the Federal Power Commission granted a license for MID to expand irrigation and power facilities on the Merced River. During this time, Pacific Gas and Electric Company entered into a contract with MID to sell all electricity produced by the project, which allowed them to finance it with no additional fees on taxpayers or growers. When completed, the New Exchequer Dam increased Lake McClure's storage to 1,024,600 acre-feet. By 1967, MID completed New Exchequer and McSwain Dams, enabling them to produce tens of thousands of megawatt hours of electricity while increasing their water storage.

In 1970, improvements to areas behind the dams at Lakes McClure and McSwain were completed, allowing them to become popular public recreational facilities. During the same time period, MID undertook initiatives to improve its fisheries and in the 1980s, renovated the Lake Yosemite Dam and launched the Double-Barreled LeGrande Replacement Project.

Today, Merced Irrigation District provides water to 2,200 local farmers, produces clean renewable energy, replenishes groundwater and helps protect the quality of groundwater, and provides multiple recreation facilities to the public. Due to the investments and decisions made early on, MID continues to be a regional leader in water and energy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Merced Irrigation District during their centennial year celebration. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor and recognize the significant impact they've had on the development of Merced and its outlying communities.

HONORING UNITED HEBREW OF NEW ROCHELLE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize an institution in my district, United Hebrew of New Rochelle, as it celebrates its remarkable 100th anniversary this year.

Founded in 1919 as The United Home for Aged Hebrews, the home quickly grew over its first decade to include 51 elderly men and women in need in a large two-story frame house surrounded by three park-like acres on Pelham Road in New Rochelle. In 1934, a three-story, red-brick addition to the original building was made possible by a generous contribution from Adolph Arber. The United Home was at that time the largest institution of its kind in Westchester County with 155 residents.

In 1954, ground was broken for a \$1.5 million building to replace the original house and 1934 wing. The new development, the Saul and Ada Gutner Pavilion, opened 3 years later and this new 102-bed facility was hailed as "an entirely new concept in living for the elderly in need and the first major departure from the institutional atmosphere of the traditional old age home." The building incorporated the newest architectural concepts with modern social thought. In 1976, the Lola and Saul Kramer Pavilion, a \$5.25 million skilled-nursing facility, was built with the assistance of a mortgage loan from the New York State Medical Care Facilities Finance Agency. The four-story building brought the United Home to a 270-bed capacity.

From there, United Home continued to grow. In 1983 it launched a Long-Term Home Health Care Program. In 1996, AZOR Licensed Home Health Care was launched, extending our award-winning services into the community to serve those who chose to stay in their own home. In 2003, the Beverly and Alfred J. Green Pavilion—Willow Towers Assisted Living—opened its doors. And in 2009, in its 90th year, United Hebrew Geriatric Center was renamed United Hebrew. The new name and logo honored their founders while reflecting the essence of United Hebrew's comprehensive services: united for its residents, caregivers, and their families.

Madam Speaker, this is the 100-year legacy of United Hebrew: a dedication to caring for those in need. As we mark this special occasion, I want to congratulate and thank the leadership and team at United Hebrew for serving our community with great distinction for a century.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD MCEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 31, 2019 during roll call no. 603, On Ordering the Previous Question, H. Res. 660, Directing certain committees to continue their ongoing investigations as part of the existing House of Representatives inquiry into whether sufficient

grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise its Constitutional power to impeach Donald John Trump, President of the United States of America. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 604, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 660, Directing certain committees to continue their ongoing investigations as part of the existing House of Representatives inquiry into whether sufficient grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise its Constitutional power to impeach Donald John Trump, President of the United States of America. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 605, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 823, Curtis of Utah Part B Amendment No. 1. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 606, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 823, Tipton of Colorado Part B Amendment No. 5. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 607, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 823, Crow of Colorado Part B Amendment No. 6. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 608, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 823, Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 609, On Passage, H.R. 823, Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JAMES C. BOHAN

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with the heaviest of hearts that I rise today to remember and pay tribute to my dear friend, James Bohan, who was taken from us much too soon as he lost his hard-fought battle with cancer. I am heartbroken for his wife Janice, and his two children, Jim Jr. and Jennifer. Jim was one of a kind and I, like all those fortunate enough to have known him, will miss him.

If there were two things you knew about Jim Bohan, it was that he "worked for the City" for too many years to count and that he was enormously proud of his Irish heritage. Jim had a story for any occasion, with most of them starting "when I worked for the City . . ." and the rest of them some adventure or antic that had ensued at "the Parade." He was a storyteller and would impart his knowledge to anyone willing to listen.

Jim dedicated his professional life to housing and community development. He began his career at the New Haven Redevelopment Agency as an Administrative Assistant with the Hill Project Office where he served as a liaison between federal officials and the City and developed planning proposals for neighborhood schools, housing, and parks. He went on to spend nearly a decade at the organization as a Development Officer where he was responsible for monitoring construction projects across the City as well as liaising with state

and local elected officials and community groups. In 1976, he began his career with the City of New Haven as the Coordinator of the Neighborhood Preservation Program. Jim would eventually go on to serve in the City's Development Administration where he was really a jack-of-all-trades. He was the Coordinator of Protocol, organizing major public events around the City; a liaison between various City Departments and local engineering firms; and the manager of the site selection process for the City Infill Housing Program to name just a few. It was from the Development Administration that Jim retired from City service in 1990.

Jim's retirement from the City turned out to be one of my most fortunate opportunities. Having been elected to my first term in the United States Congress, I found myself in search of trusted staff who would be able to manage the volumes of constituent services that were in demand. Jim was one of the first members of my staff. From his long history with the City of New Haven, Jim was not only familiar with the City at its heart but also with neighboring communities that made up Connecticut's 3rd Congressional District. Over the decade Jim worked with me, we spent countless hours traveling to events and meeting across the District. He became so much more than a staff member and friend—he became family. And though he left the Congressional office in 2002, he stayed in touch through frequent visits and passing on a variety of constituent requests.

As I mentioned, Jim was extraordinarily proud of his Irish heritage and he made every effort to celebrate and share his heritage with everyone he knew. Nothing demonstrates that more than his dedication to the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade—the City's annual tribute to all things Irish. Jim was a dedicated member of the parade committee for many years and served as Grand Marshal in 1981. He went on to serve as the Parade's Executive Chairman for nearly a decade and, even after stepping down from the Executive Committee, Jim served as the Parade Coordinator—perhaps the most thankless of jobs—for a number of years. Even after he and Janice bought a home in Florida, Jim would make frequent trips to New Haven for parade meetings and, of course, the parade itself. The shrine in his home, a collection of memorabilia and keepsakes, speaks to the special place the Parade and the Committee held in his heart.

In his retirement, Jim also followed another of his passions—firefighting. The son of Captain in the New Haven Fire Department, Jim proudly followed in his footsteps becoming a volunteer with the Branford Fire Department for many years. Jim's fascination with his father's legacy could be seen in his collection of hundreds of carefully crafted fire engine models which he painstakingly built in his free time. One of his other favorite pastimes was serving in the Connecticut Foot Guard's 2nd Company—a historical state military organization whose members volunteer their time and talents to events and programs across Connecticut.

I consider myself fortunate to have called Jim my friend and, like for so many others, his absence will leave a hole that will never quite be filled. I extend my deepest sympathies to Janice, Jim Jr. and Jennifer. I hope that they know what an incredible impact he had on the

lives of his friends and colleagues. Jim will be missed but never forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE REP. ELIJAH CUMMINGS BY HIS STAFF

HON. AYANNA PRESSLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following op-ed article, authored by the current and former staff of our dear friend, and forever Chairman, Elijah Cummings of the Oversight and Reform Committee, who passed away last month. The op-ed ran in USA Today on October 25, paying tribute to the man who served his constituents and country so well in this House for more than twenty-three years.

[From the USA Today, Oct. 25, 2019]

HOW WE WILL REMEMBER OUR BOSS, CHAIRMAN ELIJAH CUMMINGS: MORAL CLARITY IN ALL HE DID

(By Current and Former Staff of Rep. Elijah Cummings)

As current and former congressional staff of the late Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, chairman of the House Oversight and Reform Committee, we had the great honor and privilege of working with him over the course of more than two decades.

Many public figures have praised the chairman in recent days, extolling his unmatched integrity, courageous leadership and commitment to service and justice. To these well-deserved tributes, we would like to add our own eulogy, based on our experience working by his side.

He was inspiring, both in public and even more so in private. He brought moral clarity to everything he did, and his purpose was pure—to help those among us who needed it most. He taught us that our aim should be to "give a voice to the voiceless," including families whose drinking water had been poisoned, sick patients who could no longer afford their medicine and, most of all, vulnerable children and "generations yet unborn."

Whether in a hearing room full of members of Congress or in a quiet conversation with staff, his example motivated us to become our best selves in the service of others.

He was genuine. He insisted on personally interviewing every staff member he hired so he could "look into their eyes." Each of us has a personal memory of sitting down with him for the first time, and it was like nothing we had experienced before. He would ask why we were interested in public service, how we thought we could contribute and what motivated us.

Then he would lean in and ask in his low baritone voice, "But . . . what feeds your soul?"

More than a few of us left those interviews with tears in our eyes, perhaps feeling that we had learned more about ourselves than about him. He made that kind of personal connection with everyone he met, from the people of his district, to witnesses who testified at hearings, to whistleblowers who reported waste, fraud or abuse. Since his passing, we have been inundated with messages from many whose lives he touched.

He was demanding. He would boast that he had the hardest working staff in Congress and that he sometimes would call or email us in the middle of the night, which was absolutely true. His directive to be "effective and efficient in everything you do" still rings in our ears.

In exchange, he listened to us, respected us and trusted us. He made sure we knew he was truly proud of us—memories we each now cherish. The result of his unwavering support was fierce loyalty from every member of his staff. We committed to doing everything in our power to fulfill his vision.

He was a unifying force, even in this era of partisanship. He would command order with a sharp rap of his gavel, elevate debate by noting that “we are better than that” and urge all of us to seek “not just common ground, but higher ground.”

Guided by his faith and values, he would look for and bring out the good in others, forming bridges through human connection.

He fully grasped the moment in which we are now living. He invoked history books that will be written hundreds of years from now as he called on us to “fight for the soul of our democracy.” As he said, this is bigger than one man, one president or even one generation.

He was acutely aware of his own transience in this world. He reminded us repeatedly that we are here “only for a minute” and that all of us soon will be “dancing with the angels.”

He would thunder against injustice, or on behalf of those who could not fight for themselves, and he would vow to keep battling until his “dying breath.” He did just that. His final act as chairman came from his hospital bed just hours before his death, as he continued to fight for critically ill children suddenly in danger of deportation.

He had so much left to accomplish, but he has left it for us to complete. As he told us presciently, “These things don’t happen to us, they happen for us.”

It is difficult to describe the emptiness we now feel. His spirit was so strong, and his energy so boundless, that the void is devastating.

But, of course, he left us with instructions: “Pain, passion, purpose. Take your pain, turn it into your passion, and make it your purpose.” He lived those words, and he inspired us to do the same.

Sometimes, after a big event, he would take us aside for a quiet moment and say, “I just want to thank you for everything you do and for being a part of my destiny.”

Today, we thank him for being part of ours. And we commit to carrying forward his legacy in the limited time allotted to each of us—to give voice to the voiceless, to defend our democracy, and to always reach for higher ground.

The authors of this tribute are current and former staff of the late House Oversight Committee Chairman Elijah Cummings, D-Md whose funeral is Friday. Their names are below:

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HONORING ALUMINUM CASTING COMPANY

HON. RUSS FULCHER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a hometown business in Hayden, Idaho that is receiving the Department of Labor’s Honoring Investment in Recruiting and Employing (HIRE) Vets Medallion Award today. Founded as the Los Angeles Aluminum Casting Company in 1947, LA Aluminum has been a staple of the local community in Hayden since 1972. LA Aluminum makes castings for critical components that support the aerospace, automotive, dental, and military industries. As a third-generation family-owned business in Idaho, Robert Oswald and his daughter Sarah continue the great tradition of making American products for American companies in Idaho. That’s why I am proud to honor

the Oswald family and the wonderful employees of LA Aluminum for their investments in recruiting, employing, and retaining military veterans in Idaho. Our veterans answer the call to serve, protect our way of life, our system of government, and the freedoms that we want to enjoy every day. The HIRE Vets Award is the only federal-level veterans’ employment award that recognizes companies committed to hiring and retaining veterans. I thank the employees of LA Aluminum for prioritizing our veterans and those that answered the call to service. The HIRE Vets Medallion Award is a symbol of their culture, passion, and love for our country and our armed services.

RECOGNIZING DON GUINNIP’S CONSISTENT PRODUCTION OF HIGH-QUALITY SOYBEANS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Don Guinnip, a member of my Ag Advisory Board in the 15th district of Illinois, who was recently cited by the Illinois Soybean Association High Yield PLUS Quality program for consistently producing soybeans that rank very high in livestock feed value.

Don is a farmer in the Wabash River Valley near Marshall, IL., who makes a point to know the nutritional makeup of the soybeans he grows. He feels that this knowledge is essential to meeting the specific needs of the soybean industry’s largest and most important customer, the livestock producer. Livestock consume more than 70 percent of the U.S. soybean crop each year.

Don has submitted soybean samples for nutritional analysis for seven years. His 2018 sample of Stine Seed Company variety 38LE02 yielded a composite feed value of \$347.40 per ton, putting him in the top 15 growers in Illinois for feed value.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Don Guinnip on choosing soybean varieties that best serve livestock producers, and I encourage other farmers to maximize the U.S. feed-market opportunities as well.

RECOGNIZING THE ROTARY CLUB OF JASPER AND GEORGIA MOUNTAINS HOSPICE

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rotary Club of Jasper and Georgia Mountains Hospice for teaming up to host an important appreciation event for members of the public safety community in Pickens County, Georgia and the city of Jasper, Georgia.

At a time in our nation’s history when the men and women in law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services need our support the most, the Rotary Club of Jasper and Georgia Mountains Hospice are working together to carry the mantle by hosting a public safety appreciation dinner, Honoring Our Heroes, for

the sole purpose of recognizing and thanking those who put their lives on the line on behalf of our communities.

This is exactly the type of initiative that represents the true values of the good people in my district. While I am humbled by, and grateful for, their efforts, I am not surprised by this true reflection of their priorities and their character.

The often thankless undertakings of our men and women in public safety are what keep the fabric of our great nation together by saving our lives, protecting our property and providing peace of mind in an often chaotic world. On behalf of the people of Northeast Georgia, I want to thank the Rotary Club of Jasper and Georgia Mountains Hospice for making Public Safety Employees a priority.

HONORING THE ADIRONDACK DAILY ENTERPRISE'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor The Adirondack Daily Enterprise on their 125th year in operation.

Charles W. Lansing of Plattsburgh and Carl D. Smith of Malone established the Adirondack Enterprise in 1895 and on February 21st of that year, the first issue of the paper was published. Through mergers with other papers and continual improvement, they soon became one of the preeminent newspapers in northern New York. They have seen highs and lows over the years notably, when the Harrietstown Town Hall, which housed the paper, burned to the ground. Despite this setback, the paper continued to publish uninterrupted. In 1926, from their historic headquarters at the Old Enterprise Building, the Adirondack Enterprise ramped up to daily publication and became the institution we know today. The Adirondack Daily Enterprise remains a historic institution in the North Country. It is the only daily paper to serve the Adirondack Region, delivering important local news so that residents can stay informed about their community.

On behalf on New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate the Adirondack Daily Enterprise team for reaching this historic milestone. Local news outlets are an important component of the long-term health of a community and I look forward to them continuing to serve in that role into the future.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT MAJOR MICHAEL GRINSTON ON HIS SELECTION TO BECOME THE SIXTEENTH SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE U.S. ARMY

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Sergeant Major Michael Grinston on his selection to become the sixteenth Sergeant Major of the United States Army.

Having grown up in Jasper, Alabama, in Alabama's Fourth Congressional District, Sergeant Major of the Army Grinston enlisted in the Army in 1987 to serve as an artilleryman. During his thirty-two years in the Army, his deployments included two tours each to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, as well as Desert Shield/Desert Storm and a deployment to Kosovo. He also served as the senior enlisted leader for the Army's first deployment of a division headquarters, with the First Infantry Division, in support of Operation Inherent Resolve from October 2014 to June 2015.

In addition to serving as the I Corps Command Sergeant Major, Sergeant Major of the Army Grinston most recently served as the senior enlisted leader for U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), the U.S. Army's largest command. He is a combat veteran who has served in every level of leadership from gunner to his current role as the United States Army's senior enlisted leader.

His awards and decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (two awards), and five Bronze Stars (two with "V" devices). He has earned the Ranger tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, and the Combat Action Badge.

Sergeant Major of the Army Grinston earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from the University of Maryland University College.

Madam Speaker, it is a great privilege to recognize such an accomplished and dedicated leader. I join his family, friends and colleagues in wishing him the greatest success in this new role.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VETERANS LEGAL SUPPORT ACT OF 2019

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Veterans Legal Support Act of 2019, which would allow the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide support to law school clinical programs that provide pro bono legal and support services to veterans, including assistance with disability claims and appeals and foreclosures. There are already at least 22 law schools that have clinics devoted to veterans' legal needs, including the William & Mary Law School Veterans Benefits Clinic, which serves as a national model for this idea and was the first recipient of a "best practice" certification from the VA. There are many other law schools, such as the University of the District of Columbia's David A. Clarke School of Law, that are interested in starting their own VA-certified clinics.

More than 400,000 veterans are waiting for their disability claims to be processed by the VA. With the assistance of lawyers and law professors, clinical programs provide free legal resources to assist veterans in processing their claims. My bill would merely build on what some law schools have begun to do for the last several years. More needs to be done to sustain and increase these programs.

I was a tenured professor of law and continued to teach one seminar after being elected

to Congress. I saw the expert assistance that clinical programs provide.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill, a concrete measure that would assist our veterans, who have repeatedly put their lives on the line for this country.

RECOGNIZING AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion Auxiliary, the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization.

The American Legion Auxiliary is a premier service organization that has been a vital asset to our community. By providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families, the American Legion Auxiliary shapes a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, and peace.

Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary boasts almost one million members from a range of different backgrounds. This past year, the organization oversaw more than 40 million volunteer hours and raised \$37 million for charities across the US.

Specifically, the American Legion Auxiliary's West Michigan chapter, Roger B. Chaffee Post 154, has been a pillar in our community through their support of veterans, sponsorship of local events, and youth development. Their tireless work has dramatically increased the quality of life for veterans and their families across West Michigan.

The post gets their name from the late Roger B. Chaffee, an American naval officer, aeronautical engineer, and NASA astronaut in the Apollo program. Roger B. Chaffee grew up in West Michigan and graduated from Central High School in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he excelled in academics and became an Eagle Scout. Sadly, Roger perished in the Apollo 1 fire on January 27, 1967, but his legacy continues to live on throughout our country and in West Michigan.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the American Legion Auxiliary and the Roger B. Chaffee Post 154 for their 100 years of dedicated service to veterans throughout our country and in West Michigan.

CONGRATULATING YOUNG AMERICA'S FOUNDATION ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR FOUNDING

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, today I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the Young America's Foundation (YAF) on 50 successful years of promoting Conservative ideals to the youth of our Nation.

Beginning in 1969 at Vanderbilt University, YAF has shaped itself as the preeminent organization in promoting and defending American

values. In 1974, the organization began its fruitful relationship with then-Governor Ronald Reagan, asking him to take on a nationally syndicated radio program. President Reagan continued his strong support of YAF by hosting the organization's annual summer student conference at the White House from 1981 until 1988. In gratitude to this giant of American Conservatism, YAF saved and took ownership of the colloquially-dubbed "Western White House" in 1998, using it as a space of learning for our Nation's Conservative-minded youths.

YAF's incredible grassroots success is a direct result of investing in the future of America. Young people are provided with seminars, conferences, educational materials, access to prominent speakers in the Conservative movement, and internships. I saw YAF's broad impact firsthand when asked to speak to their student audiences this past July at the organization's National High School Leadership Conference. It was inspiring to see so many young people devoted to carrying on the legacy of President Reagan and our Nation's founding values. So long as YAF continues its vocation of service to our Nation's youth, the future of America's Conservative movement remains bright.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Tenth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate the Young America's Foundation for 50 years of tireless advocacy on behalf of individual freedom, a strong national defense, free enterprise, and traditional values.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR DINA LONG

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Honorable Dina Long on her retirement this year as Mayor of Sea Bright, New Jersey. The Mayor's 17 years of service to Sea Bright are indicative of her dedication to the community and her leadership is highly deserving of this body's recognition.

Following three terms on the Sea Bright Borough Council, Mayor Long was elected as mayor and began her term on January 1, 2012. Less than 10 months later, Superstorm Sandy struck New Jersey, devastating several coastal communities, including Sea Bright. Leading the recovery efforts, Mayor Long established important partnerships within the community and state to bolster resources and programs available to the town and its residents. Her vision, determination and proactive response helped rebuild and revitalize the town.

Mayor Long has been an outstanding public servant, receiving commendations for her leadership. Her tireless efforts in the wake of Superstorm Sandy earned her an appointment as a local Advisory Group member on the President's Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force, a Telly Award and an American Shore & Beach Preservation Association Local Government Award. As a speaker and panelist, she has shared her insight and experiences with several organizations and institutions such as Brookdale Community College

Women in Learning and Leadership, the Jewish Foundation of Monmouth County Sandy Teen Fellows Program and the NJ Council of Grantmakers, among many others.

In addition to her service to the Borough of Sea Bright, Mayor Long has also established a successful career as an educator, teaching at Brookdale Community College and previously at Rutgers University, her undergraduate alma mater. She also holds a master's degree from The New School.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Mayor Dina Long on her retirement. Her impact on the Sea Bright community is evident and serves as an example of what steadfast commitment and perseverance can accomplish.

HONORING THE CAREER AND SERVICE OF MAYOR PAUL DYSTER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of city of Niagara Falls mayor, Paul Dyster, as he prepares to step down from public office. Mayor Dyster has served his community with dignity and consistently strived to revitalize Niagara falls. He leaves behind an outstanding legacy of progress and growth in his community.

Mayor Dyster began his political career in 2000, when he was elected to the Niagara Falls City Council and served for three years. In 2006, the Niagara Gazette named Paul Dyster "Citizen of the Year." That same year the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center granted him the "Good Neighbor Award." Mayor Dyster has often taken his leadership outside of politics as a youth mentor, serving as scoutmaster of Boy Scouts of America Troop 801 and Whirlpool Little League basketball coach for a season.

In 2017, Mayor Dyster won the hotly contested mayoral race and was subsequently re-elected in 2011 and 2015. I have had the pleasure of working closely with Mayor Dyster throughout his three terms in office as he made great advancements to the City of Niagara Falls and contributed to the revitalization of the city. He saw to the completion of a new courthouse and public safety building, as well as a new Amtrak train station. He restored the historic customhouse in Niagara Falls and began the destruction of the Niagara Falls Scenic Parkway to begin development of New Niagara Gorge State Park. All these accomplishments made Niagara Falls a more desirable destination for visitors and for residents.

Mayor Dyster strives to better the world outside of his mayoral duties and will continue to do so after his term is over. Environmental causes are near to his heart which is evidenced by his roles as Board Emeritus for Buffalo-Niagara Riverkeeper, spokesman for the Niagara River Environmental Coalition, and as a founding member of the Niagara Waterfront Revitalization Task force.

Mayor Dyster is, in his own words, a servant leader who has always promoted the revitalization and preservation of his community. His work always emphasizes community activism, restoration, and conservation. In his time away

from public office, he will be able to focus on his other passions, home brewing and fishing, and quality time with his wife Rebecca and sons, Ian and Bert. I have no doubt that he will remain dedicated to serving his community in other roles. As he steps down from the office he has occupied for over a decade, he leaves big shoes to fill.

VETERAN TRANSITIONAL HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Veteran Transitional Health Care Improvement Act, which would provide veterans one year of VA health care after they separate from active service in the Armed Forces or from active status with the National Guard or Reserve. By providing health coverage during this transition period, our nation can better assist veterans to succeed as they move into civilian life.

The transition to civilian life presents a number of challenges for veterans and their families. Figuring out their next steps in education, employment, housing, and health care is difficult. Our legislation, removes the burden of health care, at least during that critical first year of re-entry.

Knowing they have this coverage, including the mental health care that can be so important during transition, will free veterans to focus on re-establishing their family relationships and finding a new career.

Our bill requires the VA, the Pentagon, and the Department of Labor all to make sure that veterans are well informed about their eligibility for this transitional health care coverage.

The Veteran Transitional Health Care Improvement Act will help the over one million men and women serving our country in the active and reserve components including those from my district, the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Act has the endorsement of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Reserve Officers Association.

The gentlelady from American Samoa, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, is an original cosponsor of the bill.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE BOB MAY

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a longtime friend and mentor, Bob May, on his numerous achievements and contributions to our community, the State of Missouri, and our extraordinary country.

Originally from Champaign, Illinois, Bob joined the United States Navy in 1953, where he served four years as an Electricians Mate on a U.S. Atlantic Fleet Destroyer. After his stint with the U.S. Navy, Bob began his career

with the United States Forest Service. In 1973, Bob accepted a position with the Rolla District Rangers, relocating to Missouri. After twenty-eight years of employment with the USFS, Bob retired from federal service and turned his focus to representing his community at the state level.

Bob was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives, serving from 2001 to 2008. It was during this time that our paths first crossed. He gave me my first job in government as a legislative intern in Jefferson City where I saw firsthand how he always placed people over politics.

Bob has been married to his loving wife Carlene for over 64 years. He and Carlene have been active members of the First Presbyterian Church since they moved to Rolla and he now serves as an Elder and is involved in the church in countless ways. Bob is the former President of the United Way and is also a founding member of the Community Partnership and the Rolla Public Schools Partnership in Education Committee. In addition, Bob is active in the Rolla Optimist Club, American Legion Post 270, Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 281, the Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League, and Prevention Consultants of Missouri. Following the passing of their 24-year-old son, Pat, after a battle with cancer, Bob and Carlene became active with Compassionate Friends, a support group for bereaved families of deceased children.

Bob has had a profound impact on my life and I will always have the utmost respect for his political understanding, polite courage, and unwavering dedication to service. It is truly an honor to know this amazing person and call him a friend. I am privileged today to recognize Bob May before the United States House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM R. TIMMONS, IV

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. TIMMONS. Madam Speaker, I missed votes last week (10/28 through 10/31) due to full-time military duties with the South Carolina Air National Guard. Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 585; YEA on Roll Call No. 586; NAY on Roll Call No. 587; NAY on Roll Call No. 588; NAY on Roll Call No. 589; NAY on Roll Call No. 590; YEA on Roll Call No. 591; YEA on Roll Call No. 592; YEA on Roll Call No. 593; YEA on Roll Call No. 594; YEA on Roll Call No. 595; YEA on Roll Call No. 596; NAY on Roll Call No. 597; YEA on Roll Call No. 598; YEA on Roll Call No. 599; YEA on Roll Call No. 600; YEA on Roll Call No. 601; NAY on Roll Call No. 602; NAY on Roll Call No. 603; NAY on Roll Call No. 604; YEA on Roll Call No. 605; YEA on Roll Call No. 606; YEA on Roll Call No. 607; YEA on Roll Call No. 608; and NAY on Roll Call No. 609.

IN HONOR OF TROY REICHERT RECEIVING THE 2019 MEDAL OF HONOR EXCELLENCE IN CHARACTER EDUCATION AWARD

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Troy Reichert, of Guernsey, WY on receiving the Medal of Honor Excellence in Character Education Award from the Congressional Medal of Honor Society.

Troy is an industrial technology teacher at Guernsey-Sunrise High School and is known for his commitment to his students and passion for teaching. This year Troy has been awarded several grants from national organizations and has earned a reputation as a leader among his peers, and beloved teacher by his students.

The Medal of Honor Excellence in Character Education award is given to a teacher who has taught students about the Congressional Medal of Honor and the character and leadership of the those who have earned it. The fact that this award was presented by Staff Sergeant Sal Giunta, a Medal of Honor recipient, is a testament to the honor that comes with this prestigious award.

Again, Madam Speaker, I extend my congratulations to Troy Reichert on this incredible honor, and for his continued leadership in his community.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 TABLE ROCK LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD WINNERS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Terry Plumb, Ken Bowling, Tanco II Lumber Company, and the Reeds Spring unit of Boys and Girls Club of the Ozarks for their dedication and selfless contributions to the Table Rock Lake community. On November 15, 2019, Lake Splash will recognize these four individuals and organizations by presenting them with awards for their service, and I join Lake Splash in applauding these recipients.

Mr. Terry Plumb is a volunteer battalion chief with the Southern Stone County Fire Protection District and is this year's recipient of the Guardian Award for the bravery he exhibited in the line of duty. The Guardian Award is presented to a first responder in recognition of their fearless or selfless service to the community. Mr. Plumb didn't hesitate to risk his own life to assist a motorist whose car had caught fire; his actions and rapid response prevented casualties or injuries during the incident. I applaud him for his selfless actions and receiving this well-deserved recognition.

Tanco II Lumber Company is this year's Business of the Year for exemplary and high-quality customer service while maintaining a strong commitment to the community. This year, Tanco II recently completed a new local facility, expanded their product offerings, and created several new jobs, making them an at-

tractive candidate for this award. They have demonstrated a remarkable commitment to investing in their local community, and I congratulate them on receiving this award.

Mr. Ken Bowling, owner of Ken Bowling Construction, will receive this year's Trailblazer Award for his contributions to the community during his tenure as a Stone County Commissioner, and for his work as a member of the Kimberling City Board of Alderman and former Chairman of the Table Rock Lake Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bowling has always tirelessly served his community so it is only fitting that he receives an award that recognizes leaders that forge a path for others in their community.

The final award is presented to the Reeds Spring unit of the Boys and Girls Club of the Ozarks for providing vital after-school care and education programs for children within this community. The Community Service Award is presented to an individual or organization who, through their service or commitment, has improved the quality of life, economy, educational opportunities, beauty, serenity, or safety in their community. The Boys and Girls Club of America offers invaluable resources to families across the nation, and I applaud this local branch's work in the Table Rock Lake area.

All of the recipients of the 2019 Lake Splash Awards have made a significant impact on their community and deserve this recognition. I am honored to recognize their achievements, and I thank each recipient for their contributions to Missouri's 7th District.

HONORING GEORGE MERGENTHALER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, as we approach the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, I would like to take a moment to honor a true American hero, George Mergenthaler.

George was born on August 5th, 1920 and was the only child of Alice and Hermann Mergenthaler of Rye, NY. He grew up in Rye and was later accepted into Princeton University in September of 1939.

A gifted athlete, dedicated student, handsome and charismatic, "Merg" as he was known, was well liked by all who knew him. With studies that focused on History and English, George's time at Princeton was everything he could have hoped for.

All that changed on December 7, 1941 when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. Like many of his generation, George enlisted soon after the attack, but his enlistment was deferred until he graduated in January 1943 in an accelerated program. Just days later he was sent to Camp Hood in Texas for basic training. Discovering his fluency with German and French, the army assigned George to the 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop.

Following overseas training in Wales, George and the rest of the Recon Troop entered the European Theater of Operation in mid-July 1944 with the 28th Infantry Division and would fight their way through France, into Belgium and on to Luxembourg. In mid-November the Troop arrived in Eschweiler, Luxembourg, their home for the next month.

Because of his ease with language, George more than any of the other soldiers, endeared himself to the people of the small farming town. Together they shared meals, church services, hopes and dreams. Then on December 16th, 1944, the Germans launched a surprise attack in the Ardennes Forest. The Battle of the Bulge was underway. By mid-afternoon on December 18th, the German attack had pushed deep into Luxembourg, and Eschweiler was nearly surrounded. The Recon Troop held the town as long as possible before pulling out. Just a mile outside of town, their convoy drove into a German ambush. Pinned down on the narrow, treelined road, death or capture were their only options. Realizing their desperate situation, George sprang to action. Showing no regard for his personal safety, George jumped into the back of a jeep, manned a 50-caliber machine gun and provided enough covering fire for the rest of the Recon Troop soldiers to make their escape. Seconds later the machine gun jammed. As George tried to clear the breach, German bullets cut him down. George's selfless and heroic actions that day allowed the rest of the Recon Troop to survive not only that ambush but the war. Madam Speaker, George Mergenthaler made the ultimate sacrifice that day so that others could live in peace. I would like to thank this body for posthumously recognizing George Mergenthaler, a true American hero.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF
MARY MARGARET "MOO" ANDERSON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary woman and legendary supporter of art and artists, Mary Margaret Anderson, affectionately known to all as "Moo".

Moo was born in Boston in 1926 and died on October 22, 2019, at the age of 92. She was a graduate of D'Youville College and met her husband Harry, known as Hunk, in 1948. While in college, Hunk started a food service business, Saga Corporation. After Moo and Hunk married in 1950, they moved to Ohio and then to California to expand the business.

A trip to Europe and a visit to the Louvre in the 1960's ignited Moo and Hunk's love for contemporary art. They began collecting art which reflected their beliefs in the importance of 'head and hands', or ingenuity as well as masterful craftsmanship. They wanted to see the creativity of the artist but also wanted to know that real work went into the art. Much of the family's art collection was hung in their one-story Silicon Valley home and in the Saga headquarters in Menlo Park. The collection contained important Abstract Expressionists, Color Field Painting, Post-Minimalism, California Funk Art, Bay Area Figurative Art, and Contemporary abstract painting. Many of the most significant works are now housed in the Anderson Collection at Stanford University, a collection of 121 works by 86 artists which the Andersons donated in 2014. Two important works by Jackson Pollock and Willem De Kooning were donated shortly before Moo's

death, adding to paintings by Helen Frankenthaler, Agnes Martin, Joan Mitchell, Robert Motherwell, Frank Stella, Wayne Thiebaud and many other important American artists.

In addition to the eponymous museum at Stanford, the Andersons donated works to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, among others.

Moo loved her husband, daughter, granddaughter, philanthropy, and golf. She gave generously of her time and considerable talents in service to Sacred Heart Schools, St. Francis Center, and Stanford Hospital, and she taught children through Art in Action in Menlo Park.

On hearing of Moo's death, Stanford University President Marc Tessier-Levine, said "Moo Anderson will forever be remembered for her love of art, but also for her love of sharing art. She opened her home so that students could have that same experience of looking and learning about art. We are so deeply grateful that Moo and Hunk trusted Stanford to be stewards of their remarkable collection and enable people of all ages to experience it on a daily basis."

Moo was predeceased by her husband Hunk, and leaves her daughter Mary Patricia "Putter" Anderson Pence and her beloved granddaughter, Devin Pence. She will be deeply missed by them and by all who had the good fortune to know her. Her legacy will live on through the magnificent art she and Hunk have so generously shared with Stanford and all of us.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary life of an extraordinary woman and expressing our condolences to her daughter, granddaughter and the thousands who loved her and mourn her passing.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 30, 2019 during roll call no. 593, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 2181, Gosar of Arizona Part E Amendment No. 2. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 594, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 2181, Gosar of Arizona Part E Amendment No. 3. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 595, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 2181, Arrington of Texas Part E Amendment No. 4. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 596, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 2181, Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 597, On Passage, H.R. 2181, Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 598, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 1373, Gosar of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 1.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 599, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 1373, Gosar of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 2. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 600, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 1373, Gosar of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 3. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 601, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 1373, Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 602, On Passage, H.R. 1373, Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE TO VETERANS OF THE
ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED
STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to all the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and risked their lives to defend our freedoms and way of life and took and lived the oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic" and bore true faith and allegiance to the same, an obligation they took freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion."

Veterans are truly heroes walking among us.

I want to thank all of our armed servicemen and women for their selfless dedication to our protection every day.

Veterans Day is a reminder to all of us who live in freedom that as President Kennedy said, "The price of freedom is high, but Americans have always paid it."

This Veterans Day is a welcome opportunity to remember that the fallen who gave the last full measure of devotion to their country on battlefields around the world—in places whose names may be unforgettable—or locations that have slipped into the pages of history.

We will never forget:

Revolutionary War: Valley Forge; York Town.

Civil War: The Battle of Antietam; The Battle of Gettysburg.

World War I: The Battle of Argonne; Flanders Field; Verdun.

World War II: Pearl Harbor; Battle of Bataan; The Battle of Midway; D-Day; Battle of the Bulge; Battle of Anzio; Battle of Corregidor.

Korean War: Inchon; Heart Break Ridge; Pork Chop Hill.

Vietnam: Tet Offensive; Battle of Hue.

Desert Storm: September 11, 2001; Pentagon Attack (125 killed).

Operation Enduring Freedom: Battle of Kandahar.

Operation Iraqi Freedom: Second Battle of Fallujah.

The memory of the fallen are never forgotten.

Madam Speaker, each Veterans Day, Americans come together to remember those who

have served our country around the world in the name of freedom and democracy.

The debt that we owe to them is immeasurable.

Their sacrifices, and those of their families, are freedom's foundation.

Without the brave efforts of all the soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and Coast Guardsmen and women and their families, our country would not live so freely.

I offer my deepest gratitude to our nation's troops and reservists, their families, and the 21.6 million veterans, including 29,126 here in the 18th Congressional District.

21.6 million brave men and women are veterans of our nation's military service.

This includes more than 2 million women, 2.7 million African American men and women, 1.5 million Hispanic men and women, 342,000 Asian American Pacific Islanders, and 178,000 American Indians.

Nine in ten military families believe the public does not understand or appreciate their sacrifices.

We use Veterans Day to show our veterans and military families how important they are to us and how grateful we are for them each and everyday.

November is National Caregivers Month to show our caregivers how grateful we are for them.

It is only fitting that we thank those caregivers who serve our military today.

5.5 million spouses, parents, children, and other loved ones care for our wounded warriors and 15 percent of caregivers spend 40+ hours a week providing care for our military families.

As a senior member of the House Committees on Judiciary and Homeland Security, I care deeply about our veterans.

I Congress, I have sponsored many legislative proposals and co-sponsored more than 50 pieces of legislation that will positively benefit our veterans and their families."

On the battlefield, the military pledges to leave no soldier behind.

As a nation, let it be our pledge that when they return home, we leave no veteran behind.

This day and every day let us honor their service with actions that fulfill our commitment to our troops, their families, and our veterans—and that are worthy of our grateful nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NAMING OF THE DON H. BARDEN SECONDARY STREET

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Don H. Barden and celebrate his legacy through the naming of the Don H. Barden Secondary Street. Don Barden was an influential leader in Detroit and his contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Don Barden was a trailblazer in politics, business, and philanthropy. In the 1960s, Mr. Barden served as the first black city councilman in Lorain, Ohio, where he learned about the intersection of business and politics. Admired by many in Congress, Mr. Barden also

developed life-long friendship with countless mayors, state representatives, and city council members, among a variety of other political leaders nationwide.

Don Barden was also an astute businessman who successfully developed, owned, and operated several businesses in multiple industries. Mr. Barden was renowned for his work in real estate, broadcasting, international trade, and casinos, and received widespread acclaim for his efforts. In the 1980s, Mr. Barden became a leader in Michigan's cable industry, establishing and operating cable systems throughout Metro Detroit. Under Mr. Barden's guidance and expertise, Barden Cablevision was designated as one of the nation's largest urban cable systems. Later, Mr. Barden became the first black owner of a Las Vegas casino after his purchase of Fitzgeralds in 2001. In addition to a host of other positions, Mr. Barden also served as President and CEO of Barden Companies, Inc.

Throughout his professional endeavors, Mr. Barden was devoted to community involvement and volunteerism. He embedded a mission within his businesses to make a difference in the communities where they operated and conducted business and encouraged others to follow in stride. Mr. Barden was also committed to personal philanthropy, supporting countless organizations, people, and entities throughout the Metro Detroit region. Mr. Barden will always be remembered for his generous and thoughtful heart.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the legacy of Don H. Barden. Mr. Barden was a pillar of Detroit, and the naming of the secondary street in honor of Mr. Barden is a touching tribute to his life's work. Mr. Barden was cherished by so many within our community, and I am glad the street will bear his name for generations to come.

HONORING THE USS "INDIANAPOLIS," THE UNITED STATES NAVY'S NEWEST LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the U.S. Navy's newest addition to its fleet, the Freedom-class Littoral Combat Ship, USS *Indianapolis*.

On October 26, before a crowd of thousands, the USS *Indianapolis* (LCS-17) was commissioned in Burns Harbor, Indiana, on the shore of Lake Michigan. I thank the Navy, particularly former Secretary Ray Mabus, for having the foresight to name a ship being constructed on the Great Lakes after Indiana's capital city and the decision by the current Secretary of the Navy, Richard Spencer, to host the commissioning ceremony in Burns Harbor.

LCS-17 was constructed in Marinette, Wisconsin, utilizing steel produced by hard-working steelworkers in Northwest Indiana. She will soon transit to her new homeport, Naval Station Mayport in Jacksonville, Florida, where she will begin her service to our country. As the fourth USS *Indianapolis* in U.S. naval history, this ship will carry on the proud legacy of representing Indiana's capital city around the globe.

Today, it is also fitting to honor the prior ships that bore the name USS *Indianapolis*. The first (ID 3865) was a cargo ship that served at the end of World War I. The second (CA 35) was the heavy cruiser that was lost while completing a mission that would directly contribute to the end of World War II. Of the 1,195 crewmen aboard, only 316 survived. It was an honor to have four of those survivors—Fire Controlman Third Class Robert Witzig, Aviation Machinist Mate Third Class James Jarvis, Seaman Richard Thelen, and Sergeant Edgar Harrell—present at the commissioning ceremony. The third (SSN 697) was a *Los Angeles*-class fast attack submarine that was a valuable Cold War asset from 1980 through 1998.

I am grateful for the Commanding Officer, CDR Colin Kane, as well as the entire crew of the USS *Indianapolis*. I am also thankful for the unsung heroes—the families and loved ones—whose sacrifices and support ashore allow the crew to stand the watch that the U.S. Navy has stood for 244 years.

Additionally, I'd like to recognize the efforts of so many in Northwest Indiana who have been supportive of the work of the USS *Indianapolis* Commissioning Committee. Thanks in part to these efforts, I know the USS *Indianapolis* will serve our community and country with pride. The crew will have many days of deployment ahead of them. I know that they have the unwavering support of the nearly 6.7 million residents of Indiana.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing the following women and men of the USS *Indianapolis* fair winds and following seas:

Blue Crew: CDR Colin Kane, CDR Joseph Mitzen, CMDCS Iris Velez, LCDR Erik Gardner, LCDR Kyle Gleghorn, LT Julian Turner, LT Andrew McLean, LT Christopher Huizinga, LTJG Eric Wilkerson, LTJG Monique Jefferson, LTJG Kevin Holdren, FCCS Marlon Glass, MNCS Ryan Cook, QMC David Dantone, LSC Karim Bullock, ENC Mark Nicholas, OSC David Simmons, ITC Kamesha McCarthy, DCC Matthew Moreno, BMC Melvin Austin, MNC Stephen Bates, EM1 Antawan Daniel, GSM1 Brandon Portell, CS1 Cesar Torres, EN1 Christian Alston, FC1 Christian Argonza, ET1 Dale Robinson, GM1 Daniel Thomas, MN1 Ebony Channey, GM1 Eric Stabenow, CS1 George White, EN1 Jerome Jacob, ET1 John Lake, ET1 Joshua Drum, AG1 Joshua Gaskill, EN1 Justin Cheman, MN1 Justin Crabtree, MN1 Katherine Floding, IT1 Kiaya Tootle, OS1 Marcos Lucero, EM1 Michael Jeffus, EN1 Michael Roka, GSE1 Victor Doroy, MN2 Adrian Villanueva, MN2 Alejandro Garciaquiles, ET2 Ashley Newman, IT2 Bea Vang, BM2 Carlos Medina, FC2 Christopher Wong, IT2 Nathan Rodriguez, HT2 Erman Jefferson, EN2 Gregory Jones, GM2 Jordan Simmons, MN2 Joshua Pryor, OS2 Justin Vasquez, FC2 Stephen Truszcienski, MN2 Zakkary Fulton, MN3 Brady Thorpe, MN3 Dominique Fraser-Jones, MN3 Jeremy Woods, SN Jacquard McDuffey, MNSN John Cortes, SN Michael Antolak, LSSN Rebecca Elie, MNSN Ryan Marcotte, CSSN Tyrann Bowlin, DCFR Bianca Silva.

Gold Crew: CDR Jamie Diaz, CMDCS James Halleran, MNCS Daniel Gwelt, MNC Raymond Barrett, BMC Michael Duran, ITC Delila Edwards, FCC Dennis Fairbanks, MNC Daniel O'Connell, QMC Eric Williams, IT1 Tyler Averett, EN1 Gregory Besiryan, GM1

Terrell Bridges, EN1 Anier Carrillo, EN1 Joseph Chase, HM1 John Crockett, OS1 Zachary Coffman, HT1 Gary Greenwood, MN1 Daniel Gregware, FC1 Haneef Manboard, EM1 Paul McBean, OS1 Devin Morris, OSE1 Scott Phillips, CS1 Gregory Simmons, GSM1 Marc Solomon, CS1 Eugene Ward, ET1 Johnathan Sanders, IT1 Allison Shorter, MN2 Kyle Marting, EM2 Erika Dallmeyer, MN2 Andrew Harse, GM2 Chester Gray, FC2 Caylin Lang, MN2 John McCoy, ET2 Jonathan McDaniel, BM2 Terrance Owens, FC2 Jonathan Vallett, MN3 Hunter Childers, MN3 Michael Clark, MN3 Mathew Evans, LS3 Colby Foster, MN3 David Gordon, MN3 Scott Scherer, MNSN Natalie Bermudez, CSSN Cynthia Salas, BMSA Lane Francis, CSSA Chaijazyjhaneia Stone-Jackson.

HONORING ALEX GRAHAM

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in remembering the life of the District of Columbia 2018 Firefighter of the Year, Alex Graham, a 17-year veteran of the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, who died in the line of duty.

Alex Graham suffered a heart attack while on duty, and later died on October 27, 2019, surrounded by family at George Washington University Hospital.

Graham was raised in Annapolis, Maryland, and attended Bowie High School. He was a humble and dedicated public servant and technician. As a firefighter with Engine 21 in Adams Morgan, known as the Alley Rats, he worked to protect the lives of D.C. residents. Graham was known to go above and beyond, ensuring that fire station equipment was top grade. He meticulously worked behind the scenes, researching equipment issues and fixing them, which at times meant traveling from firehouse to firehouse restringing 500 ladders.

For his efforts repairing fire trucks, maintaining ladders and managing water flow, Graham was named Firefighter of the Year in 2018. While the limelight did not come naturally, the award was undeniably well-deserved.

Graham is an irreplaceable member of Engine 21. He will be remembered for his skills, dedication and humility. His death sheds light on the tireless work of the department's men and women to protect D.C. residents.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the life of Alex Graham and his dedication to the safety of District of Columbia residents. We remember him with tremendous gratitude for his service.

HONORING MRS. ERIN TIDERMANGROSS AND MRS. DEIRDRE ABRAMS

HON. RUSS FULCHER

OF IDAHO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor two wonderful teachers from

Idaho: Mrs. Erin Tiderman-Gross of Meridian, Idaho, and Mrs. Deirdre Abrams of Donnelly, Idaho who have been awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. This award is the highest honor bestowed by the United States government for teachers in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer studies. I am proud today to recognize the hard work of Mrs. Abrams and Mrs. Tiderman-Gross and their dedication, commitment, and passion for our students' success in the sciences.

At Rocky Mountain High School in Meridian, Idaho—my hometown—Mrs. Tiderman-Gross teaches advanced placement biology and has acted as a mentor to hundreds of students in the National Honor Society. Mrs. Tiderman-Gross is an adviser in one of the largest, most-active National Honor Society Chapters in Idaho. She has impacted countless families, students, and community members through her work, and after 24 years, continues to share her passion for biology with her students. At Donnelly Elementary School, Mrs. Abrams has taken the world to her students through place-based learning. Mrs. Abrams has given her students hands-on educational trips to study rainbow trout populations, pollinator gardens, and cattle data to improve water quality. Her students even share their water quality data with local government agencies. Mrs. Abrams has been an educator for 23 years and continues to be a shining example of innovative teaching in the sciences. I thank Mrs. Erin Tiderman-Gross and Mrs. Deirdre Abrams for their passion and commitment to their students. This honor bestowed upon them is a testament to their dedication and I am so proud of their representation of the great State of Idaho.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LEGION BRAXTON-PERKINS POST 25

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the American Legion Braxton-Perkins Post 25 in Newport News, Virginia. Since its inception, the American Legion has advocated for benefits for veterans and helped create many important programs for families, children and communities. While the American Legion has posts all over the nation, I want to highlight the history and work of Braxton-Perkins Post 25.

In 1918, when the Armistice was signed and World War I ended, the process of demobilization began. This brought many Army and Navy veterans back to the city of Newport News. Many ex-service members were war-weary but looking for ways to keep the spirit of comradeship alive with the men and women with whom they served overseas. In August 1919, Fred H. Skinner, a young lawyer who served as a captain in the 119th Infantry, tapped his local social circle of former servicemembers and gathered the required number of signatures to apply for a charter from the Legion. The charter was approved on August 25 of that year.

The first meeting of Braxton-Perkins was held in Newport News City Hall in September

of 1919. After that, the Post contacted the War Camp Community Service to use their building for meetings and office space. Later, this building was purchased by the Post from the War Camp Community Service after they had stopped utilizing the facility.

Post 25 is named after two local Newport News men who died overseas during World War I. Elliott Muse Braxton was killed in action in the Meuse-Argonne fighting and Lieutenant Pryor Richard Perkins, a member of the Air Service, died in a plane crash on the Argonne front.

The Post began its activity in earnest in 1920 with a variety of social activities and civic endeavors. Since then, it has come to be one of the most respected organizations in Newport News because it has constantly given back to our community. The Post set up a kindergarten and free health clinics for children, they aid the sick and wounded and have helped many veterans financially. The Post has provided many veterans with food, clothing and access to employment. They also help arrange hospitalization and military funerals for veterans regardless of whether or not they were members of the Legion.

Madam Speaker, as our nation observes Veterans Day this Monday, Newport News is fortunate to have an organization like Braxton-Perkins Post 25 serving and supporting our veterans and their families for the last 100 years. I look forward to seeing all the good they will continue to do in the years ahead as a pillar of our community.

HONORING THE EVANS MILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL 1ST AND 2ND GRADE VETERANS DAY CONCERT

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Evans Mills Primary School 1st and 2nd Grade Veterans Day Concert.

For the past five years, the Evans Mills Primary School Veterans Day Committee and its chair, Mrs. Lewis, have organized this wonderful concert in honor of our veterans. Beyond the concert itself, the committee has led a food drive for veterans with all donations going to "Feed Our Vets," a local program in Watertown. In addition, the committee arranged for veterans to come to the school and speak directly with students about their experiences. Students have created art projects around the theme of honoring our veterans and those pieces will be displayed during the concert alongside real uniforms and gear. The committee has partnered with Fort Drum's 1st Brigade Combat Team, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald, to organize this and other veteran's events at the school.

Events like this highlight the community spirit in the North Country. Veterans and active duty service members make up a large part of our community and it is important for individuals of all ages to recognize and celebrate their service to our nation. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to thank the Evans Mills Primary School Veterans Day Committee and everyone who donated or helped organize this event for their work honoring our veterans.

RECOGNIZING VETERANS DAY,
THE HONOR FLIGHT VETERANS,
AND THE VINKEMULDER FAMILY

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of our country's veterans on the 81st observance of Veterans Day as a national holiday and the 101st anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I.

I would specifically like to recognize the Vinkemulder family. Philip C. Vinkemulder proudly served in the US Army infantry during WWI. He went on to marry his wife Frances, start a family of 6 sons and 2 daughters, and move to the area known today as Coconut Creek, Florida. Following their father, all six of the Vinkemulder sons served honorably in the U.S. military when their time came. I thank Phil, Paul, Bob, Neal, Gordon, and Dale, for their service to our country. Several members of the Vinkemulder family will dedicate trees planted in Veteran's Park in their honor.

I would also like to recognize the seven veterans who participated in the Honor Flights this year. Bernard Hurowitz, Navy, WWII. John DeChant, Marines, Vietnam. Stanley Hirsch, Navy, Korea. George Waldspurger, Air Force, Vietnam. Martin Pines, Army, Korea. Stephen Del Gaudio, Army, Korea. Angelo Campione,

Army Air Corps, WWII. I thank them all for their service.

As a country, we are eternally grateful for all our active duty troops and veterans who sacrificed everything for our freedoms. Please join me in recognizing the Honor Flight Veterans, the Vinkemulder Family, and all veterans on this holiday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, on October 30th, on Roll Call Vote No. 602, I inadvertently cast a NO vote on H.R. 1373, the Grand Canyon Protection Act. As a proud cosponsor of this bill, I intended to vote AYE.

IN HONOR OF FRANK BOUDREAU

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank Boudreau, who is retiring after 45 years of service to the citizens of New

Hampshire. Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Boudreau has served as a Program Planner for the Southern NH Services, a CETA Program Operations Director, a Member of the NH Job Training Council, SNHS NH Employment Program and, most recently, overseeing SNHS's workforce activities and services to TANF public assistance recipients.

Mr. Boudreau has always distinguished himself as a person of the highest integrity and a champion of public service. He received a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Saint Anselm College and a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of New Hampshire.

For the better part of the past five decades, Mr. Boudreau has helped support our communities through his critical work at SNHS. He has led programs which assist low income residents of New Hampshire in securing employment, attaining adequate education, and addressing critical needs such as access to quality health care and housing. Throughout his career, Mr. Boudreau's commitment to serving his community has left an indelible impact on countless Granite Staters.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Frank Boudreau for his decades of dedication to our community. I congratulate him on his accomplished public service career, and I wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.