The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RASKIN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC, November 8, 2019.
I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMIE RASKIN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Pastor Deamon Scapin, Triumph Church DC, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Father of all nations, release Your power to heal our Nation.

We know that You see everything, even secret and hidden things. God of Heaven, let truth reign. Let what is done in secret be shouted from the housetops. Bring justice and righteousness to this House. Forgive us when pride, selfishness, and greed have been the motivators for evil behavior. We seek Your face today, believing that You will heal our fractured system and expose all dishonesty.

Bind the lying spirit of Satan and reveal the motivators for evil behavior. We pride, selfishness, and greed have been the housetops. Bring justice and righteousness to this House. Forgive us when pride, selfishness, and greed have been the motivators for evil behavior. We seek Your face today, believing that You will heal our fractured system and expose all dishonesty.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 6, 2019.
Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 6, 2019, at 11:12 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 979.
That the Senate passed S. 1388.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1123.

Appointments:
Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.
Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,
GLORIA J. LAPT,
Deputy Clerk.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

House of Representatives.
Washington, DC, November 8, 2019.
Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: This letter serves as my intent to resign from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, effective today.

Sincerely,
RICK CRAWFORD,
Member of Congress.
### Expenditure Reports Concerning Official Foreign Travel

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the third and fourth quarters of 2019, pursuant to Public Law 95–384, are as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO LIBERIA, ETHIOPIA, KENYA, AND THE GAMBIA, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 7 AND OCT. 14, 2019

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**Note:** If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return.
EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker’s table and referred as follows:

2852. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department’s 1st quarter FY 2020 Quarterly Briefing on Progress of the Chemical Demilitarization Program, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1521(j); Public Law 99-145, Sec. 412 (as amended by Public Law 112-239, Sec. 1421(a)); (126 Stat. 204); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2853. A letter from the Acting Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting the semiannual report titled, “Acceptance of Contributions For Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account”, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2608; Public Law 101-403, Sec. 202(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 112-81, Sec. 196(f)(1); (125 Stat. 1587); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2854. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Michael D. Lundy, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retirement list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 104-45, Sec. 202(a)(1); (116 Stat. 112) (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2855. A letter from the Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting a determination that the for-cause removal provision of the Consumer Financial Protection Act (12 U.S.C. 5491(c)(3), is unconstitutional, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 530D(a)(1); Public Law 107-273, Sec. 202(a); (116 Stat. 1771); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2856. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board’s Major Residential Stabilization Transactions for Large Bank Holding Companies, Savings and Loan Holding Companies, and Foreign Banking Organizations [Regulations Q, Y, LL, PP, and YY; Docket No.: R-1658], received November 1, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 501(a)(1); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2857. A letter from the Program Specialist, Chief, Counsel’s Office, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department’s Major final rule — Changes to Applicability of the blocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112(a); Public Law 112-239, Sec. 1721(c); (112 Stat. 2807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2858. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a progress report on the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem, pursuant to Sec. 6 of Public Law 104-46, covering the period from May 7, 2019 to the present; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2859. A letter from the White House Liaison, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting two (2) notifications of a vacancy and an action on nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

2860. A letter from the Senior Advisor, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a notification of a vacancy, a designation of acting officer, and a change in previously designated acting officer, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

2861. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Office of the Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a notification of a vacancy and a designation of acting officer, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

2862. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report advising that the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3423-EM in the State of North Carolina has exceeded the limit for a single emergency declaration, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5193(b); Public Law 99-256, Sec. 503(b)(3) (as amended by Public Law 100-707, Sec. 107(a)); (102 Stat. 4707); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2863. A letter from the Acting Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report advising that the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3424-EM in the State of North Carolina has exceeded the limit for a single emergency declaration, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5193(b); Public Law 99-256, Sec. 503(b)(3) (as amended by Public Law 100-707, Sec. 107(a)); (102 Stat. 4707); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2864. A letter from the Acting Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report advising that the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3425-EM in the State of North Carolina has exceeded the limit for a single emergency declaration, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5193(b); Public Law 99-256, Sec. 503(b)(3) (as amended by Public Law 100-707, Sec. 107(a)); (102 Stat. 4707); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2865. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2019-074; Product Identifier 2019-NE-050-AD; Amendment 39-19767; AD 2019-20-07] (RIN: 2120-AA46) received November 1, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2866. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Airworthiness Directives; De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2019-0493; Product Identifier 2019-NE-043-AD; Amendment 39-19762; AD 2019-20-09] (RIN: 2120-AA46) received November 1, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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2870. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2019-0492; Product Identifier 2019-NE-050-AD; Amendment 39-19768; AD 2019-21-02] (RIN: 2120-AA46) received November 1, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
public bills and resolutions

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Ms. WATERS: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 566. A bill to promote the competitiveness of the United States, to reform and reauthorize the United States Export Finance Agency, and for other purposes: with an amendment (Rept. 116-271). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 737. A bill to prohibit the sale of shark fins, and for other purposes (Rept. 116-273). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1032. A bill to authorize the Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to conduct monitoring, assessment, science, and research, in support of the bivalve fisheries within the Great Lakes Basin, and for other purposes (Rept. 116-271). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2427. A bill to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1988 to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Gateway and Watertrails Network; with an amendment (Rept. 116-276). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3195. A bill to authorize the Department of the Interior to reauthorize the United States Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, to provide for and extend continuous coverage for certain individuals, and for other purposes: to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Ms. SPANO, and Mr. LAWSON of Florida: H.R. 4991. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a pilot program under which eligible individuals may elect to receive financial assistance in lieu of educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program to establish a program to provide a quarterly benefit to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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By Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia (for himself and Mr. RUSH):

H. R. 4999. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require fairness and diversification in health care geographic zone investment; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. LATTORI):

H. R. 5000. A bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to provide for the development of an electromagnetic spectrum sharing prototyping program and an integrated spectrum automation enterprise strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CLAY:

H. R. 5001. A bill to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to clarify that the definition of a debt collector includes, in all cases, a person in a business the principal purpose of which is the enforcement of security interests; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CRENSHAW (for himself, Mr. CROW, and Mr. WALTZ):

H. R. 5002. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II in recognition of their extraordinary service during World War II; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Committee on House Administration, for a purpose to be subsequently determined by the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. DELAURIO (for herself, Mr. TUKDO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LANGIEV, Ms. PINOGER, Ms. ROYAL-, ALLARD, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. PASCARELL, Mrs. DIENGEL, Mrs. NORTON, Mr. POCA, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. OMAR, Mr. KILDRE, Ms. KHOO, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. SCHIFF, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. DACAL, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. RYAN, Mrs. BOURNE of California, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS, Mr. COX, Mr. SMITH of Nevada, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. KHANNA, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. BRATIY, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. BONANIC, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mrs. RICE of New York, Mr. MCGREROVER, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. PALLONE, and Ms. MCCULLOM)

H. R. 5003. A bill to permit employees to request changes to their work schedules without fear of retaliation and to ensure that employers consider and respond to such requests, and to require employers to provide more predictable and stable schedules for employees in certain occupations with evidence of unpredictable and unstable scheduling practices that negatively affect employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on House Oversight and Reform, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DESAULNIER:

H. R. 5005. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide a recall of electronic nicotine delivery systems that have not been subject to premarket review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. EMMER:

H. R. 5006. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act, to provide coverage under the Medicaid program for services for the treatment of psychiatric or substance use disorders furnished to certain individuals in an inpatient or inpatient requesting facility, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SCHONKAUER (for herself, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mrs. AXN, Mr. LOGSBACK, Mr. WATKINS, and Mr. FORTENBERRY):

H. R. 5007. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide exemptions from the private activity bond rules for first-time farmers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KHANNA (for himself, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H. R. 5010. A bill to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to authorize the establishment of, and provide support for, State-based universal health care systems that provide comprehensive health benefits to State residents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Oversight and Reform, Armed Services, and Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HORSFORD:

H. R. 5009. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide additional entitlement to Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to certain veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist with comprehensive needs and to provide for public importation of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. DEAN:

H. R. 5003. A bill to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to provide enhanced protection against debt collector harassment of members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. TUKDO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LANGIEV, Ms. PINOGER, Ms. ROYAL-, ALLARD, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. PASCARELL, Mrs. DIENGEL, Mrs. NORTON, Mr. POCA, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. OMAR, Mr. KILDRE, Ms. KHOO, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. SCHIFF, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. DACAL, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. RYAN, Mrs. BOURNE of California, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS, Mr. COX, Mr. SMITH of Nevada, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. KHANNA, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. BRATIY, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. BONANIC, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mrs. RICE of New York, Mr. MCGREROVER, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. PALLONE, and Ms. MCCULLOM)

H. R. 5003. A bill to permit employees to request changes to their work schedules without fear of retaliation and to ensure that employers consider and respond to such requests, and to require employers to provide more predictable and stable schedules for employees in certain occupations with evidence of unpredictable and unstable scheduling practices that negatively affect employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on House Oversight and Reform, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DESAULNIER:

H. R. 5005. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide a recall of electronic nicotine delivery systems that have not been subject to premarket re-
agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine or the National Cancer Institute to conduct a study on radiation exposure relating prostate cancer to veterans' affairs.

By Mr. PRESSLEY:
H.R. 5021. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to improve consumer protections relating to debt collection practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. RUZI:
H.R. 5022. A bill to amend the Family
ing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH of Nebraska:
H.R. 5024. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to codify the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to assign a dis

By Mr. WATKINS:
H.R. 5030. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to take certain actions regarding suicides by veterans and measures to improve the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SPEIER (for herself, Mr. NAD

By Ms. PRESSLEY:
H.R. 5031. A bill to authorize the collection of supplemental payments to increase commemorative investments in medical research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. SPEIER (for herself, Mr. NAD

By Mr. RUZI:
H.R. 5029. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish free and comprehen

By Ms. SPEIER (for herself, Mr. NAD

By Mr. SMITH of Nebraska:
H.R. 5025. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from requiring television stations to place a law allowing the rights for the sexual assault survivors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Justice, and Science.

By Ms. SPEIER (for herself, Mr. ARM

By Mr. SMITH of Nebraska:
H.R. 5027. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish free and comprehensive mental health care to former members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. WATTERS (for herself, Ms. NORT

By Mr. WATKINS:
H.R. 5032. A bill to amend the Family
ing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. RUZI:
H.R. 5028. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to staff each medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs with at least one professional counselor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. RUZI:
H.R. 5023. A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based out

By Mr. SPEIER (for herself, Mr. NAD

By Ms. PRESSLEY:
H.R. 5026. A bill to direct the Attorney General to issue regulations to States to require individuals to place a law providing for the rights of sexual assault survivors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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By Mr. RUZI:
H.R. 5021. A bill to amend the Family
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veterans in every American war; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and Veterans’ Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ROY (for himself, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, and Mr. DUNCAN):
H. Res. 686. A resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to place a real time display of the United States gross national debt in the main hearing room of the Committee on Appropriations and in the main hearing room of the Committee on the Budget; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. SPANBERGER (for herself and Ms. JACKSON LEE):
H. Res. 687. A resolution expressing support for the designation of July 16 as “National Atomic Veterans Day”; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII.

145. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 160, urging Congress and the President to support federal funding for ports, harbors, and critical marine infrastructure in the Great Lakes region including the Soo Locks reconstruction project; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. SHERRILL:
H.R. 4990. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States:

By Ms. GABBARD:
H.R. 4991. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
U.S. Constitution including Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 (General Welfare Clause) and Article I, Section 18 (Necessary and Proper Clause).

By Ms. GABBARD:
H.R. 4992. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
U.S. Constitution including Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 (General Welfare Clause) and Article I, Section 18 (Necessary and Proper Clause).

By Ms. GABBARD:
H.R. 4993. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
U.S. Constitution including Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 (General Welfare Clause) and Article I, Section 18 (Necessary and Proper Clause).

By Ms. GABBARD:
H.R. 4994. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
U.S. Constitution including Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 (General Welfare Clause) and Article I, Section 18 (Necessary and Proper Clause).

By Mr. ENGEL:
H.R. 4995. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: To regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes;
By Ms. KELLY of Illinois:
H.R. 4996. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mrs. ROBY:
H.R. 4997. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. PALLONE:
H.R. 4998. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution. That provision gives Congress the power “to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes.”
By Mr. CLAY:
H.R. 5001. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. CRENSHAW:
H.R. 5002. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article One, Section 8 (Clause 18): “To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers.”
By Ms. DEAN:
H.R. 5003. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8

By Ms. DELAHOU:
H.R. 5004. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. DESAULNIER:
H.R. 5005. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8

By Mr. EMMER:
H.R. 5006. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

By Ms. PINKENAUER:
H.R. 5007. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: “The Congress shall have Power . . . to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.”

By Mr. GALLEGOS:
H.R. 5008. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. HORSFORD:
H.R. 5009. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mr. KHANNA:
H.R. 5010. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. KIND:
H.R. 5011. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI:
H.R. 5012. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. LAWSON of Florida:
H.R. 5013. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. LUJAN:
H.R. 5014. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8

By Mr. LUJAN:
H.R. 5015. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8

By Mr. LUJAN:
H.R. 5016. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8

By Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York:
H.R. 5017. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8

By Mr. MEADOWS:
H.R. 5018. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: To regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes; and
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

By Ms. NORTON:
H.R. 5019. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
clause 18 of section 8 of article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. PANETTA:
H.R. 5020. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Ms. PRESSLEY:
H.R. 5021.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution

**H.R. 5022.**

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of Congress.

By Mr. RYAN:

H.R. 5023.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. SABLANSKI:

H.R. 5024.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Mr. SMITH of Nebraska:

H.R. 5025.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. SPEIER:

H.R. 5026.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. SUOZZI:

H.R. 5027.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Ms. WATERS:

H.R. 5028.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 1 of the U.S. Constitution and Article I, Section 9, clause 7 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. WATKINS:

H.R. 5029.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. WATKINS:

H.R. 5030.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. WELCH:

H.R. 5031.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: The Congress shall have Power To... make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Ms. SPEIER:

H.J. Res. 79.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article V of the United States Constitution.

**ADDITIONAL SPONSORS**

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:
Mr. HUFFMAN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. SPEIER, MRS. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. TONKO, Ms. WILD, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. HAALAND, Ms. TITUS, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. SCHIERE, Mr. PETERS, Ms. MENG, Mr. O’HALLERAN, and Mr. PERLMUTTER.

H. Res. 585: Mr. TRONE and Ms. DEAN.
H. Res. 644: Ms. TITUS and Mr. WOODALL.
H. Res. 649: Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. SERRANO.
H. Res. 654: Mr. ESPAILLAT.
H. Res. 671: Mr. LYNCH.
H. Res. 672: Mr. LIPINSKI.

H. Res. 675: Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia and Mr. BIGGS.
H. Res. 676: Mr. BUCK.
H. Res. 677: Ms. JUDY CHU of California and Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina.
Senate

The Senate met at 8 and 3 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable Cory Gardner, a Senator from the State of Colorado.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. Grassley).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. Senate,
President pro tempore,
Washington, DC, November 8, 2019.

To the Senate:
Under the provisions of rule 1, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable Cory Gardner, a Senator from the State of Colorado, to perform the duties of the Chair.

Chuck Grassley,
President pro tempore.

Mr. GARDNER thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019, AT 3 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 8 and 30 seconds a.m., adjourned until Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 3 p.m.
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 family. 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
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. 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 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 desire.

RECOGNIZING THE ASIAN AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY of Indiana. 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, 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 Medical Association.
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 1999, 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 evident 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 everyone 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, farmland 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 homes 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 Stanislawski and his congregation also organize the Helping Hands program to distribute food items and other products to those in need.
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 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 structure was called 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 MEACHIN
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. MEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 31, 2019 during roll call no. 603, on Ordering the Previous Question. H. Res. 660, Directing congressional committees to continue their ongoing investigations as part of the existing House of Representatives inquiry into whether sufficient
ground exists 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 the Committee of the Whole 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 “yea.” I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 608. On Motion to Reconsider 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. 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 ensnared 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 19 years at the office 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 formally a Development Director and 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 neighborhoods 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. When Jim 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 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 for 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]

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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 went directly to 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 partisan gridlock. Bard receipts, 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, formulating human connections. He truly saw the good in others.

He fully grasped the moment in which we are now living. He invoked history books that will be written hundreds of years from now and said, “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 last 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 facing 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 through us.”

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. In 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.

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HONORING THE ADIRONDACK DAILY ENTERPRISE’S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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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 Enterprise Building, the Adirondack Enterprise continued to publish uninterrupted. In 1926, D. Smith of Malone established the Adirondack Daily Enterprise, which went on to become the only daily paper in the North Country. It is the only daily paper to serve the Adirondack Region, delivering informed about their community.

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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 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 2014, he deployed to Afghanistan 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’s West Michigan boasts almost one million members from a range of different backgrounds. This past year, the organization provided 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 local events, and youth development. Their tireless work has dramatically increased the quality of life for veterans and their families across West Michigan.

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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

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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 the great leader 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 dedication to 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 Diocese Long at 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 leave 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 courthouse 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.

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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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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 at least 15 years and has earned a 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 honor.

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 attractive 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 Iwo Jima, I would like to take this opportunity 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 classmates, 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 in 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 on the Andennes 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 machine gunners engaged 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. ESHTO
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. ESHTO. 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 in the 1960’s ignited Moo and Hunk’s love for contemporary art. We are so looking and learning about art. We are so

Ms. ESHOO. 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. 597. On Passage, H.R. 2181, Chaco Cultural Heritage Act, 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. 602. On Passage, H.R. 1373, Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

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 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: November 11, 2001; Pentagon Attack (125 killed).

Operation Enduring Freedom: Battle of Kandahar.


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 selflessness 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 brave men and women who 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 must 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 their service.

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 Committee 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 SEC- ONDARY 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 thousand acres of Las Vegas and Chicago properties, and 18 resorts 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 community programs, 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 ‘INDIANA- POLIS,’” THE UNITED STATES NAVY’S NEWEST LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. 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 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.

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 that they will have the unwavering support of 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:


Ad volgi et omnia fortuna!
Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor two wonderful teachers from Idaho: Mrs. Erin Tiderman-Gross of Meridian, Idaho, and Mrs. Deidre 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 on 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.

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 he was not able to accomplish everything he hoped to achieve, his accomplishments and contributions to the department’s men and women will be unforgettable.

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 TIDERMAN-GROSS, AND MRS. DEIDRE ABRAMS
OF IDAHO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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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 advisor 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, polli- nator gardens, and collect data to improve water quality. Her students have shared 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. Deidre 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. On February 25, 1920, 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 Brxton 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 consistently 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.


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.
Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 8:00:03 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 8:00:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 4990–5031; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 79; and H. Res. 680–687, were introduced.

Additional Cosponsors:

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

- H.R. 4863, to promote the competitiveness of the United States, to reform and reauthorize the United States Export Finance Agency, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–271);
- H.R. 182, to extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission (H. Rept. 116–272);
- H.R. 737, to prohibit the sale of shark fins, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–273);
- H.R. 1023, to authorize the Director of the United States Geological Survey to conduct monitoring, assessment, science, and research, in support of the binational fisheries within the Great Lakes Basin, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–274);
- H.R. 1088, to authorize the Society of the First Infantry Division to make modifications to the First Division Monument located on Federal land in Presidential Park in District of Columbia, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–275);
- H.R. 2427, to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–276);
- H.R. 3195, to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide permanent, dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–277); and
- H.R. 4258, to authorize the Marshal of the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Police to protect the Justices, employees, and official guests of the Supreme Court outside of the Supreme Court grounds, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–278).

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Raskin to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Deamon Scapin, Triumph Church DC, Washington, DC.

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Crawford wherein he resigned from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representative Jordan.

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H8731.

Senate Referrals: S. 979 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and S. 1388 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019
(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1980, a bill to establish in the Smithsonian Institution a comprehensive women’s history museum, and for other purposes, 6 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4863, the “United States Export Finance Agency Act of 2019”, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
3 p.m., Tuesday, November 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Chad F. Wolf, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 p.m., Tuesday, November 12

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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