

enthusiasm that could affect anyone who heard his lectures or commentary.

Among the many awards he earned over his career were three commendations from the Virginia General Assembly, the Virginia Press Association's 2004 Virginian of the Year, the Best NonFiction Book Award by the Library of Virginia in 1997, and the Outstanding Professor Award of the Virginia Council for Higher Education. In turn, Dr. Robertson strongly supported Virginia Tech financially and through the donation of a large portion of his enormous collection of Civil War books.

After his retirement from Virginia Tech, Dr. Robertson resided in Virginia's Northern Neck. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Betty Lee" Robertson; his sons, James I. Robertson III and Howard Robertson; his daughter, Beth Brown; his stepson, William W. Lee Jr.; his stepdaughter, Elizabeth A. Lee; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. I would like to express my condolences to them and to the Virginia Tech community on the loss of this fine scholar and gentleman.

30 YEARS AFTER THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL: HONORING HIS EXCELLENCY LECH WAŁĘSA, THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF POLAND

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to be here today to help welcome back to Washington a true hero of democracy, former President Lech Wałęsa.

Thirty years ago, we all watched with surprise and jubilation at the fall of the Berlin Wall, for decades the symbol of repression and tyranny that had fallen over the states behind the Iron Curtain. As it happens, that was my first year as a member of Congress. What followed the fall of the wall was the collapse of the totalitarian regimes and the restoration of those countries to their place among the world's democracies. This was an incredibly momentous occasion, we in Congress understand that.

In November of 1989, a humble electrician from the working-class Polish city of Gdansk spoke before a joint session of the United States Congress. I remember it well. He described his years-long struggle for freedom and asked for support from the United States. That man, of course, was soon-to-be President Wałęsa.

More than anyone else, President Wałęsa helped us understand the heroic and honorable fight that the people of Poland and others throughout central and eastern Europe were waging to win their freedom over dictatorship. We understood that the people of Europe needed our help in this struggle for freedom. And U.S. support was indeed critical in helping those countries transition to democracy.

Thirty years later, some of those countries need our help again. While the specter of communism has faded, many countries in central and eastern Europe face renewed threats to democracy. Today at a hearing of the European subcommittee, President Wałęsa and other experts described some of these new threats, in countries like Poland, Hungary, and

Turkey, where increasingly authoritarian leaders are undermining democracy and the rule of law. We owe it to President Wałęsa and all the others who continue to fight for democracy in the region to show our support.

I want to close by thanking President Wałęsa for everything he has done in support of freedom and democracy, and for visiting with us today. And I want to urge everyone that we can best honor President Wałęsa's legacy by continuing the fight against authoritarianism wherever we may find it.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE,
LEGACY, AND SERVICE OF
JAMES DUNCAN

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of the life, legacy, and service of James Duncan of Appleton, Wisconsin.

Jim was born on June 28, 1947 to Rodney and Bertha Duncan in Appleton, WI. He attended Menasha High School and graduated in the Class of 1965. Jim then served in the U.S. Army in Korea during the Vietnam War as a medic. Upon returning home from service, Jim was employed as the fourth ever paramedic in the state of Wisconsin through Gold Cross Ambulance where he aided the community for 30 years.

Jim continued to serve his community from 1998 to 2019, holding various leadership positions on the Outagamie County Board. He utilized his extensive background as an Army medic and an emergency responder during his time on the Public Safety Committee. Jim was an advocate for rehabilitation and a supporter of jail diversion programs, like drug treatment court and veterans treatment court.

In addition to his service on the County Board, Jim was actively involved with several organizations throughout the Fox Valley. He assisted in fundraising, event planning, and medical care for the Special Olympics, was a foster father for over 15 years, and volunteered with the food pantry through Fox Valley Christian Fellowship.

Jim was a true altruist who was tireless and tenacious in his efforts to help others. He always went the extra mile to serve when others around him would not. His goal was not to surpass all others at any cost, but to serve others whatever the cost. Jim's leadership will be missed by all.

Madam Speaker, it is truly an honor to recognize Jim's selfless service to our country. His love of country and service to the Fox Valley community will always be remembered. I offer my sincerest condolences to Jim's family.

RECOGNIZING REPRESENTATIVE
STEVE HOLLAND

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize former Mississippi State House Representative, Steve Holland.

Representative Holland served in the State House of Representatives for 36 years and proudly represented Mississippi's 16th district. During his extensive career, Representative Holland served on many committees, including: the Committee on Public Health and Human Services, Appropriations, Congressional Redistricting, Gaming, Judiciary A, Judiciary En Banc, Budget, Legislative Reapportionment, Medicaid, Local and Private Legislation, Tourism, Transportation, Fees and Salaries of Public Officers, Ways and Means, and Youth and Family Affairs.

Representative Holland is a true Mississippian who prioritized legislation that would create a brighter future for Mississippi. I thank him for his service, and I hope he enjoys his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING OFFICER JONATHAN
DIAZ

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2019

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Officer Jonathan Diaz, of the Lemoore Police Department who passed away on November 2nd at the age of 31, while intervening in a domestic violence incident while off duty.

Officer Diaz began his law enforcement career in his hometown of Huron, CA in 2014 as a Reserve Police Officer and in 2015 was chosen as Officer of the Year.

He was hired by Lemoore PD in August of 2016 and was an asset to the community from the day he joined.

Officer Diaz received many commendations during his time with the force, including being selected to be the Recruit Training Officer for Tulare-Kings Counties Basic Police Academy, Field Training Officer for his department, being appointed as the Gang Investigator for the Kings County Major Crimes Task Force, and in September 2018 was awarded Lemoore PD's Public Safety Officer of the year.

In addition to keeping our community safe, Officer Diaz mentored at-risk youth in Lemoore through the Youth Adult Awareness Program.

Officer Diaz leaves behind his girlfriend, Victoria Gonzalez and their 10-month-old daughter, Stephanie, along with sons Jonathan Jr., Damian, his parents Juan Sr. and Blanca Diaz and three younger brothers.

IN RECOGNITION OF BOULEVARD
BREWING COMPANY'S THIRTIETH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize and celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of Kansas City's own Boulevard Brewing Company. Born from one man's dream to put Kansas City back on the map for brewing, Boulevard Brewing Company has become an iconic and beloved institution by locals and tourists alike.