

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO KODI LEE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual from Riverside County and the 42nd Congressional District who has inspired people around the country. On September 18, 2019, Kodi Lee from Lake Elsinore, California was named as the winner of the NBC talent show competition "America's Got Talent."

Kodi's voice is amazing. His life story is even more extraordinary. Kodi was born legally blind and diagnosed with autism when he was four years old. Yet, when he was just two years old, Kodi's musical talents began to shine after his father tapped out "Mary Had a Little Lamb" on a toy piano and he immediately played it back. At the age of three, Kodi was already replicating tunes he heard on a real piano. Throughout his childhood, music became an essential form of therapy for Kodi and provided a unique form of treatment for his autism. It was determined that Kodi has an audio photographic memory, in which he can recall music he hears after just one listen. Incredibly, Kodi started to perform publicly at the age of six and has sung and played the piano at over 200 charity events and in Korea, China and Japan.

As a contestant in the America's Got Talent competition, Kodi drew instant attention in May by singing the Donny Hathaway version of "A Song For You." Later in the competition, Kodi earned a spot in the semi-finals with a memorable rendition of Simon and Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Water." During the competition's finale, Kodi earned the top prize thanks to an inspired performance of Freya Ridings' "Lost Without You," that drew a standing ovation from both the fans and judges.

It's hard to think of anyone who has represented our region as well as Kodi Lee has on a worldwide stage. To say Lake Elsinore and Riverside County is proud of Kodi and all that he has accomplished is a tremendous understatement. To conclude, Madam Speaker I want to thank Kodi for inspiring us and congratulate him on winning the America's Got Talent competition.

RECOGNIZING MASON STIMATZE OF BOZEMAN

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mason Stimatze of Bozeman for his quick thinking and bravery that saved his family.

In the early hours of a June morning, Mason woke up to the sound of crackling and the

smell of smoke. He looked out his bedroom door and saw fire. The flames in the hallway blocked his path to his parents' bedroom. Mason ran outside and started banging on his parents' bedroom window. Mason's father, Nathan, and mother, Sabrina, woke up, broke the window, and safely climbed outside.

Mason's brother and sister, however, were still in their home. Mason and his parents ran to their bedroom window and got them out safely.

Mason's swift actions saved what is irreplaceable—family. His father said if it wasn't for Mason alerting them quickly to the danger, the story would have had a tragic ending.

For someone to have the presence of mind to act calmly and swiftly in such a tense moment is remarkable. For a ten-year-old to do it, is amazing. His family calls him a hero, and I couldn't agree more.

Madam Speaker, for saving his family's life through his bravery and quick thinking, I recognize Mason Stimatze for his Spirit of Montana.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF EDWARD CALLION, JR.

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Edward Callion, Jr., 96, who passed away on November 3, 2019.

Mr. Callion was a lifelong resident of my district and owned and operated Callion's Construction Company for 50 years before retiring in 2004. He attended Warren G. Harding High School and went on to attend Youngstown College, Sharon Brick Laying School, and A.T.E.S. School of Drafting. Mr. Callion was also a member of the Community Church of God in Christ and was inducted in the Africa American Achievers Hall of Fame. In his free time Mr. Callion enjoyed boxing, traveling, and watching sports.

Mr. Callion served our country during World War II as a Technician 4th Grade, from the 3420th Quartermaster Trucking Company. While serving proudly in both Normandy, France and Central Europe, he received the Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Theatre Service Medal, and EAME Service Medal. In addition to these honors, Mr. Callion also received 5 Bronze stars for his service.

He is survived by a full and loving family including his sons, Edward and Timothy Callion; his daughter, Mrs. Edith Lindsay; his sisters, Ms. Gladys Davenport and Ms. Leola Maxine Morgan Frazier, and 3 step-children, 7 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren.

I admire his dedication to his work and his commitment to family, and I am proud to have had Mr. Callion as a member of my district. My deepest condolences go out to the Callion family, and all whose lives were touched by

Edward. He will live on in the hearts and minds of all that knew him.

CELEBRATING THE 104TH BIRTH- DAY OF EMERCITY CHAPITAL

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ms. Emercity Chapital, a resident of Detroit, Michigan, who will celebrate her one hundred fourth birthday on November 29, 2019.

Emercity Chapital is a caring individual who is an active member of the community. The matriarch of her family, Ms. Chapital treasures her time spent with family. She is the proud parent to her grown children Leonard, Edith, and Deborah, and loves her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her compassion and kindness towards others has had a lasting impact on those around her. Her strong family values are reflected in the life she leads.

Ms. Chapital maintains an active life, which can in part, be attributed for her longtime affinity for playing bridge. She began playing organized bridge when she retired in 1978. She has especially fond memories of playing the game with early partners, co-worker Ann Sweeting, Walter Forbers, and Jimmy Irvin. Ms. Chapital was an energetic and tireless player, never pausing for rest or substitution at the local, sectional and national levels. Her team achieved success winning seven consecutive Knock-Out Championships from 1983 to 1990. Each win propelled the team to a higher level and the success continued as they moved throughout the fields.

Ms. Chapital owes her longevity to her active lifestyle and lively social life with keeping her fit and healthy. She has always strived to uphold her values. She also credits her daddy with providing her wisdom for life. Sharing the ritual with her dad from the age of ten onward, she has a teaspoon of bourbon to start the day. She feels blessed that she has never had any major illness and enjoys command of her faculties.

Please join me in wishing Ms. Emercity Chapital the happiest of birthdays.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FROM DEPLOYING STRATEGIC ASSETS OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of legislation that

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would prohibit the Department of Defense from deploying strategic assets of the United States in the Republic of Turkey.

Since the 1960s, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has had a nuclear sharing policy whereby NATO members can host U.S. nuclear weapons as part of a broader NATO nuclear posture. Enacted during the Cold War, this nuclear sharing policy was intended to deter the posture of the Soviet Union by involving non-nuclear NATO allies alongside the United States, the United Kingdom, and France.

Turkey, a NATO ally, was once considered a friend of the United States. In recent years, however, it has strengthened its alliances with Russia, Syria, and Iran. Notably, Turkey's military incursion into Syria that targeted U.S. Kurdish allies and its purchase of advanced Russian anti-aircraft missile systems undermine U.S. national security. President Erdogan's domestic policies have also become increasingly autocratic, as he has cracked down on freedom of speech and political freedoms. As Turkey develops stronger relations with geopolitical adversaries to NATO, it is time to reconsider any future deployment of strategic assets.

Madam Speaker, this bill would prohibit funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2020 or any fiscal year thereafter for the Department of Defense from being obligated or expended for the future deployment of any strategic assets of the United States in the Republic of Turkey.

I thank my colleague, Representative Gus Bilirakis, who is introducing this measure with me, as well as my colleagues, Representatives JACKIE SPEIER and DARREN SOTO, who are original cosponsors. I urge my colleagues in the House Armed Services Committee, and the rest of my colleagues in the House of Representatives, for their swift consideration and support of this urgent and bipartisan legislation.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE
OF BOBBY KUMAR KALOTEE

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent dedicated to a life of service, Dr. Bobby Kumar Kalotee. Dr. Kalotee has, for decades, worked tirelessly to serve people in his community, both locally and abroad.

Dr. Kalotee has lived the American dream. Born to a poor family in India, Dr. Kalotee came to America at the age of 21. After years of hard work as a bus boy and shoe shiner, Dr. Kalotee was able to save enough money to start his own business and truly embrace his entrepreneurial spirit.

Though successful in business, Dr. Kalotee felt unfulfilled without performing service to support those around him. For decades, Dr. Kalotee has promoted health and science on Long Island and has served on the Board of Directors of the Nassau University Medical Center and the Board of the New York Institute of Technology, where he received an honorary doctorate in science in 2001. He also

was the Chairman of Spartan Health Science University Saint Lucia, where he received a doctorate in philosophy in 2016.

Dr. Kalotee is the International Chairman of Friends for Good Health, a charitable organization with a mission to bring healthcare professionals to places in need all over the world. On a recent mission to El Salvador, he and the Friends for Good Health team served over 5,000 people in 4 different cities. For all his good work, Dr. Kalotee has been recognized or received awards from over 300 organizations.

Dr. Kalotee is very active in politics in New York. Dr. Kalotee was Chairman of Nassau County Independence Party, Vice-Chairman of New York State Independence Party and National Executive Director of Independence Party of America. Dr. Kalotee was National Chairman of Reform Party from 2007 to 2010.

Dr. Kalotee's commitment to serving others is representative of the Indian-American community at large here in the United States. Throughout my time in public office, I have seen the Indian-American community in my district pull together to raise up everyone around them. In discussions with fellow Members of Congress, such as my friends Raja Krishnamoorthi from Illinois and Carolyn Maloney from New York, we have marveled at the true dedication of people like Dr. Kalotee to make our country a better place for all, and I count myself lucky to have such a man call my district home.

Dr. Kalotee has been married to his wife for over 30 years and has 5 children, all of whom inherited the patriotism of their father.

I commend Dr. Bobby Kumar Kalotee for everything he has accomplished and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

COMMEMORATING THE CITY OF
LEBANON, TENNESSEE, ON ITS
BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Lebanon, Tennessee, in honor of its 200th anniversary. Lebanon is the county seat of Wilson County, located just east of Nashville.

Lebanon was formed in 1802 and officially incorporated on November 23, 1819. The city's name derives from the area's countless Eastern Red Cedar trees, reminiscent of Mount Lebanon's famous cedar forests described in the Bible.

With approximately 35,000 residents, Lebanon demonstrates what it means to be a tight-knit community. This town was built on a solid foundation of hard work and family values, and it has continued to show these unwavering attributes over the course of its 200-year history.

Lebanon is home to a number of sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is a certified Tennessee Main Street program. The Historic Public Square maintains its long-standing charm with beloved sites like the Capitol Theatre, while still serving as a hub for industry and business through the Lebanon-Wilson County Chamber of Commerce, located in the heart of the Main Street District.

Countless successful businesses call Lebanon "home," including the corporate headquarters of Cracker Barrel, America's "Old Country Store." The city's many local businesses benefit from the unique opportunities afforded through Lebanon's own Municipal Airport, which provides easy access for industry and trade.

Lebanon is the longtime home of Cumberland University, founded in 1842. The four-year private institution has an enrollment over 2,500 students and 110 academic programs.

The city of Lebanon is also home to Cedars of Lebanon State Park. The park boasts 1,139 beautiful acres and welcomes visitors from across the country to enjoy its eight miles of hiking trails and 117 campsites.

Tennessee's largest fair, the nationally-known Wilson County Fair, is hosted in Lebanon at the James E. Ward Agriculture Center. Families from across Tennessee—and the entire country—journey to Lebanon to participate in the annual tradition.

The city is also the proud home of the Wilson County Veterans Museum and Plaza, which forever memorializes those from Wilson County who have served our great country. A true treasure, the museum honors the service of our veterans and preserves countless artifacts dating back to World War I.

I hope my House colleagues will join me in celebrating this bicentennial achievement of Lebanon, Tennessee. The town and its residents have continued to show the strong faith and values of Tennessee since the days when its first public square was built over the Town Spring. I wish Lebanon and its citizens much prosperity and happiness over the next 200 years and beyond.

TRIBUTE FOR NELSON RODRIGUEZ

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of a leading Fort Worth Hispanic leader, Mr. Nelson Rodriguez. Mr. Rodriguez was the founder and owner of The Nelrod Company of Fort Worth and a steadfast leader in the development of Hispanic chambers of commerce in Texas and across the nation. He passed away last month after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Rodriguez began his entrepreneurial career as a 10-year-old shoe shiner in south Texas. He worked in the family grocery store throughout his youth and returned to manage the family business after completing his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He went on to run an award-winning newspaper, as well as organize other entrepreneurs to form the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce where he became the first chair and president at the young age of just 27.

The next year, Nelson moved to Washington, D.C. following his appointment to serve in the Reagan administration. During his tenure in our government, he served as the youngest Senior Executive at the Department of Commerce, won the Secretarial Achievement Award at the Department of Transportation, and the Affordable Housing Award at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Nelson was a family man, a business man, and a community man. He was a valuable pioneer who helped pave the way for minority businesses in Fort Worth and across our country. Nelson and his wife shared 45 years of marriage together with their four sons, three daughters, and four grandchildren. He will be sorely missed by our great city of Fort Worth.

RECOGNIZING GREG WATSON

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Greg Watson, one of my Congressional staff members who will be departing my office soon for a great opportunity to work in the White House.

As one of my Legislative Assistants, Greg has been a valuable member of Team Scalise, and I will miss his expertise and guidance on the issues he so capably handled while in my office. Not only has Greg been my lead technology and telecommunications staffer, and primary Energy and Commerce Committee advisor, he has also worked each and every day serving my constituents in Louisiana's First Congressional District.

I am grateful to Greg for his years of service in my office, and I congratulate him on this exciting new chapter of his career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AYANNA PRESSLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, due to a health appointment, I was unable to be present on the floor for votes on Monday, November 18, 2019.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 625, YEA on Roll Call No. 626, and YEA on Roll Call No. 627.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THE LATE CONGRESSMAN JEROME "BOB" TRAXLER

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise in remembrance of the late Representative Jerome "Bob" Traxler, who served honorably in this House from 1974 to 1993. Bob was laid to rest this past week. A proud son and representative of the Thumb region of Michigan, including Saginaw, and his hometown of Bay City, please let me extend my deepest sympathies to his devoted wife, Jean, his daughter Sarah and son-in-law Christopher, his two stepchildren Greg and Caroline, and to his nine grandchildren.

Bob was born and raised in 1931 in Kawkawlin, Michigan. He earned his undergraduate degree from Michigan State University in 1953 and subsequently his law degree

from the Detroit College of Law in 1959. Ever the public servant, he served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. After his military service, he began his law career as the assistant prosecutor in Bay County from 1960 to 1962. He demonstrated his skill and knowledge of the law and soon thereafter was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives, where he served from 1962 to 1974. During this tenure, he served as the Majority Leader of the House from 1965 to 1966. It was during this time he began to pursue a bill that helped establish the Michigan Lottery. And with this legislative action, so came his nickname "Bingo Bob".

Bob was elected to the United States Congress after winning a special election in April of 1974. He arrived in Washington, D.C. in the midst of the Watergate scandal that was shaking the nation. I believe that as a witness to such a troubling time in our republic; it resulted in his development into a successful Congressman. He recognized that the purpose of Congress was to represent and help his fellow constituents, to echo their voices so the concerns of all were heard throughout the halls of Congress.

During his eighteen-year tenure in the House of Representatives, Bob tirelessly served the people in his district. He loved interacting with them whenever he was home to the point where it was not work for him. His example is one from which all in Congress could learn. He rose through the Committee ranks, gaining respect from House Leadership and colleagues, and eventually served on the exclusive House Appropriations Committee as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies. Through his work on the Committee, he was able to advance projects in his district such as the EPA research vessel named the "Lake Guardian". His wide ranging interests asserted that NASA had a champion for the Hubble Telescope, that veterans were cared for, that local communities received back from the federal government their community development allocations, and that Michigan State agricultural interests were defended in the Farm Bills. After years of dutiful service, Bob retired in 1993.

As his colleague for ten years, I learned a great deal from Bob. He took the time to illustrate what the position entailed and how very important it was to remember who sent a Member to Congress. He often reflected on the power imbalance in U.S. society and worked to give a greater voice for people of ordinary means. After retirement, Rep. Traxler went on to support his alma mater by serving on the Michigan State University Board of Trustees and the Mackinac Island Park Commission. Though Bob was an MSU Spartan and I, a Wisconsin Badger and Michigan Wolverine, he and I were dear colleagues and more importantly, dear friends. He tutored me in the intricacies of the appropriations process, for which I shall always be grateful. Particularly because our region has a tougher lift when competing for federal attention.

I hope it is of some comfort to his loved ones, and to the people that he represented, that his being and indefatigable spirit are now freed from Earth's binds; may his soul rise high and shower our precious world with peace, justice, and good humor from sea to shining sea.

With a heavy heart, golden memories, and abiding appreciation, may I extend my deepest

gratitude for the life of Congressman Bob Traxler of Bay City, Michigan, and to his family and the people of Michigan he loved and treasured so dearly, for sharing him with our nation.

LONGEST-SERVING CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY CHIEF CLERK E. DOTSON WILSON

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. E. Dotson Wilson, retiring after a 40-year career with the California State Assembly, the longest-serving Chief Clerk in the history of that body.

Over his long career, Mr. Wilson has proven his passion for service and for improving governance. We all know that the smooth functioning of the people's elected representatives depends on a well-trained staff operating at a leadership level within the Capitol. Mr. Wilson made it his mission to assure that, whatever the political discussion, legislators had what they needed to do their jobs. The fact that he has been unanimously affirmed as Chief Clerk for every Assembly session since his selection for the post in 1992 is a testament to the esteem in which he has been held by the 482 different legislators who have served during his 27-year tenure.

The Chief Clerk serves as the chief parliamentarian of the 80-member California Assembly and is responsible for publishing the official documents of the House; and keeping all the bills, papers, and records of the proceedings of the Assembly. Mr. Wilson not only produced legislative materials to assist Members and legislative staff, but he created training videos, annotated guides and a book on California's Legislature. These materials are invaluable both to new legislators and to everyone wishing to understand how their government works.

Prior to serving as the Chief Clerk, Mr. Wilson served under Assembly Speaker Willie L. Brown Jr., first as an Assembly Fellow from October 1979 to 1980, then as his Special Assistant. Speaker Brown nominated Mr. Wilson to be Chief Clerk of the Assembly in 1992, and he was reelected 14 times.

Mr. Wilson saw first-hand the impact of housing discrimination and other injustices growing up in the Bay Area city of Albany, California. The trials he saw his family endure propelled him to seek change, and resulted in a lifetime of public service. Mr. Wilson has worked on a wide range of legislative issues over his long career, including housing, public employees, retirement and labor. He took special interest in supporting academic success for California's youth, including student athletes.

Mr. Wilson exemplifies what it means to be a public servant. I congratulate him on his long service and his well-deserved retirement. It was an honor to serve alongside Mr. Wilson during my time in the Assembly.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROTECTING CONSUMERS FROM MARKET MANIPULATION ACT

HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce the Protecting Consumers from Market Manipulation Act, which guards against market manipulation in a range of industries by strengthening the separation of banking and commerce.

For decades, federal banking regulation has established a separation between banking and commerce. This longstanding doctrine—a fundamental underpinning of the Bank Holding Company Act (BHCA)—is spurred by the belief that banks should not use their leverage as financial actors to game economic outcomes. Under the doctrine, banks may facilitate business through the extension and underwriting of loans, etc., but not through direct production or sale of goods. Commercial entities were purposefully walled off from the definition of banking in order to avoid conflicts of interests between the actors and operators of markets.

Now is a crucial moment to strengthen the separation between banking and commerce, with tech giants like Facebook, Google, and Uber moving swiftly into financial services. We know we can't trust big monopolies with our financial information. The potential for collusion and manipulation of outcomes is just too great. This bill will keep tech companies and other large non-financial companies from deriving more than 5 percent of their annual revenue from banking activity.

This bill also shores up the banking/commerce separation by limiting commodities ownership by commercial banks. When the lines between banking and commerce are blurred, monopolization and concentration are usually the result. Working people suffer the consequences, whether it's Big Tech undermining small businesses or big banks gouging consumers by manipulating the price of oil, aluminum, and electricity. We must protect consumers from big banks and big tech—and separate banking and commerce.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I regretably missed the vote on H.R. 4634 Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization of 2019 on November 18, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 626.

HONORING LAURA CHAFFIN

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, the Holy Bible, the book of Mark, Chapter 12, Verse 30 says, "Love your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all of your strength." Those words sum up Laura Chaffin, her life.

An accident last year in Uganda took her voice and paralyzed her for a couple of trying weeks. She was there with her husband Bryan trying to put their family together. The Chaffin family is beside me right now. There is Laura, there is Bryan, and their three sons, Elijah, David, and Jonah.

If you think Laura felt pity when she was hurt, you are dead wrong. With a team of experts at TIRR at Memorial Hermann Hospital, and with the love of family and the love of Jesus Christ, she started talking and walking and teaching at Alvin ISD and cooking for her family. She became, again, a mom and a wife.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on November 18, 2019 for Roll Call Vote 625, Roll Call Vote 626, and Roll Call Vote 627. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 625, Yea on Roll Call Vote 626, and Yea on Roll Call Vote 627.

CONGRATULATING FIRST COMMONWEALTH FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ON RECEIPT OF THE MILESTONE AWARD

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to congratulate First Commonwealth Federal Credit Union of Eastern Pennsylvania on receiving the Milestone Award from the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The Milestone Award is presented to a member of the chamber that has reached a significant landmark in business, a high point of superior commitment to the community and brings a notable measure of pride to The Chamber and the entire Lehigh Valley. First chartered in 1959 to serve the employees of Western Electric in Allentown, Pennsylvania as WeAllen Federal Credit Union, the First Commonwealth Federal Credit Union celebrates 60 years of service to the people of Eastern Pennsylvania this year. In the decades since its founding, FCFCU has expanded products and services, and opened membership to employees of several companies in the Lehigh Valley. Expanding their service to the

people of the Lehigh Valley, FCFCU has opened offices in Lehigh and Kutztown, now serving over 800 companies and their employees as the largest credit union in the Lehigh Valley.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating First Commonwealth Federal Credit Union on this great honor and thank them for their 60-years serving our community.

HONORING ALEXANDER C. MARTIN, ESQ.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Alexander C. Martin, Esq. A native of Pott Gibson, Mississippi, Mr. Martin earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Alcorn State University, in 1979, and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1982.

Since its establishment, in 1994, Mr. Martin has served as the District Attorney for the State of Mississippi's 22nd Circuit Court District. He is the first African American to serve as District Attorney for the state of Mississippi, since Reconstruction. Prior to his position as District Attorney, Mr. Martin served as an attorney for Southwest and Central Mississippi Legal Services. In addition, he spent six years as a prosecutor for Claiborne County as well as an adjunct professor at his alma mater, Alcorn State University.

In 2006, Mr. Martin received the Legal Award from the Claiborne County Chapter of the NAACP.

Aside from his career, Mr. Martin has been heavily involved in his community. He currently serves as a deacon at First Baptist Church in Port Gibson. For seven years, he was an assistant scout master for Troop 100 of Boy Scouts of America, Andrew Jackson Council. Since 2005, Mr. Martin has been the public address announcer for football and basketball games at Port Gibson High School. He is also a former mock trial coach for Mississippi Bar Association and Magnolia Bar Association.

Mr. Martin is a member of several professional organizations, including the Mississippi Bar Association, Magnolia Bar Association, Mississippi Prosecutors Association, National District Attorneys Association, Copiah County Bar Association and Claiborne County Bar Association. He also serves on the Mississippi Prosecutors Association Board of Directors, Mississippi Center for Legal Services Board of Directors and the Claiborne County Preservation Commission.

Mr. Martin is married to Mrs. Karen Martin and is the proud father of four children: Joecephus, Alexander C. Martin II, Jamila and Jaron Anthony and five grandchildren: Miles, Anna Rose, Alexander III, August, and Elijah.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Alexander C. Martin, Esq.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with many other colleagues on the Congressional Hellenic Caucus to recognize and honor the many great deeds of the Daughters of Penelope on the organization's 90th Anniversary.

The Daughters of Penelope is a preeminent international women's service association and affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association. It was founded on November 16, 1929 in San Francisco, California. Today, it is a leading international organization of women of Hellenic descent and Philhellenes that works to improve the status and well-being of women and their families and to empower women to make significant contributions to their communities and our country.

The mission of the Daughters of Penelope is to promote the ideals of ancient Greece, philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, good citizenship, and family and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism. Over its history, the Daughters of Penelope has achieved remarkable accomplishments. The group has strengthened the status of women in society, sheltered the elderly and victims of domestic violence, educated our youth, promoted Hellenic heritage, and raised funds for medical research.

It is hard to ignore the positive impact the Daughters of Penelope has had in communities throughout the United States—including a strong presence in New Jersey's 6th Congressional District, where I am proud to represent two chapters, Aulis No. 195 in Asbury Park and Tethys No. 229 in New Brunswick. The Daughters of Penelope promotes awareness and provides financial support for many medical research and charitable organizations such as the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center (formerly the Papanicolaou Cancer Center), cancer and breast cancer research; Thalassaemia (Cooley's Anemia), Lymphangiomyomatosis (LAM), Alzheimer's Foundation, American Heart Association, Muscular Dystrophy, and many others.

Once again, I offer my sincere congratulations to the Daughters of Penelope for 90 years of incredible service to our country and its strong promotion of U.S.-Greek and U.S.-Cypriot relations. May its next 90 years be as prayerful, fulfilling, and successful as the last.

RECOGNIZING U.S. NAVY
AIRCRAFT CARRIER MONTH

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of November as National U.S. Navy Aircraft Carrier Month.

Throughout the month, there are dozens of events and activities all across our country that highlight the critical role of these mighty warships in the past, present, and future of our national defense. I am proud to join in the celebration of National U.S. Navy Aircraft Carrier Month to honor the value, accomplishments, and contributions of U.S. Navy aircraft carriers, their air wings, and most importantly the men and women who serve aboard them.

The designation of November as the month of the year for National U.S. Navy Aircraft Carrier month is certainly no accident. In fact, November is full of historic milestones in the technological development of the modern nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and the contributions these ships have made to our country.

For example, naval aviation was born when Eugene Ely launched from the deck of a U.S. Navy ship in a Curtiss Model D aircraft on November 14, 1910, some 109 years ago this month. There are other examples of key naval aviation events occurring during the month of November as well, such as the commissioning of the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier (the USS *Enterprise*—CVN 65) in November 1961, the christening of the USS *Gerald R. Ford* (CVN 78) in November 2013, and the first arrested landing of the 5th Generation F-35C Lightning II aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Nimitz* (CVN 68) in November 2014.

While not in the month of November, I am nonetheless looking forward to the christening of CVN 79 *John F. Kennedy* next month in Virginia as the second ship of the *Gerald R. Ford*-class of aircraft carriers begins her march toward commissioning.

Madam Speaker, naval aviation and our fleet of aircraft carriers have a rich tradition of service to our nation. Like other components of our national defense enterprise, aircraft carriers are produced by a nationwide team of more than 2,000 small, mid-sized and large businesses from 46 states, and 279 congressional districts which contribute parts, services, and support to the construction and maintenance of U.S. Navy aircraft carriers. In fact, over the past five years, this supply chain has performed more than \$4.1 billion worth of work for the aircraft carrier program.

Missouri is certainly a key component of this industrial base and I am proud to represent my constituents in Missouri who love our country and our Navy.

I am also proud that my state helps to produce the F/A-18 Super Hornet in St. Louis—an aircraft which our carrier air wings are flying more than any other carrier-based aircraft on the flight decks of our nation's 11 aircraft carriers. The Super Hornet is an absolutely integral component of today's carrier air wing, and the combination of the air wings and aircraft carriers in our fleet is a bedrock of our Navy's ability to defend freedom, project power, and protect our national security.

In closing, I am proud to support our Navy, naval aviation, and the men and women that serve our nation tirelessly across the nation and around the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 630.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call votes. Had I been present for them, I would have voted as follows:

On Roll Call 625, H.R. 3702—Reforming Disaster Recovery Act of 2019 —YEA;

On Roll Call 626, H.R. 4634—Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2019—YEA; and

On Roll Call 627, H.R. 4344—To amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to allow the Securities and Exchange Commission to seek and Federal courts to grant disgorgement of unjust enrichment, and for other purposes—YEA.

TRIBUTE TO OPERATION
RECOGNITION CLASS OF 2019

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of the Operation Recognition Class of 2019. Operation Recognition is a program organized by the Riverside County Office of Education, with assistance from the Riverside County Department of Veteran's Services, that presents diplomas to residents of Riverside County who missed completing high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, or due to internment in WWII Japanese-American relocation camps.

Riverside County's Operation Recognition is modeled after programs implemented in other states. Numerous county offices of education and school districts throughout California operate similar programs. The programs are an important way to express our appreciation and gratitude for the significant contributions and sacrifices made by our veterans.

The Operation Recognition Class of 2019 includes: Gilberto O. Allen, U.S. Army, Vietnam War; Vallie Lee Engelauf, U.S. Navy, World War II (posthumously); George B. Flowers III, U.S. Army, Vietnam War; Raul Garcia, U.S. Army, Vietnam War; Richard Leonard Granados, U.S. Army, Vietnam War; John C. Hudson, U.S. Coast Guard, World War II; Franklin M. Stevens, U.S. Navy, Vietnam War.

On behalf of all Riverside County residents and a grateful nation, I want to thank these veterans for their service to our country and congratulate them on being part of the Operation Recognition Class of 2019.

CONGRATULATING BLUE MOUNTAIN RESORT ON RECEIPT OF THE CHAMBER CHAMPION AWARD

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to congratulate Blue Mountain Resort in Palmerton, Carbon County on receiving Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce's Chamber Champion Award.

The Chamber Champion Award is presented to a successful and esteemed business or individual that operates with integrity and that has been a long-time member and premier supporter of the Chamber, its mission, and its goals. Well known as a premier ski and snowboard destination in Eastern Pennsylvania, Blue Mountain Resort began with a vision and 300 acres of land purchased by founder Ray Tuthill. Fifteen years later Blue Mountain, first known as "Little Gap," began welcoming visitors to enjoy its first five trails. Today, Blue Mountain Resort boasts 40 ski trails, 16 lifts, and 34 tubing lanes, a full-service mountain top restaurant, and welcomes over 500,000 visitors each year. For its incredible growth, success and commitment to the betterment of Lehigh Valley, Blue Mountain is truly deserving of this great honor.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Blue Mountain Resort on this great honor and thank them for their commitment to of our community.

RECOGNIZING TATUM DAVID

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Tatum David, a freshman student from Olney High School, who won the Illinois Class 2A state cross country race on November 9. Tatum covered the three-mile course in 16 minutes and four seconds. Her blazingly fast first mile of 5:03 subdued the field as she established a sizeable lead. She ran the next two miles in 5:26 and 5:35, respectively, winning the crown in convincing fashion.

The fast first mile reflected the way Tatum has run all season—go out fast, take a big lead, exhaust the field, and win. It makes for a very fast pace overall, and Tatum's time set a Class 2A record.

What might be even more remarkable is how new Tatum is to the sport. A freshman with still untapped potential, she also placed fourth at the Nike Midwest Regional race on November 16, running against 298 other athletes. Her next event will be on November 29 at the Foot Locker Cross Country Midwest Regional.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure I stand to recognize Tatum David for her success, and I would like to extend my best wishes to her for a bright future.

HONORING MR. CHAD SHIFFLET AND THE MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL ANGEL CLOSET

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Chad Shifflet for his exemplary service to the Cumberland Valley School District as a Security Officer and as the creator of the Mountain View Middle School's Angel Closet, which provides age and environmentally-appropriate clothing for children in need.

After a distinguished 23-year career in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, Mr. Shifflet became a Security Officer with the Cumberland Valley School District in August. During his orientation with the school district, he walked through all of its schools and learned that many children there did not have the clothing items that they needed in order to learn and succeed.

When he took up his assignment to the Mountain View Middle School, he located a twelve-foot by twelve-foot room that he could use to distribute clothes to students in need and established an Angel Closet. Shifflet partnered with a local consignment shop, which donated clothing racks and hangers, and a local drycleaner, which agreed to dry clean all winter coats. Local donors keep the Angel Closet well-stocked with a range of comfortable and appropriate clothing items which are available for students who need them. This has ensured that all Mountain View Middle School students have access to clean, comfortable clothing so that they can thrive at school.

Shifflet's Angel Closet makes sure that no clothing donations go to waste, sending clothes that are too big for middle school students to the high school, clothes that are too small to the elementary school, and clothes that would not appeal to school-aged children to the Salvation Army. He hopes to expand the operation so that every school in the district has an Angel Closet and every child has access to the clothes that they need to excel.

Mr. Shifflet's remarkable, lifelong record of service to our Nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Cumberland Valley community is an example to all. On behalf of Pennsylvania's Tenth Congressional District, I commend and thank Mr. Shifflet and wish him continued success in his service to the children of Cumberland Valley School District.

RECOGNIZING CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL CHICKEN COUNCIL CLINT RIVERS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a fellow Northeast Georgian, Mr. Clint Rivers, for being installed as 2019–2020 Chairman of the National Chicken Council.

Mr. Rivers currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Wayne Farms, but his commitment to the poultry industry spans over three decades. He first

began his career with Golden West Foods in Bedford, Virginia after earning his Animal Science degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Before being named President and CEO of Wayne Farms, he served as Vice President and General Manager of the Fresh Business Unit and was later promoted to Chief Operating Officer. Prior to those roles, Mr. Rivers spent 6 years as President of Foodservice and Supply Chain of Perdue Farms, and 21 years at Pilgrim's Pride, where he held the titles of Chief Operating Officer, President, and Chief Executive Officer.

After decades of commitment to the poultry industry and the National Chicken Council, Mr. Rivers has been chosen to succeed former Chairman Mark Kaminsky. He was installed as Chairman during the NCC's 65th Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., just last month.

On behalf of the Ninth District, I would like to congratulate Mr. Clint Rivers on his achievement and thank him for his commitment to the poultry industry. I am confident the National Chicken Council and the poultry industry as a whole will flourish under his leadership.

RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL RAISES OVER 50 POUNDS OF FOOD FOR THE FOOD BANK NETWORK OF SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ

HON. TOM MALINOWSKI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ridge High School's incredible work on raising over 50 pounds of food for the Food Bank Network of Somerset County, NJ—part of the Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat program.

Despite being discontinued in 2018 by the Educational Theatre Association, the students and adults of the New Jersey Thespians State board continued to believe that they must remain committed to fight hunger. Thus, New Jersey Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat was born.

New Jersey Thespians is nationally recognized as a Gold Honor Chapter of the Educational Theatre Association and recognized as the state's premier arts honor society. On top of that, New Jersey has one of the fastest growing Junior Thespian chapters in the country, continuing to only double in size every year. I am proud to represent the remarkable students at Ridge High School who are not only Thespians, but are also staunch advocates for fighting hunger in our local New Jersey communities.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR ENRIQUE "HENRY" DOCE FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank Major Enrique "Henry" Doce for his 30 years of service to the Miami Beach Police Department.

Born in Havana, Cuba, Major Doce spent his childhood in Miami. He is a graduate of Barry University. In 1984, he joined the Virginia Gardens Police Department. Five years later, he transitioned to the Miami Beach Police Department.

Major Doce has worked to serve and protect the Miami Beach community in various capacities, including undercover work and work with the Police K9 Unit. He has been instrumental in supervising and training junior staff, and, for the past ten years, he has helped organize the Department's Memorial Weekend Planning.

Major Doce has been named Officer of the Month eight times during his 30 years with the Miami Beach Police Department. He won the Hispanic Heritage Award in October 2016 for his service as a Hispanic Public Safety Officer.

I'm deeply grateful for Major Doce's commitment to our community and for his outstanding work over the past three decades. Miami Beach is stronger and safer because of his service.

CONGRATULATING LINDA MILLER
ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and appreciation that I rise today to honor Linda Miller of Tamaqua, who is retiring after serving the good people of Pennsylvania for 38 years in the House of Representatives.

Mrs. Miller has left her mark on our great Commonwealth as the longest-serving district office employee in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Mrs. Miller began as a staffer in Rep. Klingaman's office on January 16, 1981 and has since worked in other Representatives' offices including Rep. Dave Argall, and most recently, Rep. Jerry Knowles. She is a pillar of her community and has committed nearly two decades to supporting and serving her friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens. The fabric of our Pennsylvania communities is strengthened by the selflessness, compassion, and integrity of our public servants like Mrs. Miller. She will surely be missed by the constituents she served and those who she served alongside.

Although she is culminating an impressive and impactful career, I am confident that as she begins this new chapter, she will continue to be a positive influence and a dedicated member of our great community.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Miller on her retirement and thank her for her many years of dedicated service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCY McBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mrs. McBATH. Madam Speaker, during the second vote on November 18, 2019, my vote was not recorded.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 626.

RECOGNIZING THE KEISER UNIVERSITY SEAHAWKS ON AN UNDEFEATED FOOTBALL SEASON

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor the Keiser University Seahawks on securing a 9–0 undefeated football season.

Led by local seniors Seth Freeman, Ronnie Bennett, and Tremane Gabriel, the Seahawks won their regular season finale game, after defeating Ava Maria University on Saturday, November 16th. Under the leadership of Head Coach Doug Socha, Keiser will now head into the 2019 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) postseason, beginning with a home game against University of the Cumberland in the first round of the 16-team playoffs.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize the entire Seahawks football team, which include: Traionn Jones, Sage Chen-Young, Tyler Foster, Eli Mathews, Maurice Murphy Jr., Ronnie Bennett, Kade Glenn, Alex Taylor, Coby Golden, Logan Good, Da'Shawn Bostic, Tremane Gabriel, Seth Freeman, Cade Socha, Rodney Green Jr., Dylan Inman, Carlos Silencioux, Jamarquios Autry, Jaylen Arnold, Asfunso Elam, Payton Burke, Lucas Matias, Shawn O'Gorman, Shaw Pomianowski, Trevor Phillips, Deandre Henderson, Caleb Walls, Luckaad Dorsainvil, Jamian Lovett, Marques Burgess, Schneider Louis, Troy Sloan, Cordell Wiley, Isaiah Rappart, Jermaine Wilson, Osner Valmeus, Carl Barrow, Taeon Holte, Austin Cha, Austin Carr, Amari Hayes, Brendan Parr, Preston Hays, Wesley Scott, Marc Laureore, Jordan Grant, Treykevan Gilbert, Victor Alvarez Jr., Mitchel Desulme, Byron Fraley, Joseph Irlbeck, Davion Cross, Robenson Lafleur, Christopher Hart, Tommy Richemond, Logan Wakefield, Camron Allen, Edward Krajewski, Alessandro Cantillo, Jeremiah Guillaume, Cedrick Dervil, Zach Shahin, Okevious Hinds, Rashad Harris, William Bell, Mikhail Hanson, Juwan James, Logan Robinson, Dalton Barbara, Donovan Hinds, Justin Thomas, Shelby Langen, Mike Altenor, Austin Sherrill, Nicholas Sierra, Jerson Jacques, Michael Robinson, Samuel Snell, Donavyn Martin, Thomas Waldron, Mohammad Shatara, Shavon Taylor, Luke Sharkey, Dante Trott, Markel Finney, Khalil Absolu, Joshua Norzea, Corey Lamy, Zachariah Istvan, Eddie Adams, Ruben Alexis, Matthew Barber, Balitan Celestin, Alec Charland, Claude Charles, Corey Cola, Owen Connell, Dakota Cox, Damon Daniel, Gabriel Davenport, Akarri Davis, Amari Davis, Cory Hamilton, Earnest Johnson, Adreal Johnson, Trusteb Johnson, Angerlyns Julceus, Amari Kindred, Jamari Kindred, Judah Martin, Qwad Martin, Gage McNellis, T-Jay Mitchell, Ki-Mani Olivacce, Alex Saint-Jean, Benjamin Serrano, Isaiah Silva, Tristan Simmons, Duane Simon, Ty Smith, Shea Spencer, Andy St. Hillaire, George Swain, Garrison Swain, Joseph Villano, Chris Webber, and Ian Willhoite.

Madam Speaker, I am so very proud of the Keiser University Seahawks for their exceptional season. I wish the team and their entire athletic program many more years of continued success.

CONGRATULATING THE YURCONIC AGENCY ON RECEIPT OF THE MILESTONE AWARD

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to congratulate the Yurconic Agency of Allentown, Pennsylvania on receiving the Milestone Award from the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The Milestone Award is presented to a member of the chamber that has reached a significant landmark in business, a high point of superior commitment to the community and brings a notable measure of pride to the Chamber and the entire Lehigh Valley. For 50 years, the Yurconic Agency has been an outstanding insurance agency, serving the Lehigh Valley. From vehicle registration to driver's license services the Yurconic Agency has been providing a wide array of insurance options to the greater Lehigh Valley since 1969. The high quality customer service the Yurconic Agency has offered has made it a cornerstone of communities throughout Eastern Pennsylvania.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Yurconic Agency on this great honor and thank them for their 50 year commitment to the betterment of our community.

CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE
RELEASE OF AUSTIN TICE

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in calling for the immediate release of award-winning journalist and veteran Austin Tice. I thank the gentlelady from the District of Columbia, ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, and the gentleman from Texas, AL GREEN, for their moving words and their unflagging efforts to secure Austin Tice's release.

Austin has been held captive in Syria for over seven years. He traveled to Syria as a freelance journalist to cover the war in May 2012. Few journalists were working in Syria at this time, and his vital reporting and images appeared in major news sources, including the Washington Post, Agence France Presse, and McClatchy Newspapers. Three months later, he was detained at a check point south of Damascus on his way to Lebanon.

Austin has been missing ever since. Five weeks after he was taken captive, a 43-second video titled "Austin Tice is Alive" emerged, showing a group of unidentified

armed men holding Austin. This was the last information received from the captors.

Although Austin Tice has spent far too many days, months, and years in captivity, crucially the United States government believes Austin is alive. The FBI is offering a one-million-dollar reward for information leading directly to his safe location and return. His parents, Debra and Marc Tice, have been consistent beacons of hope throughout Austin's captivity, working passionately for his release, and never losing hope for their son's safe return. Their love for their son has had the power to mobilize a large, bipartisan, bicameral group of Members of Congress from all over the country. I was proud to join my colleagues this September in a letter to President Trump calling for him to use the full weight of his national security team to bring Austin home, and I renew that call now.

Austin Tice has been separated from his family, friends, and loved ones for far too long. He has spent too many birthdays in captivity. I join my colleagues in calling upon those who are keeping him in Syria to let Austin Tice go. Let him return safely to his family and his country.

IN RECOGNITION OF IMAM HAAZIM
FAQUEEH RASHED

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Imam Haazim Faqueeh Rashed, as his family and the Sacramento community gather to remember him. Imam Rashed dedicated his life to the advancement of all communities, regardless of faith, in Sacramento. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Imam Haazim Rashed.

Imam Haazim Faqueeh Rashed graduated from Stanford University and attended Yale University Law School. His professional career began with progressing economic development as a Director for the National Development Council. He dedicated himself to the education of various economic development professionals and initiated the revitalization of communities across the nation.

In 1972, Imam Haazim Faqueeh Rashed converted to Islam and dedicated his life to his faith and service. In 2003, Imam Rashed moved to Sacramento and played a foundational role in establishing Sacramento's Masjid As-Sabur and soon became its Imam. In addition to leading his congregation, he was involved in numerous organizations and dedicated much of his time to the Sacramento's interfaith and community efforts through the Council of Sacramento Valley Islamic Organizations (COSVIO), Sacramento Area Congregations Together (Sac-ACT) and served on the Board of CAIR-Sacramento Valley/Central California.

Imam Haazim Rashed worked tirelessly to help those in need and was known for his jovial uplifting character. He lifted the spirits of others and gave his life to helping community members. Imam Rashed was a devout husband, loving father and doting grandfather. I offer my deepest condolences to his wife of 46 years, Janice Davis Rashed, his children, extended family, and his community as Imam

Haazim Rashed has touched the lives of many.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Imam Haazim Faqueeh Rashed, a man who has dedicated his life to the advancement of the American Muslim community and all communities in Sacramento. As Imam Haazim Faqueeh Rashed is being honored with the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Council on American-Islamic Relations, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring his contributions to Sacramento and beyond.

HONORING THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor one great agency in my district. On November 17, 2019, the Water Replenishment District celebrated its 60th Anniversary.

The Water Replenishment District (WRD) is a groundwater management agency that has developed innovative projects and programs for locally sourced, sustainable water to replenish two of the most utilized urban groundwater basins in the United States. WRD was established in 1959 in response to unregulated and unmanaged over-pumping of our aquifers which caused many drinking water wells to go dry.

Located in Lakewood, California, WRD is the largest groundwater agency in the State of California. The district's service area covers a 420-square-mile region of southern Los Angeles County, the most populated county in the United States. They provide half of the drinking water for 43 cities and over 4 million people. Due to WRD's hard work, that water is now completely locally sustainable.

These efforts include programs like Water Independence Now (WIN) and new facilities like the Albert Robles Center for Water Recycling and Environmental Learning (ARC) in the City of Pico Rivera. WRD has shown a dedication to sustainability and a commitment to providing safe drinking water to residents in its service area, which includes the majority of the 38th Congressional District of California.

I am honored to represent districts like WRD and look forward to what the next 60 years have in store.

CONGRATULATING BARBARA GREEN ON RECEIPT OF THE CHAMBER CHAMPION AWARD

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to recognize and congratulate Barbara Green of Lehighon, Carbon County for being named the recipient of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce's Chamber Champion Award.

The Chamber Champion Award is presented to a successful and esteemed business or individual that is well-known to oper-

ate with integrity and that has been a long-time member and premier supporter of the Chamber, its mission, and its goals. After graduating from Lehigh University, Ms. Green began her career with Ernst & Young where she supervised audits on manufacturing, construction, health care and insurance clients. After serving in key management roles at a variety of companies, Ms. Green began with Blue Mountain Resort in 1993 as she served as Controller for 5 years, implementing an innovative new ticketing system for the ski area. After the passing of her father and founder of Blue Mountain, Mr. Ray Tuthill, Ms. Green returned to Blue Mountain in 2007 to serve in her current role as President, where she oversees a full-year destination that attracts over 500,000 visitors each year. The fabric of our Pennsylvania communities is made stronger by the hard work and dedication that Ms. Green has shown to our community throughout her career.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Barbara Green on this great honor and thank her for her commitment to our community.

WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP DAY 2019

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in honor of Women's Entrepreneurship Day which is celebrated around the world each year on November 19th.

Women are leaders, innovators, and entrepreneurs that drive economic expansion and advance communities around the world. Between 2018 and 2019, U.S. women of all backgrounds started an average of 1,817 new businesses per day, representing 42 percent of all businesses. These businesses generate \$1.9 trillion and employs 9.4 million workers. 5.4 million businesses are owned by women of color and 99 percent of women-owned businesses are small businesses. I applaud these women entrepreneurs and their undeniable impact.

I also applaud Wendy Diamond who has personally spearheaded the Women's Entrepreneurship Day movement. Since her campaign launched in 2013, her Women's Entrepreneurship Day organization has funded 500 Syrian refugee girls in Jordan so they could attend high school, launched an initiative in Oman to empower women and girls to vote against arranged marriage, and partnered with a Uruguayan university to offer scholarships to young women. Women's Entrepreneurship Day is now celebrated in 144 countries and 110 universities and colleges internationally, with numerous global ambassadors. The Women's Entrepreneurship Day mission is to empower, celebrate, and support women in business worldwide to alleviate poverty.

On Friday, November 15th, Ms. Diamond hosted a Women's Entrepreneurship Day event in New York City at the United Nations in order to empower, celebrate, and support women and girls globally to alleviate poverty.

During this event, Ms. Diamond and her organization honored the following individuals with their respective awards:

Leah Solivan—General Partner Fuel Capital & Founder TaskRabbit—Technology Pioneer Award;

Stephanie Newby—Founder Golden Seeds, the premiere early-stage investment firm for women-led companies & Former CEO Crimson Hexagon—Financial Pioneer Award;

Patty Baker—Philanthropist, Broadway Producer, Founder Baker Scholars, Board Member Hunter College Foundation (Baker Theater Building), New York Public Theater, Naples Players, Baker Art Museum & Milwaukee Repertory Theater—Philanthropy Pioneer Award;

Norma Kamali—International Fashion Designer, Founder/CEO Normalife, Founder/CEO Wellness CAFE & STOP OBJECTIFICATION CAMPAIGN—Fashion Pioneer Award;

Hannah Stocking—Global Entertainer with 25+ Million Followers—Influencer Pioneer Award;

Missy Elliott—Grammy Award-Winning Musical Artist—Music Pioneer Award;

Francine LeFrak—Founder/Visionary Same Sky, Chair Harvard Kennedy School Women's Leadership Board & Founder LeFrak Productions—Accessory Pioneer Award; and

Wendy Diamond—Social Entrepreneur, Impact Investor, Humanitarian, Animal Advocate, Best-Selling Author and CEO/Founder of Women's Entrepreneurship Day Organization—Humanitarian Pioneer Award.

Madam Speaker, I urge the entire House to recognize these remarkable role models, and to celebrate Women's Entrepreneurship Day this year and every year moving forward.

INTRODUCTION OF THE
BREASTFEEDING MOTHERS JURY
DUTY EXCLUSION ACT OF 2019

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Breastfeeding Mothers Jury Duty Exclusion Act of 2019. My bill would allow breastfeeding mothers summoned for jury service in federal court or in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to be excused from service for the period they are breastfeeding an infant. This would be optional for the mothers. Breastfeeding mothers would be allowed to serve if they do not wish to take the exemption. The benefits of breastfeeding

are well-documented, and breastfeeding mothers should not be deterred from breastfeeding because of a jury summons.

Under the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-33), Congress took responsibility for paying for the D.C. courts and other state-like functions previously provided by D.C. The D.C. courts, however, have always been under the control of Congress, even when they were funded by the District. The Home Rule Act prohibits the District government from enacting any law relating to Title 11 of the D.C. Code. Title 11 establishes the exemptions from jury. Therefore, this bill is necessary to provide this exclusion for both the federal and D.C. courts.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

BARSTOW CITY COUNCILMEMBER
RICHARD HARPOLE RETIRES

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Barstow City Councilmember Richard Harpole, who departed the dais on November 18, 2019.

Richard Harpole was born on October 8, 1958 in Illinois. He came to Barstow by way of the United States Army, where he served at nearby Fort Irwin as a military police investigator. While stationed at Fort Irwin, he met his wife Donna, and married her in 1984. After his marriage, he was honorably discharged from the Army and joined the Barstow Police Department. During his time with the Barstow Police Department, Richard focused heavily on combatting gangs and drug trafficking, and is still a lifetime member of the California Narcotic Officers Association. He retired from the Barstow Police Department in 2008 as a lieutenant.

After his retirement, Councilmember Harpole stayed involved in his community. He served on the board of the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce, the Boys & Girls Club of Barstow, Mojave Valley Volunteer Hospice, and the Barstow Humane Society. Councilmember Harpole was elected to the Barstow City Council in 2012 and won reelection in 2016.

Councilmember Richard Harpole has a history of serving his community throughout his

life, from his service in the United States Army and Barstow Police Department to his civic engagement across numerous boards of directors and culminating in his service as a Barstow City Councilmember. I congratulate him on a very well-deserved retirement and will miss his presence in the City of Barstow.

HONORING IRENE BLESSING

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

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Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Irene Blessing, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday on November 23, 2019. Irene is the oldest living female veteran in Vanderburgh County, having served as an Army nurse in World War II.

Born the daughter of a World War I Navy veteran, Irene felt the call to serve her country after the United States was drawn into World War II. After enlisting on May 26, 1943, she made her way to the 228th Army Hospital in Sherborne, England. Her most trying moments in the hospital came in the wake of D-Day. After being woken up by the deafening noise of airplane engines overhead, Irene and the rest of the hospital staff began receiving patients two days later. The incoming flow of patients was so steady that the hospital hardly had time to do the laundry. Despite the stressful circumstances, Irene served with distinction and honor, providing quality care for wounded Allied soldiers. She and her fellow nurses also graciously treated wounded German prisoners-of-war. When asked retrospectively about the hospital's treatment of German soldiers, she said, "They were people, and we had to do it." After two years of service, Irene was honorably discharged.

Irene's dedicated service has inspired Hoosiers and fellow Midwesterners throughout her life, especially her own family. Her two sons, Arthur and Paul Midle, followed her footsteps into the armed forces, serving in the Marine Corps and the Air Force respectively.

Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure today to recognize Irene on her great milestone. On behalf of Indiana's 8th District, I wish her well and I thank her for her service to our country.