

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.