

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF STAN JONES, TULALIP TRIBES LEADER

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Stan Jones, Sr., Scho-Hallen, a former leader of Washington state's Tulalip Tribes who passed away this month at the age of 93.

Like many Native households during the 1930s, Stan grew up poor, often without access to running water or electricity. But Stan persevered, and made the brave decision to join the U.S. Marines Corps when he was 17-years-old. He served during World War II in the 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division in the Pacific. He was sent to Nagasaki, Japan not long after the Atomic bomb was dropped on the city.

Upon returning home, Stan began his life's work improving the lives of his people. He served on the Tulalip Board of Directors for 44 years, including 26 years as Chairman.

Stan travelled across the country and the world representing Tulalip, teaching people about the rich history and culture of his tribe. During his time on the Board, Stan met with legislators, presidents, and foreign leaders to advocate on behalf of his people. His work helped his community to thrive and the tribal payroll grew from three to today's 3,500 employees during his tenure.

As his daughter Teri said, "Dad lived and breathed Tulalip." Stan was a pillar of the Tulalip community. His dedication and commitment to his people will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING THE 550TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF GURU NANAK

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the anniversary of the birth of Guru Nanak Dev and the contributions of Sikh Americans to the United States.

November 12, 2019, marked the 550th birth anniversary of the Founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak Dev, and is celebrated worldwide as Guru Nanak's Gurburab.

Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world with around 30 million followers, one million of whom are in the United States. Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions, including service in the U.S. Armed Forces, agriculture, real estate, transportation, technology, small business, and medicine. In their efforts, Sikh Americans have made rich contributions to the economic, cultural, and social landscape of the United States and have strengthened our communities by fostering respect among all people through faith and service.

As a member of Congress, I remain committed to educating citizens about the value of religious diversity, tolerance grounded in the principles of the First Amendment, and a culture of mutual understanding and respect. We are a stronger nation and community when we embrace our diversity and afford all citizens the opportunity to better understand our many faiths and cultures.

Accordingly, this month let us recognize and appreciate the rich history and culture of Sikhs as they celebrate Gurburab.

CLOSING THE HOMEWORK GAP THROUGH MOBILE HOTSPOTS ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, an estimated 12 million school-aged children lack broadband at home. 12 million students—this is a startling number. Before the internet became ubiquitous, students completed their homework with pencil and paper. This is no longer the case. Today, many students have homework that requires internet for research or to ask their teachers questions. If a student does not have that, they must find a venue that provides free Wi-Fi, like libraries, cafes, or other public venues.

Unfortunately, some of these locations are not conducive to a study environment. They may be noisy or have time restrictions on internet use at a computer kiosk. Furthermore, students, then must find transportation to and from such establishments, creating additional barriers to education for the students and their families. This is a modern-day travesty that must end.

That is why I am introducing the "Closing the Homework Gap Through Mobile Hotspots Act"—a bill that would create a \$100 million grant program for libraries, schools, the territories, and federally recognized Indian Tribes to build and sustain mobile hotspot programs to close the "homework gap."

Many schools and libraries have already created mobile hotspot programs to help students who do not have broadband at home. Essentially, students can "check-out" or borrow these mobile hotspots from their schools or local libraries for a set period of time. Funds for such programs, however, may lapse after a few years or when funding is eliminated. My bill will ensure this does not happen and our students have internet to complete their assignments.

Madam Speaker, the Closing the Homework Gap Through Mobile Hotspots Act is a critical bill that will help close the digital divide and address the homework gap. Every child deserves their best chance at pursuing education. For the sake of our children, I urge all my colleagues to support this timely, and necessary bill.

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, as the only Greek woman in Congress, I rise today to recognize the 90th anniversary of the Daughters of Penelope. This distinguished organization was founded on November 16, 1929, in San Francisco, with the mission of improving the well-being of Greek women and providing them with opportunities to make significant contributions to American society.

Over the past 90 years, Daughters of Penelope has grown into a leading international organization of women of Hellenic descent and Philhellenes, recognized and respected worldwide for its scholarship programs and public advocacy.

I commend this organization for promoting the ideals of ancient Greece: philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, good citizenship, and family and individual excellence. Their incredible work is seen in efforts to combat domestic violence in the United States and Greece, sponsorship of affordable and dignified housing for seniors, financial support for medical research and communities affected by natural disasters, contributions to Meals on Wheels, and support for the rebuilding of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at World Trade Center.

I am proud to work with them on these important issues and look forward to continuing our partnership to empower the next generation of female Hellenic leaders.

OPPOSITION TO H.R. 737

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to make clear my opposition to H.R. 737, the Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act.

Yesterday, when the House considered this deeply flawed legislation I spoke in opposition—to express my concerns about the devastating impacts the legislation will have on shark conservation efforts and responsible American fishermen. Many of these fishermen come from my own district in Florida and have made many sacrifices to rebuild and sustain our shark populations.

I am grateful to many of my colleagues who joined me in opposition to this measure after listening to my concerns. Regrettably, when the electronic vote was taken, I was recorded incorrectly. I want to make clear that I oppose this legislation and intended to vote NO.

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IN HONOR OF DR. DIETER MARTIN
GRUEN

HON. SEAN CASTEN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. CASTEN of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today on Dr. Dieter Martin Gruen's 97th birthday, in support of his nomination for the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

On November 4th, my colleagues, Representative BILL FOSTER and Representative CHUCK FLEISCHMANN, joined me in supporting Dr. Gruen's nomination for the highest civilian award in this country. Dr. Gruen has dedicated his life to science and made monumental contributions to shaping the United States as a leader and world power in technology, innovation, and national defense.

For nearly eight decades, Dr. Gruen has worked to enhance American technology development as a former Manhattan Project Scientist and Argonne National Laboratory Distinguished Fellow. Born in 1922, Dr. Gruen is an internationally esteemed German-American chemist, inventor, and innovator who immigrated to the U.S. from Nazi Germany in 1936. Throughout his career, Dr. Gruen has been driven by his curiosity and commitment to science—allowing him to make critical contributions to nuclear fission and fusion, solar energy, energy storage, and conservation. Specifically, Dr. Gruen has made several key technological advancements such as the nuclear submarine reactor cooling design and purification of uranium used to end World War II in the Pacific theater.

Through this work and countless other selfless endeavors, Dr. Gruen has been recognized by the international scientific community with numerous awards—including from Argonne National Laboratory, Northwestern University, and the Patent Law Association of Chicago—for his pioneering research in chemistry, physics, along with the emerging fields of materials and nanoscience.

I had the great pleasure of sitting down with Dr. Gruen earlier this year at his home in Downers Grove. What was intended to be a thirty-minute meeting became a two-hour conversation where I heard countless stories about Dr. Gruen's work on the Manhattan Project in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, the nuts and bolts of nuclear fission technology, and his unique journey to the United States. At 97, Dr. Gruen still sees the world as a place of vast opportunities for technological innovation. His optimism has been a source of inspiration and encouragement in my work as a Member of Congress as we tackle critical issues facing our society.

Dr. Gruen has continued his lifelong commitment to science by actively funding the building and demonstration of his novel solar cell technology in collaboration with the University of Illinois at Chicago. For the reasons mentioned here and many more, I sincerely believe that Dr. Dieter Gruen should be awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his lifelong contributions to science and technology that continue today. Dr. Gruen's tireless efforts to solve future energy challenges have seldom been exhibited by an individual. Humble and unpretentious, Dr. Gruen has been and remains the embodiment of a dedicated American and pure scientist.

I congratulate Dr. Gruen for his decades of accomplishments and exceptional contributions to science and the national security interests of the United States. I cannot think of a more deserving citizen for this award, and today I wish him the happiest of birthdays.

**RECOGNIZING MARGIE WAKEHAM
FOR THIRTY YEARS OF PUBLIC
SERVICE TO ORANGE COUNTY**

HON. KATIE PORTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Ms. Margie Wakeham for her 30 years of public service to the Orange County community. As the CEO of Families Forward for 26 years, Ms. Wakeham has led the fight for families in need to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency through wraparound services that include career counseling, housing, and an onsite food pantry, among other vital programs.

As a young woman, Ms. Wakeham served as a group counselor to incarcerated youth, and later, an investigator for the juvenile court systems in San Diego and Orange Counties. Ever the trailblazer, Ms. Wakeham was an active mother who continued to be involved with local service organizations while raising her children. It was as a mother that she realized the profound need for school improvements, which inspired her candidacy and nearly two decades of service as an Irvine Unified School Board Member. As a champion for Irvine schools, Ms. Wakeham was moved to action when she learned of the serious struggles by families in her community due to food and housing insecurities. Through first-hand insight into the heartbreaking stories of children growing up alongside her own children, Ms. Wakeham knew action was needed.

In the early 1990s, Wakeham served as a board member of the previously titled organization, Irvine Temporary Housing, which had been helping shelter families since 1984. In 1993, Ms. Wakeham joined a team of distinguished leaders throughout the City of Irvine to save the nonprofit from closing its doors. Ms. Wakeham transformed the newly minted Families Forward into a major success, housing thousands of families in our community and scoring top ratings from nonprofit watchdogs for fiscal management. In many ways, the renaming of Families Forward resembles a tectonic shift in service delivery for Orange County. Over the last three years, an astounding 95 percent of the families served by Families Forward did not reappear in the homeless services provider system. This stands as a testament to its steady leadership under Ms. Wakeham.

When we end homelessness in Orange County, it will be because of the hard work and foundation-laying of community advocates like Ms. Wakeham. Today, we celebrate not only her success as a leader, but also the bright future Families Forward to the community. I am proud to recognize Ms. Margie Wakeham for her commitment to serving the 45th Congressional District of California.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, on Friday, November 15, 2019 I am not recorded on final passage of H.R. 4863, the United States Export Finance Agency Act of 2019. I was engaged in a conversation with a constituent from the state of Washington discussing the issue of homelessness and mistimed the vote for final passage although I was present.

The U.S. Export-Import Bank is critical to the Washington state economy and its workers, and I support its reauthorization. If I had been present on final passage, I would have voted: yes, on Roll Call 624.

**HONORING KANSAS CITY BOARD
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the importance of clean water and the dedication of the members of the Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (BPU) to their role in serving our communities. Access to clean water has become a major national concern. With the increased awareness of how environmental changes affect our water supply, as seen in towns like Flint, Michigan, it becomes increasingly important that we value our water and ensure it's safe for the public. In that spirit, today we celebrate a department that has demonstrated commitment to serving their community.

The Kansas City BPU has received the "10-Year Directors Award" from the Partnership for Safe Water; a program developed by EPA, AWWA, and associated Partner organizations to guide water suppliers towards improving water quality by optimizing system operations. The Partnership is a voluntary self-assessment and optimization program for water treatment plants and distribution system operations. More than 300 utility subscribers, collectively serving more than 100 million people, are committed to the Partnership's goals of providing safe, high quality drinking water through achieving operational excellence in water treatment. Partnership members participate in a rigorous four-phase self-assessment and peer review process, developed by water utility optimization experts, and are recognized for their commitment to deliver safe water to their communities.

The BPU plant was one of a select group of utilities honored by the Partnership at the annual conference of the American Water Works Association, the largest and oldest worldwide organization dedicated to safe water. I am honored to recognize William Johnson, BPU General Manager, as well as staff as they celebrate this outstanding award.

HONORING MICHAEL CARRIGAN

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Carrigan on the occasion of his retirement as the president of the Illinois American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO). I have appreciated Michael's leadership of the Illinois AFL-CIO and his vision and hard work towards improving the quality of life for workers in Illinois and across the region and country.

Mike Carrigan served for 12 years as president and 7 years as secretary-treasurer of the Illinois AFL-CIO. During his 19-year tenure, he worked on many successful initiatives that have helped the Illinois workforce and families, including gradually raising Illinois' minimum wage to \$15 an hour, a \$45 billion infrastructure program, the legalization of cannabis and many legislative initiatives and programs that improve the lives of Illinois residents.

Mike serves on the national AFL-CIO State Federation and Central Labor Council Advisory Committee and was the chairman of the 12-state AFL-CIO Midwest Labor Federation Council. In Illinois he serves on the Workers' Compensation Advisory Board and the Illinois Prevailing Wage Council.

Prior to his work with the Illinois AFL-CIO, Mike was elected to the Decatur City Council in 1995 and served nearly four terms before being appointed Mayor of Decatur in 2008. He was business manager/financial secretary for IBEW Local 146 in Decatur from 1992 to 2000; he was a journeyman wireman in Decatur from 1978 to 1990 and became business manager of the local.

Mike Carrigan is a fierce champion of the labor movement and a fighter for worker's rights and his leadership will be remembered and missed. On a personal note, I have appreciated his advice and counsel, his friendship and support and his steady leadership on behalf of Illinois workers and their families. Congratulations to Mike on his retirement, and I thank him for his years of service.

HONORING THE HOMESTEAD GRAYS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Homestead Grays, a baseball team deeply rooted in the District of Columbia, for its legendary success in the National Negro League.

In light of the Major League Baseball World Series championship won by the Washington Nationals this year, we must also remember a team that shaped the game of baseball and brought World Series glory to the District long before the Nationals, the Homestead Grays. In 1948, the Grays won their third National Negro League World Series title against the Birmingham Black Barons to become one of Washington's most successful baseball teams.

The Homestead Grays came to D.C. in 1940, when Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, saw a lucrative opportunity for the Grays to use Griffith Stadium while the Senators played away games. By 1943, the Grays, originally from Pittsburg, played over half their games in the nation's capital. Griffith Stadium, located in the heart of D.C.'s African American community and close to Howard University, became a hub for Black baseball.

The Grays played at a time when the face of baseball was changing in America. As the National Negro League continued to demonstrate excellence in baseball, the sport began to integrate. It became too impossible for white teams to ignore African-American players. This led to the folding of the National Negro League in 1948 but to the rise of many African-American Major League Baseball players like Jackie Robinson.

Found on the Ring of Honor in Nationals Park, the team's stadium, are several names of Homestead Grays' most iconic players, including Cool Papa Bell, Ray Brown, Josh Gibson, Buck Leonard, Cumberland Posey and Jud Wilson. These men led the Grays to three National Negro League World Series and 10 National Negro League pennants.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Homestead Grays for their enduring place in Washington and U.S. baseball history.

OCTOBER VETERAN OF THE MONTH

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the First District of Oklahoma's October Veteran of the Month, Senior Airman Kelli Ingraham.

A Public Health Journeyman in the United States Air Force, Senior Airman Ingraham honorably served our nation for four years. Upon returning home from service, Senior Airman Ingraham followed her passion for service and has dedicated her life to serving her fellow veterans.

As a Veterans Services Representative with the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA), Senior Airman Ingraham works with our nation's veterans to help them in navigating the federal bureaucracy. Assisting veterans with claims for service-related disabilities, education opportunities, advance medical compensation, as well as employment and housing placement, Ingraham's work with the ODVA is truly admirable. Her devotion to ensuring that our nation's heroes receive the benefits they deserve is honorable and she sets an example we should all strive to follow.

In addition to working as a Veterans Services Representative for ODVA, Ingraham is involved with the Tulsa Vet Center, the Tulsa Stand Down for Homeless Veterans committee, and the Oklahoma Women Veterans Organization. Senior Airman Ingraham lives a life of unmatched dedication, sacrifice, and service to our great nation. She answered the call to defend freedom across the globe and sacrificed whatever was necessary in the name of that noble cause. She continues to serve our country, community, and her fellow

veterans at a high level on a daily basis. It is my honor to recognize Senior Airman Kelli Ingraham as the 1st Congressional District of Oklahoma's October Veteran of the Month.

CONGRATULATING SHELLY LUTZ ON RECEIPT OF THE VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate Shelly Lutz of Lake Harmony on being named the recipient of the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development's Volunteer & Community Impact Award.

Shelly is both the owner and director of golf at the Split Rock Golf Club in Lake Harmony, Pennsylvania. Shelly oversees the operations of a beautiful 27-hole golf course and restaurant. Of her many honors and accolades, Shelly is perhaps best known for her annual "Let's Save the Dogs" golf tournament, which raises much needed funds for the NEPA Pet Fund & Rescue, the Carbon County Animal Shelter and the Red Rock Rescue of Northeast Pennsylvania. I applaud her hard work, business savvy, and dedication to her 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 Shelly Lutz on this great honor.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY: MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with Congressman DESAULNIER to honor the incredible performance and achievements of the University of California, Berkeley Golden Bear Men's Swimming and Diving team in the 2019 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Swimming and Diving Championships.

On March 30, 2019, the Cal Bears captured the 2019 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I, swimming and diving national championship following four impressive days of competition at the Lee and Joe Jamall Texas Swimming Center in Austin, Texas.

The Cal Bears have won the NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving National Championship six times in program history. The championship was won in 1979, 1980, 2011, 2012, 2015, and 2019.

The Cal Bears also set a school record with 560 points accumulated at the NCAA championships and bested runner-up Texas by an 85-point margin of victory.

I am proud of my alma mater for having extended their run of placing in the top two at the NCAA championships to 10 consecutive years. It also brings me great pride to recognize the Cal Bears' Head Coach, David

Durden, whom will also lead the United States' Men's Swimming Olympic Team in competition in Tokyo, Japan, during the 2020 Summer Games.

Congressman DESAULNIER and I would like to also recognize the impressive student athletes of the victorious program beginning with Senior Andrew Seliskar, the first Cal Bears swimmer in 22 years to win three individual NCAA titles in one NCAA swim meet. He won the 200-yard breaststroke, the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard freestyle. Seliskar was named the 2019 College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America National Swimmer of the Year.

In addition, Congressman DESAULNIER and I would like to recognize Sophomore Ryan Hoffer for his victory of the 50-yard freestyle NCAA title. Senior Andrew Seliskar, Junior Michael Jensen, Junior Pawel Sendyk, and Sophomore Ryan Hoffer won the 200-yard freestyle relay NCAA title.

Today, on behalf of California's 13th and 11th Congressional Districts, I join Congressman DESAULNIER to commend the hard work, dedication, determination, and commitment to excellence of the student-athletes, coaches, families, and all others involved with the Cal Bears. Congratulations on a successful season and placing a finalist in every swimming event at the NCAA Championships.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 51

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of American Legion Post 51, located in North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District. Since its founding on November 20, 1919, Post 51 has made countless contributions to our community.

Over the years, Post 51 has been a fierce advocate for veterans' affairs and rehabilitation, national security, Americanism, and our children and youth. These Four Pillars of the American Legion serve as a guiding light for the organization and pervade all aspects of Post 51's philanthropic work.

Composed of service members, veterans, and military families, Post 51 represents the best our nation has to offer and I am proud to represent a district that has a strong military presence and is home to some of the bravest patriots in the country. Not only did these men and women serve our country while in uniform, they continue to give back to our community's robust veteran population.

Post 51 ensures our men and women in uniform have the resources and support they need throughout and after their service through local advocacy and assistance with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. In addition to these important services, Post 51 fosters a community of service for our children through local basketball and softball programs and the Boys & Girls Club of America.

I know I speak for our entire community in offering my most heartfelt gratitude to American Legion Post 51 for their century of service. The exemplary men and women of Post

51 are the heart and soul of our community and I wish them continued success as they serve our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in recognizing the 100th anniversary of American Legion Post 51.

IN HONOR OF JOHN HEALY, RETIRING FIRE CHIEF OF THE SAN MATEO CONSOLIDATED FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, at the end of this year, John Healy will officially step down as the Fire Chief of the Consolidated Fire Department of San Mateo. He leaves big shoes to fill, and they've grown larger over the course of his 36 year career in the fire service.

John started as a volunteer firefighter at age 19 in 1986 with the Foster City Fire Department. He quickly turned professional as he joined the Hillsborough Fire Department the following year. Ten years later he was a Captain. In 2000, he crossed the bay to serve Union City, and in 2003 he returned to his hometown of San Mateo where he remained for the next sixteen and a half years.

Between the days of his teens in the 1980's until the end of his career, his hometown of San Mateo grew from a quiet suburb of about 77,000 to over 105,000. Growth like this presents any fire department with numerous challenges. An entirely new neighborhood at Bay Meadows emerged. On the east side, a shopping center and office developments demanded resources. Complex traffic patterns and tens of thousands of additional vehicle trips on freeways lacing the city prompted increased numbers of serious medical calls every year. The list goes on.

Importantly, over the decades the financing of public services became more difficult as salaries and pensions escalated steeply. When he returned to San Mateo as a Captain in 2003, John Healy faced a community different in many ways from the one in which he grew up. However, San Mateo remained a town that valued its public safety services. This was vividly illustrated in 2008 when the economy went into a steep recession and newly-elevated Deputy Fire Chief Healy assumed responsibility to enter into a shared services agreement. By 2015, Belmont, San Mateo and Foster City were ready to enter into an agreement to formally create a new and combined department. It wasn't easy.

Now Fire Chief Healy negotiated new labor MOUSs with three cities, jumped through flaming hoops of pension contracts, axed through byzantine State governance laws, and delivered the equivalent of a new baby in the form of a charter amendment authorizing the new agency. By January of this year, the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department was up and running with a new governing board, an improved cost structure, and superior service. Chief Healy deserves the thanks of 168,000 residents in the communities that he serves.

During his career, Chief Healy served with the San Mateo County Operations Group and Communications Committee and built strong relationships with the county public safety dis-

patchers and management. He noted in a recent news article that, "Wearing the uniform and the badge was the greatest honor and it's difficult for words to fully express what that means to me."

John Healy holds a Bachelor's in Fire Administration and Fire Prevention Technology from Cogswell Polytechnical College and earned certification as Chief Officer, CICC Strike Team Leader, Fire Investigator I, Safety Officer and Division Group Supervisor. Chief Healy was aided greatly in his career by his family, notably his wife, Stacey. The couple have three sons. Two attend Sera High School. One is in college.

John Healy grew up in San Mateo with seven siblings and knows his hometown's history like he knows his own. Ask him whatever happened to the Borel estate and he'll probably tell you about the development of Borel Square and offices in its vicinity. That new library on 3rd Avenue? He'll describe its predecessor, and perhaps he even visited once or twice in his youth. Old St. Matthew's Church in downtown San Mateo? A beautiful brick building, but probably not the place a firefighter would want you to be in an earthquake. How many Fire Chiefs can claim to have responded to their first fire call in town by riding a bicycle? I don't know for sure if John Healy is one of them, but it's likely.

Today, let's give thanks for the humor and good nature of a San Mateo favorite son. With honor and great distinction, John Healy is leaving. We look forward to seeing him in Central Park during the Christmas holidays, perhaps skating at the annual ice rink, and hopefully avoiding a fire service call for a medical emergency.

CONGRATULATING THE CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON RECEIPT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF THE YEAR

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate the Carbon County Commissioners on receiving the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development Corporation's Economic Development Project of the Year Award.

The Economic Development Project of the Year Award highlights an outstanding economic development project designed to bring jobs and economic growth to Carbon County. Founded in 1843 and named for its large amount of anthracite coal deposits, Carbon County's vibrant economy is driven by manufacturing, commerce, and tourism. In a shining example of public and private cooperation, the Carbon County Commissioners, Jim Thorpe Borough, and the D&L National Heritage Corridor constructed the much-anticipated pedestrian bridge in Jim Thorpe across the Lehigh River. The completion of this bridge allows Pennsylvanians of every age to step out across this beautiful gorge and appreciate the natural beauty of our state. It's just one more reason to visit Jim Thorpe.

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 Carbon County Commissioners on this great honor and thank them for their commitment to strengthening our community.

HONORING CONTRA COSTA
TELEVISION'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Contra Costa Television (CCTV) on its 25th anniversary.

CCTV was established by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors in 1994 as a governmental and educational access cable television channel. In addition to airing programming twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week on six channels, CCTV also live streams on its website and social media to reach over 350,000 homes in Contra Costa County. CCTV connects, informs, and entertains the community by airing Board of Supervisor and District meetings, in addition to other community meetings, events, public safety information, local sports, and local programming.

CCTV's award-winning programming includes Veterans' Voices, which won the Western Alliance Video Excellence award in 2016 and 2018 and the California State Association of Counties 2015 Merit Award. Additionally, CCTV has partnered with the Clerk-Recorder-Elections Department and local chapters of the League of Women Voters to provide the Elections Preview programs. This is the only locally produced voter education programing for broadcast and online streaming.

CCTV's slogan, "Making Television Part of the Solution," highlights its dedication to serving the community by providing public broadcasting and communicating County services for the last 25 years. In an era where local journalism is disappearing at an alarming rate, CCTV is a welcome presence in the Bay Area that shares information and brings the community together.

Please join me in honoring Contra Costa Television's 25th anniversary.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
DAVID SKILLMAN

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, this week, friends, colleagues, supporters, and family of David Skillman gathered to thank him for over a dozen years of outstanding Congressional service, most recently, as my Chief Counsel and Deputy Chief of Staff.

David is the very model of professionalism. His hard work and dedication to innovative policy making represent the very best of the men and women who make Congress function.

David came by his service honestly with parents who themselves were congressional staff early in their careers. David joked that as

an infant, he was the youngest staff member of his fourth district Congressman.

As he rose through the ranks in our office, he was unstinting in his work ethic, his insight, and his integrity. Accolades have poured into our office from his former colleagues from all over America who were touched by his leadership, mentorship, and friendship.

Together, with his wife Sara Chieffo, a senior executive at the League of Conservation Voters, they were perhaps the Capitol's premier "green power couple." David's fingerprints are on dozens of major pieces of legislation both from our office and the Ways and Means Committee. For over a decade, his impact has been profound and his legacy has made a difference to us all. His innate decency and intellect served as an inspiration to me and all of his colleagues. Whatever he does in the next phases of his career, we are better for his service and I know that his contributions will continue to make America better.

We thank him for his invaluable contribution to our office and to Congress. I am deeply indebted for his service and friendship.

JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH
FOUNDATION ONE WALK

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, I walked in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation One Walk at Segra Park, home of the famous Columbia Fireflies, with members of the University of South Carolina chapter of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. I am grateful to have been able to support such an important cause and walk in support of eradicating type 1 diabetes.

The money raised at the JDRF One Walk in Columbia supports life-changing research that gives hope to those impacted by type 1 diabetes. It is an autoimmune disease that strikes suddenly and is serious and stressful to families, challenging families across our district.

Currently, there is nothing that can be done to prevent type 1 diabetes and there is no cure. JDRF is a leader in funding diabetes research, motivated by their vision of a world without type 1 diabetes. This organization works tirelessly to improve the lives of those affected by this disease by accelerating life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent, and treat diabetes.

I appreciate JDRF Palmetto Chapter Development Director Beth McCrary for her hard work and success in coordinating the JDRF Walk in Columbia and for her advocacy for ending type 1 diabetes.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

CONGRATULATING THE DELAWARE & LEHIGH NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR ON RECEIPT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor on receiving the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development Corporation's Economic Development Project of the Year Award.

The Economic Development Project of the Year Award highlights an outstanding economic development project designed to bring jobs and economic growth to Carbon County. A nationally recognized transportation route traversing railroads, canals, rivers and trails, the D&L is a magnificent piece of our community. In a shining example of a public and private cooperation the D&L National Heritage Corridor, Carbon County Commissioners and Jim Thorpe Borough constructed the much-anticipated pedestrian bridge in Jim Thorpe crossing the Lehigh River. The completion of this bridge allows Pennsylvanians of every age to step out across this beautiful gorge and appreciate the natural beauty of our state. It's just one more reason to visit Jim Thorpe.

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 Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor on this great honor and thank them for their commitment to strengthening our community.

IN HONOR OF LINDA LAURIA FOR
HER THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE

HON. ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a longtime public servant and NY-14 constituent, Linda Lauria.

On November 30, 2019, Linda Lauria, Public Affairs Specialist, will retire from the Social Security Administration. Linda's retirement will mark the close of a career that spans over 34 years of service.

Linda began her career with SSA in August 1973 as a Claims Development Clerk (GS-2, as she often proudly notes) in the East Bronx Social Security office. She was subsequently promoted to positions in the field including Service Representative, and Claims Representative before leaving the agency during February 1984 as a new mother.

Linda rejoined SSA during July 1996, as a Service Representative in the Jamaica Tele-service Center, and was promoted to Benefit Authorizer at the Northeastern Program Service Center during January 1998. She returned to the East Bronx Social Security office as a Claims Representative during September

1998, and joined the Regional Public Affairs Office during November 2005, serving as primary liaison between SSA and the offices of federal, state, and local elected officials. Since that time, Linda has been instrumental in the timely resolution of several thousand constituent inquiries, eliminating barriers between our most vulnerable beneficiaries and their essential cash benefits. She was promoted to Public Affairs Specialist during 2015, the position from which she will retire.

Linda's outstanding contributions to the Agency have been recognized with several awards including Deputy Commissioner's Citations, and the New York Regional Management Society's Regional Office Employee of the Year.

Throughout Linda's career, she has brought intelligence, technical savvy, practical knowledge, and a strong commitment to excellence to every assignment.

Madam Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Linda Lauria and her dedication to public service and her community.

RECOGNIZING MICKEY GANITCH

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mickey Ganitch, World War II (WWII) Navy veteran and survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor, who celebrated his 100th birthday on November 18, 2019.

Mr. Ganitch proudly refers to his younger self as, "just a country boy from Ohio." He was born into a large family and had 13 brothers and sisters. As a young man, Mr. Ganitch's curiosity resulted in a close following of world events and he began to see the deterioration of the situations in Europe and Asia. His concern about the human condition drove him to join the Navy in January 1941, less than 11 months before the Pearl Harbor attack.

When December 6, 1941 arrived, Mr. Ganitch was going about his business on the USS *Pennsylvania* in a football jersey. He was on the ship's team and was supposed to play a game against those serving on the USS *Arizona* that day. Shortly before a practice, the ship's phone rang, alerting the crew of an incoming attack. With rounds bombarding the ship and its crew, Mr. Ganitch climbed the main mast to the crow's nest. From there he was able to alert the gunners below of further incoming enemies, allowing them to bring them down and saving the lives of those on the decks beneath him.

While his experience in Pearl Harbor was certainly a defining moment in his life, Mr. Ganitch continued to serve throughout WWII and the Korean War. He was later assigned to a recruitment post in Oakland, California, right back where his military career began, before retiring as a Senior Chief Quartermaster on October 10, 1963.

Mr. Ganitch is a fixture in our community. He is immediately recognizable by his vivid and extensive wardrobe of Hawaiian shirts and larger-than-life smile. He was also known for how well he "cut a rug" during the musical

numbers at every Veterans Day event. Even today, Mr. Ganitch devotes his time to volunteering with veterans' organizations in the Bay Area and educating school children about the war in an effort to never let the events at Pearl Harbor be forgotten.

I thank Mr. Ganitch for his selfless service to our country. I hope to continue learning from his example of a century-long life well-lived.

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROFESSOR KASTURI RANGAN

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the achievements of Professor Kasturi Rangan of the Harvard Business School on Thursday, November 21, 2019.

Professor Rangan began his education by receiving a Bachelor of Technology degree from the Indian Institute of Technology Madras in 1971, and an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad in 1973. He then held a number of marketing positions for large corporations in India before receiving a Ph.D. in marketing from Northwestern in 1983.

After receiving his Ph.D. Professor Rangan joined the faculty of the Harvard Business School in 1983 as a marketing professor. He served as the chair of the Marketing Department from 1998–2002 and is currently the chairman of the Harvard Social Enterprise Initiative. He has taught first-year core classes, second-year electives, and in the upper level Advanced Management Program for senior managers. Professor Rangan has also received multiple academic awards over the course of his career, including the 2002 Editors' Prize for the Best Scholarly Paper and the 2014 Case Centre Award in Economics, Politics and Business Environment.

Along with his extensive teaching credentials, Professor Rangan has co-authored ten books and dozens of scholarly articles published in academic journals. One of his recent case studies titled "Performance Marketing in the Digital Age" looks at Gupta Media, a group started by Gogi Gupta who is a close friend of Professor Rangan and from Western New York. His active interest in the continual improvement of marketing and management strategies makes Professor Rangan an invaluable asset to the business community, and an individual whose impact is felt in many communities including my own.

Professor Rangan has actively researched the role of marketing in nonprofit organizations, and often focuses on how this marketing impacts adoption of social products and ideas. His goal is to develop models of successful businesses that bring value to the lowest income earners in our modern economy. Specifically, he is attempting to address the needs and wants of the 4.2 billion individuals worldwide who live on less than \$5 a day. This research should be commended for its value in uplifting the most vulnerable members of our society.

Madam Speaker, I take this time to recognize the achievements and contributions of

Professor Kasturi Rangan. We extend our best wishes as he continues to lead the business community in marketing research and developing solutions for economically disadvantaged individuals.

CONGRATULATING DORRIE MERLUZZI ON RECEIPT OF THE AMBASSADORS AWARD

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate Dorrie Merluzzi of Palmerton on receiving the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development Corporation's (CCEDC) Ambassadors Award.

The Ambassadors Award recognizes an outstanding individual dedicated to supporting the local chamber through organizing and attending events, assisting staff, and serving as the backbone of the organization. Ambassadors selflessly give their time and talents to embody the Chamber's tireless spirit and cultivate a stronger community. Dorinda Merluzzi demonstrates all these qualities in her service to the Chamber and to our community. Always willing to lend a helping hand with a cheerful and calming presence, her leadership, direction, and motivation has set a tremendous example for other Ambassadors.

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 Dorrie Merluzzi on this great honor and thank her for their commitment to strengthening our community.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF PETE SZYMANSKI

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to extend my deepest sympathies to the family of Pete Szymanski who we lost unexpectedly earlier this year. Pete was an extraordinary soul whose kind heart and generosity touched the lives of many.

Pete was a dedicated member of our military having served as a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps and served on active duty at the Detroit Arsenal in Michigan as well as the Army Reserve. Following his active duty service, Pete began a 33-year civilian career with the Army at the Detroit Arsenal before moving to the Stratford Army Engine Plant (SAEP) where he served for 22 years, retiring just this past February. It was through the SAEP that I had the opportunity to meet Pete. He was Army Installation Manager and, though the property was closed many years ago through a Base Realignment and Closure process, Pete remained at the site, hoping to see the property transferred for redevelopment before his retirement. Unfortunately, we are still working towards that goal. I would be remiss if I did not extend a special

note of thanks to Pete for his willingness to work with myself and my staff over the years as we have worked with the Army and the Stratford community to move the transfer and redevelopment process forward.

Pete played a unique and special role in the closure of the SAEP. He was determined that the site would not become just another abandoned eyesore. It was Pete who both envisioned and executed a plan to dispose of the excess Allied Signal machinery in a way that garnered millions of dollars for the Army and it was Pete that approved the use of the SAEP as a redistribution point for the 9–11 recovery supplies. He carefully budgeted every penny of the scarce budget he managed to ensure that the property remained properly maintained. It was also Pete who showed his support for the community by opening the facilities for a variety of activities including K–9 training and the Viki Soto SK, an annual run in memory of the young Stratford teacher whose life was cut tragically short at the school shooting in Newtown.

Pete Szymanski was an extraordinary man whose commitment and dedication to his job and his community earned him the respect and admiration of friends, colleagues, and community leaders alike. Today, I am honored to rise to pay tribute to his memory and to extend my heartfelt condolences to his wife, Kathryn, and their family. Pete's passing will leave a hole in the hearts of all those who knew him and a void in the community that will never quite be filled.

HONORING LIEUTENANT THOMAS
EVERT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize today that former Congressman Petri's father, LT Thomas Evert, the pilot, and the crew of U.S. Navy Plane No. 63917 will be posthumously awarded medals for their heroic actions in the sinking of a German U-boat off the coast of the Bahamas in World War II. On August 7, 1943, U.S. Navy plane No. 63917, a U.S. Navy PB4Y Liberator Bomber of Bombing Squadron 105 (VB–105) piloted by Lt. Thomas Evert, USNR, successfully located German U-boat 84 and, after a four-and-a-half-hour engagement at close quarters in the face of hostile enemy fire, sank the submarine.

Prior to this action, German U-boat 84, a type VIII B Boat, was deployed off the coast of the Bahamas and the east coast of Florida. Hundreds of Allied naval vessels as well as, over 3,000 Allied merchant vessels were destroyed resulting in the deaths of over 70,000 aviators and seamen during the Battle of the Atlantic. As with all U-boats, the presence of U-boat 84 posed a serious threat to Allied war efforts in the western hemisphere.

Following their heroic efforts, Lt. Evert and his crew, as well as plane No. 63917 were reassigned to the United Kingdom. On October 22, 1943, Lt. Evert and his crew, along with the Bomber, went down after an aerial engagement with a German Blohm & Voss BV 222 Viking off the Atlantic coast of Europe.

Though long-delayed, the pilot and crew of U.S. Navy plane No. 63917 will receive the following posthumous awards:

LT Thomas Rudolph Evert, pilot: The Distinguished Flying Cross

LT David William Emmet, co-pilot: The Air Medal

ENS James O'Hara, second pilot: The Air Medal

ENS Edward J. Ellis, navigator, bombardier: The Air Medal

AMM1 Kendall L. Dungey, crown turret gunner: The Air Medal

AMM2 Karl J. Bertram, port waist gunner: The Air Medal

ARM2 John F. Wagner, radio operator: The Air Medal

ARM3 James T. Goble, radio operator: The Air Medal

AOM3 Raymond O. Haines, bow lookout, bow gunner: The Air Medal

AMMC3 Edwin Emery Winship, tail turret gunner: The Air Medal

In April 2018, I joined former Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Shuster, current Chairman DEFAZIO, Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER, Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI, and former Congressman Frank LoBiondo in urging the Navy to approve these awards. These awards are well deserved, and I am pleased to congratulate former Congressman Petri and the families of all the crew members of the PB4Y Liberator Bomber on receiving them.

CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF
GUPTA MEDIA GROUP AND MR.
GUPTA'S COMMITMENT TO THE
WESTERN NEW YORK COMMU-
NITY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the success of Gupta Media and Mr. Gogi Gupta's commitment to the Western New York Community on Thursday, November 21, 2019.

Gupta Media is a digital marketing agency that specializes in media buying, creative design, and technology solutions. Since their founding in 2005 by Gogi Gupta they have consistently been on the forefront of maximizing advertising effectiveness for clients in multiple industries. Currently, Gupta Media represents a number of music artists signed to both large and small record labels, including artists who have performed and been nominated during the Grammy awards show in past years. This October Gupta Media was included as a case study within the Harvard Business Review, where it was recognized as having a successful business model which optimizes its clients marketing dollars with a high degree of performance.

During his youth Mr. Gupta spent some of his time in Pittsburgh before finishing high school in Hamburg, NY, a suburb of Buffalo, NY. He attended Frontier High School before being accepted to Cornell University, where he graduated in 2000 with a degree in public policy. He founded Gupta Media in 2005 after deciding to take his marketing career into his own hands. The company's first major success came when they helped the music duo Aly & AJ reach the top of MTV's "Total Request Live" charts. Since then, Gupta Media

has only grown in stature and now proudly employs more than 50 people.

Following this success Mr. Gupta did not stop, going on to create the automated and publicly available product smartURL in 2011. Built to redirect online users to specific internet destinations based on the country they are accessing the site from, smartURL has been used by professional athletes, multinational corporations, and celebrities, and is another example of the intelligent innovation Mr. Gupta has fostered.

While Mr. Gupta currently lives in Boston, MA, where he manages Gupta Media, he has remained connected to his hometown of Buffalo, NY. He has adopted fandom for the local MLB team, the Boston Red Sox, but is still loyal to his hometown Buffalo Bills and Sabers. Mr. Gogi Gupta is emblematic of the hard work and dedication that the Western New York community thrives on, and I am proud that Mr. Gupta finds his roots in Buffalo.

Madam Speaker, I am certain that Mr. Gupta will continue to be at the forefront of change and foster innovation and creativity. We extend our best wishes to him and Gupta Media as they continue to lead this industry into the future.

CONGRATULATING JENNY'S
SWEETS & MORE ON RECEIPT OF
THE ROOKIE BUSINESS OF THE
YEAR AWARD

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate Jenny's Sweets and More in Lehighon on being named the recipient of the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development Corporation's Rookie Business of the Year Award.

The Rookie Business of the Year recognizes a business in operation less than two years that has demonstrated enthusiasm, community spirit and commitment to growing in Carbon County. Jenny's Sweets and More, owned by Jennifer Solt-Cerato, has proven to be an outstanding addition to the Lehighon community. In addition to offering delicious candies, Jenny's Sweets and More always has an eye to the community and places a heavy emphasis on giving back. This business brings joy and light to its customers, both young and old, and represents the values of kindness and altruism that are characteristic of our Pennsylvania communities.

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 Jenny's Sweets and More on this great honor and thank her for her commitment to our community.

HONORING MS. ANITA BOURN 30
YEARS AS A CONGRESSIONAL
STAFFER

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my very own, Ms. Anita Faye Bourn, for thirty years of dedicated service as a congressional staffer. Anita's career with the U.S. House of Representatives began in 1989 when my predecessor, Gene Taylor, won the special election. Anita was hired on as a secretary, but quickly found her niche through constituent services. When I first took office in 2010, I had the opportunity to carry over staff from the previous administration. Anita was an obvious choice and to this day, has proven to be one of my most trusted staffers.

Anita was born and raised in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, with family, faith, and music at her epicenter. She would say her mother, Christine Bourn, is the heart and soul of the family. She has two sons, and a niece, to whom she is known as "Tee-Tee". Anita also claims a host of brothers and sisters in Christ through her church family at Shady Grove Baptist Church. Anita is a long-time member of the church music ministry and is deservedly considered the resident "rock star". I can attest to this as I have had the privilege of hearing her beautiful rendition of "God Bless America".

Anita's musical career officially began at the age of 12, when she started playing piano during church services. Since then, Anita has served as Director of the inspirational choir, the senior adult choir, and the men's chorus, while also directing the annual Easter and Christmas programs. One year, she depicted the Christian family in Tyler Perry's *Madea* style, which was undoubtedly an audience favorite. More recently, Anita was nominated as the Choir Director of the Year at the Gulf Coast Gospel Music Awards. Whether she is serving my constituents, or ministering to her community, Anita pours her heart into each of her endeavors.

In a few words, Anita is faith-filled, compassionate, vibrant, and a true expert in her field. I could not ask for a better representative among my staff. To close, I would like to share one of Anita's favorite bible verses, Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose". Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Ms. Anita Bourn for thirty exceptional years.

IN HONOR OF SUSAN MANHEIMER,
RETIRING POLICE CHIEF OF SAN
MATEO

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, local law enforcement often establishes a link with children through use of a costumed character known as "McGruff the Crime Dog." Universally trusted, McGruff makes police and their awesome

duties accessible. However, in the City of San Mateo, McGruff is outmatched in popularity by Police Chief Susan Manheimer. Once you know Chief Manheimer, it's easy to see why many in a room give her a hug and ignore the dog.

She is a Chief who is tough but kind, patient with the just but impatient with the dishonorable, quick to draw a line in the sand when public safety necessitates it but equally quick to reach out to troubled youths or adults when the security of the community and human dignity require it. Many parents with troubled teens have come to know Susan under difficult circumstances. Most would tell you her influence was akin to a heavenly blessing wrapped in a dark blue uniform with a badge.

Chief Manheimer is now retiring. From all who know her, it is likely that one tear will be shed in joy because she earned family and recreation time and they are happy about her future. Another will be shed because the wisdom she exhibited must now be found amongst the rest of us. We wonder if we are equal to the task.

Her mantra is "community policing." The gift of her service is that she stressed both words equally. She first exhibited this talent as an officer in one of San Francisco's most challenging neighborhoods, the Tenderloin. She spearheaded a Safety Ambassador Program, a community improvement district, homeless outreach teams, and juvenile diversion and referral practices. Her résumé notes that she served with the SFPD decoy unit, as well as in violent-crime suppression and gang suppression. As her star rose within the department, it was obvious that the community trusted Susan Manheimer.

In 2000, she was welcomed as the first woman to serve as the San Mateo Police Chief. Under her leadership, and with the strong support of the outstanding men and women of the San Mateo Police Department, the community, city management, and her city council, the department received awards for the improved quality of life in San Mateo.

She built her department's practices based upon evidence about sustainable solutions that strike at the root of neighborhood safety and quality of life. Her department emphasizes building legitimacy, trust and engagement between the police and the community.

This is best exhibited by remarks of one of the past officers who managed the Police Activities League. When that officer would see a group of boisterous teens on a street corner, she could often recognize each of them and would wave. They were her team members, not a youth gang. Chief Manheimer, joined by an outstanding staff, built that close relationship with the community. In addition to youth sports, she also started homeless outreach teams and sought increased resources for the homeless. Crime was suppressed by working with neighborhood leaders. Youth crime plummeted in part because sports substituted for mischief.

Chief Manheimer's regional, state, national, and international professional accomplishments are too numerous to mention in full. These include serving on the Juvenile Justice Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, serving as the first woman President of the California Police Chief's Association and the San Mateo County Chief's and Sheriff's Association, and serving on the Board of Directors of the Peninsula Conflict

Resolution Center. She holds a Bachelor's in Business Management from Saint Mary's College in Moraga and a Master's in Educational Leadership from San Diego State University.

It's been a privilege to call Susan Manheimer a friend. She can be riotously funny and is always the spark in the room of any gathering. When she shows up in uniform, her shoes are polished to Marine Corps standards. Her son, Jesse, is a Captain in the Corps. Ever competitive, Mom won't be outdone. Her daughter, Sarah, is an accomplished attorney. Susan is also the grandmother of Jackson, Lucas and Karina.

Madam Speaker, we were fortunate Police Chief Susan Manheimer has led the City of San Mateo with us. McGruff will someday come back in his uniform. Susan will walk amongst us in civilian attire. That's ok. In our childhood imaginations we adored McGruff. In the adult world, we will always love our favorite top cop. Happy retirement Police Chief Susan Manheimer.

CELEBRATING THE NAVAL SERVICE OF EDWIN EARL THOMPSON

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank a great sailor, Chief Edwin "Easy" Thompson, United States Navy (Retired), for thirty years of service as an Engineman Chief Master Diver (Frogman) in the United States Navy.

After enlisting in the Navy in 1944, Thompson served on the hospital ship USS *Haven* (AH-12) and evacuated wounded from the Marshall Islands, Guam, and other South Pacific Islands. During World War II, Mr. Thompson also served aboard a destroyer minesweeper in the Straits of Alaska. Thompson served on many ships during his career, but one of his greatest highlights was serving as a Marine Honor Guard when the Battleship *Texas* (BB-35) was turned over to the state of Texas in 1948.

From 1948 to 1952, Edwin Thompson was stationed on the Battleship *Missouri* (BB-63). On the *Missouri*, he participated in the battles of Inchon and Hungnam during the Korean War. Mr. Thompson has also pointed out that he was on the USS *Missouri* both times she ran aground.

In the 1950s, Easy joined the Underwater Demolition Team Two, Unit 22 and served alongside his friend, Michael Murphy who was killed in Vietnam during an underwater explosion. Michael Murphy's grandson, Navy SEAL Lt. Michael P. Murphy, posthumously received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions during SEAL Team One's Operation Red Wings in Afghanistan.

On January 17, 1966, a U.S. Air Force B-52 bomber armed with hydrogen bombs collided mid-air with a tanker while refueling over the Mediterranean Sea near Palomares, Spain. One hundred tons of flaming wreckage was spread over 15 square miles with one of the bombs tumbling into the sea. Thankfully, the three other bombs hit the ground and did not explode.

The Chief of Naval Operations created Task Force 65 consisting of 34 ships, 2,200 sailors,

130 frogmen (including Chief Edwin Thompson), and 4 miniature submarines to recover the warhead from the sea. Secretary of the Navy Paul Ignatius later described the successful recovery as “the largest and most difficult deep-sea search ever conducted by any country in the world.” Thompson’s team of frogmen recovered the warhead under 2,162 feet of water just a few feet from edge of a 5,000-foot abyss. The recovered warheads were 75 times more powerful than the Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

Following his retirement from the Navy, Mr. Thompson continued diving and worked for Brown & Root for many years. He also served as a Reserve Deputy with the Harris County Precinct Three Constable’s Office for twenty years. Thompson has served as Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 912 Commander and is a life-member of several other community organizations, including the American Legion and Fleet Reserve Association. He is also a member of the Shiners and Freemasons.

Edwin Thompson was married to Mrs. Margaret Bell Griffin Thompson for forty-four years until her death in 1992. Together they have seven children: John, Tammy, Lorrie Anne, Mary Frances, Don Marie, Sue Ellen, and Margaret. He has 49 grandchildren, and many other great-grandchildren. The Thompson family has a long history of career military service to our country spanning several generations.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank Chief Edwin “Easy” Thompson, as well as his family, for their selfless service to this great nation.

HONORING MARILYN GLAZER

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the compassionate and efficient service and valuable contributions of my dear personal friend, Ms. Marilyn Glazer, who is retiring from her role as Niles Township Supervisor on December 31, 2019. Marilyn has served as an effective elected official to her community for nearly 15 years, and her leadership has changed Niles Township for the better.

Marilyn Glazer was first elected as a Niles Township Trustee in 2005, and she held this position until her election as Supervisor in 2014. Marilyn worked hard to make sure that Niles Township residents had access to the best services that the township could offer.

Marilyn helped to increase resources allocated to the Niles Township food pantry and under her leadership, the food pantry has grown and moved into a new and larger space. The food pantry provides a lifeline for many township residents. Marilyn helped establish local grants available for qualifying students to attend Oakton Community College, and scholarships for day care and park district day camp. She also oversaw efforts to meaningfully improve and expand access to senior legal services, immigration services, and utility bill assistance.

My office has worked closely with Niles Township throughout Marilyn’s tenure to ensure that our shared constituents receive effective and efficient assistance. My district

staff holds regular neighborhood office hours in the township offices and works closely with the township staff to solve constituents’ problems. Marilyn maintained excellent working relationships with my staff and has always been a fierce advocate for Niles Township residents.

Marilyn will continue her long and successful career as a realtor and real estate teacher after her retirement from the township.

Marilyn Glazer’s professional work speaks for itself, and I deeply admire her dedicated effort to better the lives of residents throughout Niles Township. On behalf of the constituents of the 9th Congressional District, I thank Marilyn for her service and tireless work over the last 15 years.

CONGRATULATING JESSICA ADAMCZYK ON RECEIPT OF THE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate Jessica Adamczyk of Weatherly on receiving the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development Corporation’s Young Professional of the Year Award.

The Young Professional of the Year Award highlights a Carbon County Young Professional highly involved in CCEDC events and community programs. Jessica graduated from Weatherly High School in 2013 and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Kutztown University in 2016. Currently a Marketing Associate at Heritage Hill Senior Community, Jessica is also incredibly engaged with the Hazelton and Carbon County Chambers, serving on the board of the Future Leaders of Carbon County Community. She also volunteers with Gap Inc. and serves as the Business Operations Manager for the Weatherly Ambulance Association. Lastly, Jessica recognizes the importance of a health community, founding the Weatherly Recreation Committee and participating in the Weatherly Summer Volleyball League. Carbon County’s future is bright with young and enthusiastic leaders like Jessica leading the way.

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 Jessica Adamczyk on this great honor and thank her for her commitment to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF TOM BRADLEY AFTER NEARLY 30 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED FEDERAL SERVICE

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career and retirement of Tom Bradley after 24 years of service at the Congressional Budget Office. Tom has been Chief of the Medicare Cost Es-

timates Unit for 21 of those years. He also spent almost 6 years at the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Department of Health and Human Services, for a total of nearly 30 years in federal service.

It is hard to overstate Tom’s role in analyzing the budgetary impacts of health legislation over the past two decades. Notable examples include the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015. In all of those interactions, Tom has been instrumental in providing insightful and objective estimates of the effects of every piece of important health care legislation that the Congress has considered, debated, and enacted since 1995.

Tom has worked tirelessly with Members of Congress and our staff on both sides of the aisle throughout the years. During many hours of discussion and explanation, he was never less than methodically forthright and fair, embodying CBO’s commitment to nonpartisan analysis. He helped us understand the key levers to move an estimate and the need to focus on making the language match the intent.

Tom also trained numerous CBO analysts to think harder, dig deeper, and consider all the possible outcomes of a bill. The high standards that he set for himself and for the Medicare Unit will continue to be a benchmark for CBO’s health analysis going forward.

Tom can look forward to a well-earned retirement with his wife, Judith, in Florida. He leaves CBO and Washington with the thanks and appreciation of the Congress.

TRIBUTE TO VERONICA DAVILA

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the life of Ms. Veronica Davila who passed away on November 13, 2019 at the age of 66. Ms. Davila hails from my hometown of San Antonio, Texas and is survived by her children, Lisa Luna, Enoch Díaz and Maricela Díaz-Wells; eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and four siblings. A life-long advocate and educator, her contribution to the San Antonio community is irreplaceable. She will be greatly missed.

Veronica Davila was born on December 16, 1952 to Adolfo Rodriguez, Sr. and Leonarda Vasquez Jimenez. Early on she developed a keen interest in family, community, and faith. For thirty years she worked extensively in the community and in non-profit organizations. For decades she dedicated herself to planning and the implementation of programs to end family violence.

Until her untimely passing, Ms. Davila worked with the P.E.A.C.E. Initiative, or Putting An End to Abuse through Community Efforts. She was also known to help at-risk youth and victims of domestic violence.

Madam Speaker, my heart goes out to the family and loved ones of Ms. Veronica Davila. A true hero in our community, she forged life-long friendships and connections with the many people she helped. At times, victims of domestic and family violence go unheard. Her passion and dedication to survivors gave them a voice. Her contribution to the San Antonio community will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING TOM CAULFIELD

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Tom Caulfield, the Founder and Director/President of Veteran Community Initiatives, for his commitment to our region's veterans.

A U.S. Army Vietnam veteran, Mr. Caulfield has dedicated his life to serving others. As founder of Veteran Community Initiatives, he and his team have touched the lives of thousands of veterans in our region. Since its inception in 1993, Veteran Community Initiatives has helped nearly 9,000 veterans and their family members in the PA Laurel Highlands and the Southern Alleghenies.

In addition to his work with VCI, Mr. Caulfield is active with many veteran service organizations, including his current work on the James E. Van Zandt VA Medical Center's Veterans Advisory Council, the former Defense Veterans Brain Injury Center—Johnstown as Board Chairman, the Penn Highlands Community College/John P. Murtha Scholarship Committee as Chairman, and the Cambria County Business and Education Consortia.

By caring and advocating for Pennsylvania veterans, Mr. Caulfield has established an indelible legacy. It is my privilege to recognize this community leader for his lifelong dedication to our nation and to his fellow veterans.

HONORING DEPUTY CHIEF TERRY CLANTON AND HIS 36-YEAR CAREER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Deputy Police Chief Terry Clanton on his 36 years of service to our community with the Kannapolis Police Department, located in North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District.

Over the last 36 years, Terry has made countless contributions to our area. He started his career in 1984 as a patrol officer for the Kannapolis Police Department and retires today as the Deputy Police Chief. His strong character and leadership enabled him to advance within the Kannapolis Police Department, culminating as Deputy Police Chief.

Growing up in Cabarrus and Rowan Counties, Terry knew he wanted to give back to his community through law enforcement. Rising through the ranks of patrol, investigations, staff services, and support services, his outsized contributions to the Kannapolis Police Department have been profound and unmatched. Terry helped guide his office through the transition that followed the incorporation of the City of Kannapolis and saw the number of police officers rise from 48 to over 100. Described by colleagues as dedicated, loyal, and a true professional, his legacy of service will be felt for years to come.

Terry will continue his career in law enforcement as the Director of Law Enforcement Training at Guilford Technical Community Col-

lege, where he will train our next generation of leaders. I know I speak for everyone in the community when I say we are truly grateful for his unwavering service and cannot thank him enough. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him success in his future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Terry Clanton on his 36 years of service to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF COMMANDER SAMMY L. VICKERS

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and remember the life of one of Northwest Florida's most notable citizens, Commander Sammy L. Vickers, who passed away on March 29, 2018. Commander Vickers was born in 1946, in Corpus Christi, TX, and lived a lifetime full of impressive and dedicated service to our nation.

Commander Vickers served heroically in the United States Navy for 22 years. As a P-3C Orion pilot during the tumultuous years of the Cold War, Commander Vickers patrolled the waters of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans hunting Russian submarines. His dedication to duty helped ensure the safety of millions of grateful Americans.

Commander Vickers was later assigned to VP-6 in Hawaii and VP-5 in Jacksonville, Florida. He also served aboard the USS *Eisenhower*, CVN 69. Commander Vickers' service in the United States military culminated as the Executive Officer at Whiting Field in Florida, where he eventually retired.

However, Commander Vickers' life of service did not conclude with his retirement from the United States Navy. In 1995, Commander Vickers served the Santa Rosa community as the Executive Director of the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce.

Following his time with the Santa Rosa Chamber, Commander Vickers devoted his time to leading the Pace High School Navy JROTC unit. He served as unit commander for 18 years, leading Pace High School to top national honors in 2003.

Even during his time as the unit leader of the Pace High School Navy JROTC, Commander Vickers continued to selflessly devote himself to our community as he partnered with several other community organizations. Commander Vickers consistently dedicated his time to the service of others.

Commander Vickers was revered and loved by all who knew him. To honor his extraordinary legacy, the traditional "Celebrating Our Veterans" ceremony at Pace High School will be renamed "Commander Sam Vickers Celebration of America at Pace High School."

On behalf of the United States Congress, I recognize and honor a remarkable man for his selfless service to his country. I am grateful for his lasting contributions to our community and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of a faithful and dedicated American hero.

SHARK FIN SALES ELIMINATION ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Ranking Member MCCAUL and Representative SABLAN for their leadership on H.R. 737, the Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act, an important animal and wildlife protection bill. Their efforts earned the broad bipartisan support of nearly 290 Members of the House who cosponsored the bill which passed on an overwhelming bipartisan basis.

Many sharks are killed through the horrific method of "shark finning," a method of removing fins from sharks while they are still alive at sea and discarding the rest of the shark. This bill would expand the Shark Conservation Act, which was passed in 2010, prohibiting the commercial trade of shark fins and products containing shark fins, to also prohibit taking the fins of sharks at sea.

Currently, shark finning is illegal in U.S. waters, but more is needed to protect these rapidly declining shark populations. Shark fins sold in the U.S. come from all over the world, including locations which have no bans on finning. The United States is in the top 15 shark-fin-importing countries in terms of volume. It is highly likely that shark fins sold in the United States come from sharks that have been brutally finned from places that allow shark finning.

Some populations have declined by up to 90 percent in recent decades leaving almost 25 percent of shark and ray species at risk of extinction. These global populations are currently threatened by this practice and instituting this ban will help to reduce the demand for shark fins and conserve these species while still allowing the sales of shark meat and products.

My home state of Illinois has already enacted a law prohibiting the shark fin trade joining 12 states and 3 territories that already have laws banning the sale of shark fins, similar to this bill.

I voted yes on this bill and applaud my colleagues who also voted in favor of H.R. 737, the Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act.

CONGRATULATING JOEY B'S BAR & RESTAURANT ON RECEIPT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate Joey B's Bar & Restaurant in Lehighton on receiving the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development Corporation's Business of the Year Award.

The Business of the Year Award recognizes a business that has demonstrated achievement and innovation in management, workplace excellence, and has committed to growing here in Carbon County. Established in

1988 by Chip and Shari Solt to honor the passing of a friend, Joey Barbosa, Joey B's has evolved into a vibrant gathering place for those in the community. The Solt family has been committed to continuing their tradition of offering a warm atmosphere for friends to gather and create memories—truly making Joey B's a place "Where Good Friends Meet."

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 Joey B's Bar & Restaurant on this great honor and thank them for their commitment to our community.

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS ACT

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letter I sent to the U.S. Attorney General concerning H.R. 4729, the Courtney Wild Crime Victims' Rights Act.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 21, 2019.

Hon. WILLIAM BARR,
U.S. Attorney General,
Washington, DC.

DEAR ATTORNEY GENERAL BARR: I write to raise concerns about a court filing recently made by prosecutors in the Department, who cited my recent legislative efforts to support Jeffrey Epstein's victims as being in opposition to their currently pending petition before the Eleventh Circuit. I hope that you will direct your prosecutors to correct the misimpression that their inaccurate representation has created.

I introduced H.R. 4729, the Courtney Wild Crime Victims' Rights Reform Act (the "CVRA Reform Act"), in the House of Representatives on October 17, 2019. The bill was inspired by the challenges faced by the victims of serial sexual predator Jeffrey Epstein in Florida, who were left in the dark as prosecutors hashed out a secretive and shockingly lenient plea deal. Among other things, my bill would clarify the scope of rights guaranteed by the Crime Victims' Rights Act ("CVRA"), 18 U.S.C. §3771(a), by stating what the law already provides in more explicit terms and conforming the text to the original intent of Congress.

In an attempt to deny the rights of Epstein's victims in Florida, attorneys in the Department latched onto my bill and misrepresented its intent in a brief recently submitted to the Eleventh Circuit. Brief of the United States, In re Courtney Wild, No. 19-13843 (11th Cir. Oct. 31, 2019). In particular, the Department stated that my CVRA Reform Act would "amend the CVRA to state that its rights are extended to cover non-prosecution agreements." *Id.* at 43.

That is not what my bill would do. It would not "extend[]" the CVRA's rights to non-prosecution agreements, since the CVRA already covers non-prosecution agreements. Rather, the bill would merely clarify that the CVRA covers non-prosecution agreements.

This is exactly what was said in the press release the Department's attorneys cited:

The Crime Victims' Rights Reform Act will:

Clarify that victims of federal crimes have the right to confer with the Government and be informed about key pre-charging developments in a case, such as . . . non-prosecution agreements.

Press Release, Rep. Speier Introduces Bipartisan Courtney Wild Crime Victims' Rights Reform Act of 2019 to Rectify Injustices Faced by Epstein's Victims (Oct. 17, 2019) (emphasis added), available at <https://speier.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-speier-introducesbipartisan-courtney-wild-crime-victims-rights>.

Your prosecutors are obviously attempting to suggest that it is my view, and the view of my legislative co-sponsors, that existing law does not provide protection to Courtney Wild and other victims. But, as the press release states, the legislation is designed to "clarify" what we understood to already be existing law and Congressional intent under the CVRA.

The CVRA already provides that crime victims have CVRA rights during the entirety of a criminal case—at every stage, from the initial investigation all the way through any disposition and sentence. Earlier in the Epstein case, the District Court rejected the Department's crabbed interpretation, relying on numerous court opinions correctly holding that the rights guaranteed by the CVRA "extend to the pre-charge stage of criminal investigations and proceedings." *Doe v. United States*, 950 F. Supp. 2d 1262, 1267 (S.D. Fla. 2013) (collecting cases); see also *In re Dean*, 527 F.3d 391, 394 (5th Cir. 2008). When Congress enacted the CVRA, it intended to protect crime victims throughout the criminal justice process—from the investigative phases to the conclusion of a case. Congress could not have been clearer in its direction that using "best efforts" to enforce the CVRA was an obligation of "[o]fficers and employees of the Department of Justice and other departments and agencies of the United States engaged in the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime." 18 U.S.C. §3771(c)(1) (emphasis added).

This is not the first time the Department has misinterpreted legislative history in trying to deny victims their rights. For example, in 2011 Senator Kyl, one of the sponsors of the CVRA, was compelled to put a statement into the Congressional Record when the Justice Department twisted his words. See Letter from Jon Kyl, U.S. Sen. to Eric H. Holder, Jr., Att'y Gen. (June 6, 2011), reprinted in 157 Cong. Rec. S3608 (daily ed. June 8, 2011). Senator Kyl was responding to a 2010 Office of Legal Counsel opinion in which the Department cited his statements in support of the CVRA's passage to arrive at the (incorrect) position that CVRA rights only "are guaranteed from the time that criminal proceedings are initiated (by complaint, information, or indictment) and cease to be available if all charges are dismissed either voluntarily or on the merits (or if the Government declines to bring formal charges after the filing of a complaint)." Office of Legal Counsel, Mem. Op., The Availability of Crime Victims' Rights Under the Crime Victims' Rights Act of 2004 (Dec. 17, 2010, publicly released May 20, 2011). Congress responded by clarifying that the CVRA includes "[t]he right to be informed in a timely manner of any plea bargain or deferred prosecution agreement." Pub. L. 114-22, title I, §113(a), 129 Stat. 240.

Despite Congress' clear intention to provide rights to victims throughout the criminal process, the Department has consistently read the CVRA narrowly and shirked its statutorily required "best efforts." That is one reason I was compelled to write the CVRA Reform Act—to get the Department to follow through on the CVRA's promises. I am displeased that my legislation and accompanying press release were misinterpreted, and I trust that you will direct your prosecutors to correct with the Eleventh Cir-

cuit their erroneous description of the proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

JACKIE SPEIER.

CELEBRATING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF LELAND CALVIN BUTLER

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Leland Calvin "L.C." Butler, a 96 year old World War II veteran of the United States Marine Corps, for his service to our great nation.

L.C. Butler was born in Temple, Texas on July 19, 1923 to Ann Patton Butler. His family moved to Houston in 1932. On August 19, 1942, Mr. Butler enlisted in the United States Marines Corps in San Antonio, Texas. He attended boot camp in San Diego, California for seven weeks, training one week at the firing range, and two months in Imperial Valley, California learning how to operate the "big guns."

A new anti-aircraft battalion was formed and L.C. became part of the 2nd Airdrome Battalion, which later became the 17th Defense Battalion. Butler's battalion's assignment was to provide anti-aircraft defense to airstrips secured by Allied Forces and to protect them after they were secured. As a result, he did not see as much fighting as many of his friends. Butler considers their assignment the luck of the draw.

Butler's division was sent to the Nukufetau Atoll where he served until the summer of 1944. After Nukufetau, his battalion was sent to Kauai for a short rest. In late summer of 1944, Mr. Butler boarded a ship to Tinian. He remained on the ship for approximately 60 days until the island was secured. Once Tinian was taken Butler's battalion moved ashore and used their anti-aircraft guns to protect the air strips from further attacks.

Toward the end of their deployment they discovered the *Enola Gay* was stationed on Tinian Island. This B-29 Superfortress became the first airplane to drop an atomic bomb on August 6, 1945 over Hiroshima, Japan. L.C. and his battalion were on a ship heading back to the United States when the second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. The dropping of both atomic bombs expedited the end of World War II.

The Marines were sent to San Diego and quarantined for two weeks because First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt felt it necessary due to outbreaks of different ailments while they were stationed on various Pacific islands. L.C. said she wasn't very popular with the Marines at that time, but that they were treated well during the two weeks.

L.C. Butler returned home to Houston, Texas the first week in September 1945 and married Dorothy Nell Corgey on September 7, 1945. Mr. and Mrs. Butler took one thousand dollars that L.C. won during a poker game on the ship back to the United States and stayed in a hotel in downtown Houston for a month for their honeymoon.

Following their honeymoon, the Butlers went to Corpus Christi for about three weeks. There

he was honorably discharged from the United States Marines Corps on October 25, 1945. From the age of nineteen, L.C.'s life motto, has been "Once a Marine, Always a Marine."

L.C. and Dorothy were married for 62 years until she passed away on April 11, 2008. They have two daughters, Lynn B. Lucas and Debra Westberry, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and another great grandchild on the way.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. Butler for his selfless service to this great nation.

CONGRATULATING JAMES WIMMER ESQ. ON RECEIPT OF THE WILLIAM H. BAYER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate James Wimmer on receiving the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development Corporation's (CCEDC) William H. Bayer Lifetime Achievement Award.

The William H. Bayer Lifetime Achievement Award is presented by the CCEDC each year to a CCEDC member that has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to the community, which Mr. Wimmer has certainly done. After graduating from University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1965, he began his career practicing law in Palmerton and served as an Assistant District Attorney from 1967 until 1975. In addition, he advocated on behalf of students and families in Palmerton in his position as School District Solicitor for over thirty years. Throughout his legal career, Jim was also involved in the banking industry, serving in senior leadership roles at several banks, including Citizen's Bank in Palmerton. Jim used his banking expertise to help guide new families through the process of buying their first home and entrepreneurs navigate the obstacles of starting a small business.

After nearly 50 years of serving our community's students, families, and businesses with integrity and compassion, Mr. Wimmer retired from his law practice in September. His dedicated work in our community should be celebrated.

In addition to his law career, Mr. Wimmer has been a devoted family man and active member of our community, married to his wife Linda for 56 years and spending decades volunteering his time to organizations whose missions benefit those in need.

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 James Wimmer on a lifetime of selfless commitment to our community.

HONORING ROSIE HARRIS AND HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO MODEL CONGRESS

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, every so often I find myself in awe of our next generation. Just recently, I had the opportunity to read a presentation by Rosie Harris during her participation in the Model Congress program as a member of the Dalton School Delegation. It was inspiring and so I would like to share her authorization speech as well as her legislative proposal, the Menstrual Parity Act of 2019. If this is the leadership and vision we can expect from the next generation, I believe we are indeed in good hands.

"Hello. I am Representative Harris. Friends, colleagues, I rise to introduce the Menstrual Parity Act of 2019. Half of our country is female and on average, female bodied people menstruate once a month for 40 years. In this country, women have been treated as second class citizens since the beginning of time. While we have had some progress, and there are plenty of other areas that need work. My bill proposes one small but incredibly important aspect of the fight towards equality—a step towards economic equality."

"This is simple. The Menstrual Parity Act of 2019 does the following: In any place we have facilities open to the public (ie. parks, libraries, you name it), where toilets or bathrooms are made available, this act would require that if toilet paper is provided for free, menstrual products would be provided for free as well. It's simple but meaningful progress. At the federal level, we require it. At the state level, we will reimburse the entire costs of it. And that's that."

"And you might ask, well, Harris, how would you guarantee this? Expansion of Title IX, a federal civil rights law passed in 1972 prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or federally funded programs. Here are a few facts just to put this in context: On average, women earn 80 cents on the dollar to men, according to the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey, as reliable a source as exists; Women are 23.6 percent more likely to be in poverty than men; and it is estimated that the lifetime cost for only menstruation is over 18,000 dollars, which have the country doesn't have to pay, and is a whole lot of money for one individual."

"Some concerns you might have. It's expensive. The Federal annual budget is over 3 trillion dollars, so in the big scheme of things, this is really not that much money for government. Surely the richest country in the history of the world could afford to make basic menstrual products available, as they do with toilet paper, another basic hygienic product. Toilet paper is expensive too, and it turns out, you need toilet paper much more often than menstrual products. It is cheaper to pay for a few more tampons than to cover an emergency room visit for a woman suffering from Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS) from a lack of access to sufficient menstrual products. You may say this is too big government. I would argue that it is not big government providing toilet paper, and once we enact this law, before you know

it, it will be shocking to people that we didn't do this before."

"Having access to hygienic products is a basic sanitary need so those of us who menstruate can stay healthy. When there is not access to appropriate menstrual products, often products are used for too long, which could lead to extreme risk of contracting TSS, or things like brown paper bags, or wash cloths are used in their place, which is not safe."

"I'd ask you to consider, especially if you are not directly affected by the measures in this bill, what this bill might mean to your mothers, or daughters, or partners, and friends. Finally, this bill will be a message to all in our country of the importance of women's health—after all, you wouldn't be here without us. I ask for your support and thank you for your consideration. I yield back the balance of my time to the chair."

THE DALTON MODEL CONGRESS 2019—HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE
Name: Rosie Harris.

Title of the Bill: The Menstrual Parity Act of 2019.

Delegation: The Dalton School.

Committee: Education and the Workforce.
Be It Enacted by the Dalton Model Congress . . .

Preamble: Whereas women make up half of the population of the United States, whereas women on average have their period on a monthly basis for 40 years, whereas women on average earn only 80 cents of every dollar men earn for the same work, whereas 13.6% of women live in poverty, whereas women are 23.6% more likely to be in poverty than men, whereas 17.5% of children live in poverty who are disproportionately dependent on women to raise them, whereas menstruation involves costs that generally incur every month, whereas obtaining full equality for women necessitates economic equality, whereas it is estimated that the lifetime cost of a period can be over \$18,000, and whereas toilet paper is available in every public bathroom in the country, be it resolved, that this committee authorizes such sums as necessary so that every public bathroom that provides toilet paper also provide appropriate menstrual products.

Section 1 Short Title: This Act may be cited as the "The Menstrual Parity Act of 2019".

Section 2 Definitions: Accommodations include all public facilities that are accessible to the general public, and provide access to bathrooms with toilets.

Section 2 Federal Accommodations: Every federal public accommodation that provides free toilet paper must also provide free menstrual products.

Sub-Section A: Menstrual products must be refilled as often as toilet paper.

Section 3 State Accommodations: Every state public accommodation that provides free toilet paper, who also provide free menstrual products that are made as available as toilet paper, will be reimbursed in full for the menstrual products.

Sub-Section A: Menstrual products must be refilled as often as toilet paper.

Section 4 Enforcement: Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 shall be expanded to include enforcement of the provisions from Sections 2 and 3.

Section 5 Appropriations: The Committee on Appropriations shall provide such sums as necessary for (1) public accommodations that receive appropriations for toilet paper to be able to meet this new mandate and (2) for the Title IX expansion.

Section 6 Enactment: This bill will be enacted 91 days after passage.

CONGRATULATING ROBERT VAN
SCYOC

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Shippensburg Fire Department's Robert "Bobby" Van Scyoc, who recently marked 50 years of service to the Shippensburg community.

Mr. Van Scyoc first joined the Shippensburg Vigilant Hose Company on July 14, 1969. For half a century, he has kept a watchful eye over his neighbors as a first responder and community leader. In addition to his service as a firefighter, Mr. Van Scyoc also is an EMT and a retired Police Sergeant and Dispatcher. Today, he continues to drive fire apparatus to calls and works part-time at Shippensburg Area EMS.

It is my privilege to recognize Mr. Van Scyoc upon this remarkable milestone for his dedication to the Shippensburg community, and I wish him every continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. HERBERT
KOHN RECEIVING THE 2019
HENRY W. BLOCH HUMAN RELATIONS
AWARD

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Herbert Kohn for being named the recipient of the 2019 Henry W. Bloch Human Relations Award. This award was established in honor of Henry W. Bloch by the Jewish Community Relations Bureau and serves to honor a community member with a passion for community activism and an extraordinary civic presence. Mr. Herbert Kohn personifies the excellence we hope for in community leaders through his selfless character and dedication to pursuing justice for all.

After a courageous early childhood in Europe during World War II, Mr. Kohn escaped to the United States with his family during his third-grade year. After surviving the Holocaust and resettling in Kansas City, Mr. Kohn was fully committed to his educational endeavors. During his time at Paseo High School, Mr. Kohn was selected by his teachers to participate in the Missouri Boys State program. Upon graduation, he attended the University of Michigan, earning his Bachelor of Arts in 1960 and his Juris Doctorate in 1963. Throughout his life, Mr. Herbert Kohn has shown steadfast bravery and devotion to academic excellence even in the face of formidable trials.

Today, Mr. Kohn does exemplary work as a partner at a local law firm, Bryan Cave LLP, where he specializes in corporate law. Kohn's service to the community goes beyond his work as an attorney however. In 1999, Mr.

Kohn served on the transition team for the first female Kansas City, Missouri Mayor, Kay Barnes, and later, on her Charter Review Commission. His collaboration with a number of Kansas City mayors led to a beautiful downtown, a City Pension Plan, and improved early childhood education. Additionally, Mr. Kohn served as a member of the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City and was selected by Governor Michael Parson to serve as Chairman of the Missouri Gaming Commission. Mr. Kohn's work has resulted in extraordinary benefits to our city, our state, and to countless people from all backgrounds and walks of life.

As one can see, Mr. Kohn's numerous accomplishments have left an indelible impact on his community. His generous and benevolent character is particularly well-reflected via his life-long devotion to the Missouri Boys State program. He has dedicated decades to expanding, improving, and bringing national recognition to the program ever since he was a participant. Two years ago, Missouri Boys State re-named one of its cities to "Kohn City." Moreover, Mr. Kohn served as the Chairman of the Kansas City Art Institute, the Chairman of the Missouri Cancer Commission, a Trustee of the Truman Library Institute, and the Director of the Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Foundation. Throughout his extensive career, Mr. Herbert Kohn has devoted himself to institutions and organizations which have tangibly improved the lives of Kansas Citizens and those throughout the region.

Madam Speaker, please join me and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring Mr. Herbert Kohn for being named the recipient of the 2019 Henry W. Bloch Human Relations Award. I stand today to recognize and thank Mr. Kohn for his countless contributions to the Kansas City community and the nation at large.

HONORING MSGT ENRIQUE "RICK"
HERRERA ON HIS 23 YEARS OF
MILITARY SERVICE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Master Sergeant Enrique "Rick" Herrera on his 23 years of military service.

Over the years, MSgt Herrera has made immeasurable contributions to our great nation and continues to personify the core U.S. Air Force values of integrity, selfless service, and excellence. He started his career in 1996 as a student in the Combat Patrol Pipeline and retires as a Master Sergeant that has served in many positions across the 724th Special Tactics Group.

Early in his career, MSgt Herrera was deployed to Bosnia in support of Operation Joint Forge with the 22nd Special Tactics Squadron. After being selected for assignment to the 24th Special Tactics Squadron at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina, he was deployed twelve times with elite Army and Navy Task Forces to Afghanistan and Iraq in sup-

port of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and Operation Inherent Resolve.

MSgt Herrera retires as a decorated military servant and true American hero, having notably received the Bronze Star Medal with Valor, Bronze Star Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters. Despite all of his accomplishments, he never boasts of his military achievements and instead focuses his energy on his wife Susan and their son Noah.

As Fort Bragg's Congressman, I know I speak for our entire community when I say we are truly grateful for MSgt Herrera's extraordinary service and cannot thank him enough. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him success in his future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Master Sergeant Enrique "Rick" Herrera on his 23 years of military service.

CONGRATULATING NO. 9 MINE &
MUSEUM ON RECEIPT OF THE
TOURISM AND ENTERTAINMENT
BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate and recognize the No. 9 Mine & Museum on being named the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development's Tourism and Entertainment Business of the Year.

Pennsylvania has a long and robust history of coal mining. Our anthracite coal has heated homes across the county, fueled trains, and gave power to industries that helped build our nation. The No. 9 Mine and Museum helps preserve this rich mining heritage for us and future generations to enjoy and remember.

The No. 9 Mine was first opened in 1855 by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company and was the epicenter of mining operations in the Panther Valley. In operation for over a century, from 1855 to 1972, the No. 9 Mine is the world's oldest continuously operated anthracite coal mine.

Today, the mine is a museum and serves as an important reminder of our community's roots and of the resilience and determination of the many mineworkers who came before us.

The No. 9 Mine became a museum when the Panther Creek Valley Foundation took ownership of the property in the 1990's. Through their restoration efforts, the group created a unique, historical attraction, appealing to both locals and tourists alike.

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 No. 9 Mine and Museum on this great honor and thank them for their commitment to preserving the history of our community.