

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LONG-TIME SERVICE OF MAYOR RICHARD ZIEGLER

**HON. HALEY M. STEVENS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 22, 2019*

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor Richard Ziegler.

Mayor Ziegler has served the City of Wixom for more than twenty-two years. Those decades of service include two years as Mayor, almost twenty years as a member of the Wixom City Council, and eight years as a Wixom police officer.

Mayor Ziegler's career is a quintessential model of civic engagement and leadership. In his many years of service, he has been intimately involved in the decision-making processes of his city; addressing public concerns and safeguarding the values of the community. He and his wife, Melody—who herself served the Wixom Police Department for twenty-four years—have chosen to devote their careers to promoting the quality of their community. We, in Michigan's 11th Congressional District, are so very grateful for their work.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the remarkable career of Mayor Ziegler and his many contributions to his community in Wixom, Michigan.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS BUREAU OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 22, 2019*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Jewish Community Relations Bureau of the American Jewish Committee (JCRB/AJC).

The American Jewish Committee was founded in 1906 in the wake of the Kishinev programs by Cyrus Adler, Jacob Schiff, Mayer Sulzberger, Louis Marshall, and other prominent leaders of the American Jewish community to advocate for the security of Jews everywhere. AJC eventually became known across the globe for its advocacy, support, and unrelenting commitment to the preservation of Jewish communities nationally and abroad. From campaigning against the literacy test for immigrants, calling for more inclusive U.S. immigration policies in the early 1900s, joining emergency relief efforts to assist more than 10,000 European Jews en route to the U.S. in the 1920s, joining NBC in broadcasting the first Jewish religious service from Germany since the rise of Nazism in 1944, and playing a vital role in negotiating the \$822 million Hol-

ocaust restitution settlement with Germany on behalf of Jewish people in 1952, AJC has worked to not only better the lives of Jews across the world, but society as a whole.

JCRB/AJC Kansas City was established in 1944 as a result of merging what was Kansas City's AJC regional office and the local Jewish Community Relations Bureau. Now one seamless organization, JCRB/AJC's mission combines AJC's global reach with the local JCRB's tradition of community relations activities. Serving Kansas and western Missouri, JCRB/AJC advocates and educates to eliminate injustice and discrimination through its community and globally led initiatives, as well as connecting Kansas City with the broader network of AJC's partners. JCRB/AJC's mission reflects the American Jewish Committee's pledge to enhance the wellbeing of the Jewish people and Israel by combatting antisemitism, promoting Israel's place in the world, and countering the spread of radicalism and extremism. The impact of their work has resulted in a plethora of concrete results in the form of government policies, alliances, and legislation that make our world safer and more secure. In line with their historic and deep commitment to interorganization and interreligious cooperation, JCRB/AJC works closely with other faiths, educators, elected officials, and minority communities to pursue justice for all.

For seventy-five years, JCRB/AJC has been a pillar of leadership throughout the Kansas City area, leading the way in empowering marginalized communities through unmatched advocacy and community unification.

Madam Speaker, please join me and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring JCRB/AJC Kansas City's seventy-fifth anniversary and their dedication to advancing justice for Jewish and minority communities throughout the world.

HONORING DRS. SALLY AND BENNETT SHAYWITZ 2019 RECIPIENTS OF THE LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER GENIUS AWARD

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 22, 2019*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, at this year's Liberty Science Center Genius Gala, two outstanding members of my District, and my very good friends, Drs. Sally and Bennett Shaywitz were recognized with a 2019 Genius Award in recognition of their invaluable contributions to the study of dyslexia and its impact on those afflicted with this frustrating learning disorder. Two of five visionary men and women of science bestowed this prestigious honor this year, this is a remarkable tribute to the lifetime of good work that Sally and Bennett have done.

The world's leading experts on dyslexia, Sally and Bennett are the Co-Founders and Co-Directors of the Yale Center for Dyslexia

and Creativity. Academic physicians, Sally specializing in developmental pediatrics and Bennett a neurologist and neuroscientist, they worked together to discover dyslexia's scientific basis, pioneer effective therapies, and change public attitudes. Afflicting one in five people in the United States, dyslexia is our most common learning disorder and it has been through the leadership of Sally and Bennett that we better understand this disorder—why it happens and how it can change over time.

Lab partners for thirty-five years—a partnership that is only outmatched by their marriage of fifty-five years—Sally and Bennett made it their life's work to understand how reading behavior might change from childhood to adulthood. Over the course of the last three and a half decades, they have continuously studied four hundred fifty-five people from the age of five. Their research has definitively demonstrated that dyslexia affects boys and girls in equal numbers, is not something that is outgrown, and is not linked to intelligence. Brain scan studies that Bennett conducted reveal a neural signature, a particular brain abnormality, is responsible for dyslexia. The results of their dedicated efforts have debunked the myth that those with dyslexia are simply less intelligent and has enabled physicians, scientists, teachers, and policy makers to better understand how to best help those affected by the disorder.

The Library Science Center is dedicated to inspiring the next generation of scientists and engineers and to exciting learners of all ages about the power, promise, and pure fun of science and technology. Each year their Genius Awards Gala honors pioneers in science, technology, and innovation. It is a fitting recognition of the lifetime achievement of this special couple. It is with great pride that I stand today to join the New Haven community in extending my heartfelt congratulations to Sally and Bennett Shaywitz on this very special honor.

REMEMBERING THE HONORABLE HENRY "HANK" WEDAA

**HON. GILBERT RAY CISNEROS, JR.**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 22, 2019*

Mr. CISNEROS. Madam Speaker, it is with immense sadness and a heavy heart that I rise to mark the passing of the Honorable Henry "Hank" Wedaa, former mayor and longtime council member of Yorba Linda. On the morning of November 13, 2019, Henry passed away in his Anaheim home at the age of 95. As a member of the Greatest Generation and a Yorba Linda "founding father" who dedicated his life to public service, Henry was a shining example of courage, determination, and selflessness. He will be missed dearly by family, friends, and the community he devoted his life to.

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Though an established Yorba Linda resident for over 50 years, Henry's roots began in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He was born on February 15, 1924 as the eldest child of five to Henrik and Anna Wedaa. As a young child, Henry discovered a love for aviation and spent time watching planes make emergency landings on a golf course near his home. Though uncertain of the future, he was resolute in his belief that he would one day take to the skies. Henry's prediction proved to be correct with the news of Pearl Harbor and the subsequent declaration of war. Like many of his time, Henry became part of the nationwide movement of young individuals who lent their youth and passion to protect the freedom of their beloved country. On January 5, 1943, at the age of 18, Henry joined the infantry but was soon transferred to what he knew to be his true calling—the United States Air Force. Assigned to the 467th Bombardment Group as a bombardier and aerial gunner, Henry and his fellow men left for Rackheath, United Kingdom on his 20th birthday. Beginning April 10, 1944, the 467th Bombardment Group would complete its required 30 missions in just 78 days. Henry solemnly watched events of the European Theater unfold as he sat on the nose of a B-24 Liberator 20,000 feet up in the air. Returning to the United States after his last mission, Henry was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

After his service in WWII, Henry graduated from Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in 1949, majoring in physics and chemistry. He then attended graduate school at the University of Arizona and was employed at the U.S. Naval Weapons Center in China Lake, California for eight years. It was during this time that Henry was met with the fortuitous opportunity to settle down in Yorba Linda, California. In 1970, three years after the incorporation of Yorba Linda, he began his second act of public service as a city councilmember. Henry would serve Yorba Linda for 29 years. During this extensive tenure, in which he served as mayor five times, Henry championed for a particular quality of life in Yorba Linda. The Yorba Linda in existence today that favors a semi-rural, low-density community owes its idyllic charm and methodical process of change to Henry's original vision. During his time on the city council, many iconic city projects were approved: the Richard Nixon Presidential Library, the SAVI Ranch Retail Center, the Yorba Linda Community Center, and over a dozen city parks. Henry represented the city council on numerous committees including the Southern California Association of Governments' Aviation Work Program Committee. Henry also acted as chairman of the governing board of South Coast Air Quality Management District and president of the Southern California Association of Governments.

Though public service was always at the forefront of his life, Henry also led a distinguished professional career that aligned with his passion for pure, unadulterated quality of life. Working in parallel as he helped shape Yorba Linda, Henry dedicated himself to specializing in transportation and environmental studies. As a founder of the California Hydrogen Business Council, Henry made a name for himself as a renowned advocate for clean air, alternative energy, and reducing emis-

sions. He urged for the development of hydrogen fuel cells in the 39th District and was awarded the Haagen-Smit Clean Air Award from California Air Resources Board for his commitment to accelerating the future of hydrogen vehicles and green sources of energy.

Henry is survived by his sons Eric and Jim, and daughters Karena and Tina. He also leaves behind an insurmountable legacy reinforced by the people whose lives were touched by his leadership and care. Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in remembering Henry "Hank" Wedaa: an American patriot, a devout environmentalist, and a visionary father to the city of Yorba Linda.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOEY SANTOS

#### HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 22, 2019*

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solemn remembrance of a good man from Guam—Joey Santos, whose passing came too soon on November 17, 2019, at the age of 49.

Joey was a shining star going as far back as the 1980s. He was a mentor to many and a friend to many more.

He attended the John F. Kennedy High School and played for the JFK Islanders basketball team. He proved what a valuable force he was even in his teens while playing high school basketball. Not long after graduation from JFK in 1988, he represented our island through his love of the game and decided to make an impact playing for the Guam National Basketball team. His dedication to the game showed through his determination and commitment with his countless hours on the court.

In 1991, he took on a role with the University of Guam and worked his way up the ranks to the position of Recreational Supervisor up until his resignation in 2010. After 19 years of service to the University, he decided to embark on a new path. He accepted a position with the Father Duenas Memorial School as a physical education teacher, and eventually promoted to Athletic Director. Joey also served for 20 years in the Air National Guard and retired in October 2017 as a staff sergeant.

Joey was a visionary for athletes. He wanted to help others maximize their potential and reach their goals. For a decade, he mentored high school athletes and truly led by example by demonstrating what it means to work hard—and not only on the field or on the court but in the classroom as well. He wanted our kids to succeed. He wanted to show them that anything was possible. He was much more than an Athletic Director, he was a hero to the students and he went out of his way to help others. Anyone who knew him was lucky to have a glimpse of who he was.

Joey is a man of strength and courage. He fought cancer so hard for his wife, family, students, and those who were counting on him. Joey had a heart of gold—and he not only portrayed that on the basketball court or through his duties on the job, but in his daily life.

Joey's wife, Selena Santos, said it best: "My Chamoru Rock left with his eternal wings to our Almighty Father."

Joey is survived by his wife, Selena, his children David, Tayler, and Shylah, and his five grandchildren: Tobias, Taeya, and Rocky. He is also survived by his mother Maria, and his siblings Jeanie, Joyce, and Jeffrey, and beloved friends.

I would like to convey my deepest sympathies to Joey's family, as well as extend my heartfelt thanks for his contributions to the community. Joey Santos will be missed by all who knew him.

HONORING ALEXANDER C.  
MARTIN, ESQ.

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 22, 2019*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUNRISE CENTER CELEBRATES  
CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS  
DAY

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 22, 2019*

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, Children's Grief Awareness Day was created in 2009 to foster awareness and understanding about the impact of death on children. As we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, we enter a particularly difficult time for grieving children. One in five children will experience the death of someone close to them by age 18, one in twenty children will experience the death of a parent by age 18, and approximately 1.9 million children under 18 have lost one or both of their parents.

The Sunrise Center helps children dealing with grief, by offering a place of hope and healing for children, teens, and their families who are experiencing grief and loss due to the advanced illness or death of a loved one or being placed in foster care. Their hard work supports children suffering from grief in a safe, loving, and understanding environment.

Children's Grief Awareness Day is an important way for all of us to remember those in our society who are dealing with the emotional trauma relating to the death or loss of a loved one. I applaud the Sunrise Center for all they do to support local children dealing with these tragic circumstances, and I sincerely thank their volunteers and staff for making a difference in children's lives.

COMMEMORATION OF THE 44TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN  
WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GUAM

**HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 22, 2019*

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Korean Women's Association of Guam (KWAG) on their 44th Anniversary. I extend my sincerest congratulations to KWAG for another outstanding event celebrating efforts to strengthen various community foundations in its spirit of charity.

The Korean Women's Association of Guam was established on June 25, 1975 and has since made it their mission to encourage benevolence and unity, enriching togetherness and friendship among Korean women, and inspiring the Korean culture to remain lively throughout the island of Guam. The association received recognition both locally and internationally for their efforts in assisting the less fortunate, abused, ill, and elderly in our community.

The Korean Women's Association of Guam has persevered in giving back to our island through their fundraising endeavors; assisting in relief efforts and collaborating with other organizations for a significant cause. Their desire to help local organizations serve our community over the years is truly something to celebrate and support.

I thank the Korean Women's Association of Guam President Sunok E. Chi, for her leadership, and its members for continuously exert-

ing their mission and exemplifying the vision, values, and traditions of the organization. Again, congratulations to another flourishing year and I look forward to the Korean Women's Association of Guam's continued contributions to the community and future success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ONE  
HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVER-  
SARY OF JOHN DEERE

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 22, 2019*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of John Deere in Kansas City, Missouri.

In 1869, Charles Deere, Vice President and son of John Deere, established a regional office for the company, known as the Kansas City Branch House in the West Bottoms of Kansas City, Missouri. Its proximity to roads, rivers and rail systems would eventually help John Deere grow and keep pace with a rapidly growing country.

Since its founding, John Deere has helped lead the way for community and economic growth as one of the first businesses and employers in Kansas City. In 2019, the company continues to thrive and remains a positive economic influence at the local, state and national level. John Deere's presence in Kansas City is a valuable reminder of the important role agriculture has played in our country and continues to play as American farmers work to feed the world's growing population.

During its 150-year presence, John Deere has employed thousands at their local dealerships and regional offices. Today, the company is a global leader in the manufacturing, distribution and sales of agricultural, turf, construction and forestry equipment.

Agricultural output must double in order to feed a global population that is estimated to reach 9.8 billion people by the year 2050. John Deere, in collaboration with American farmers, is committed to helping feed the world's population, and, consequently, they are providing the latest equipment technology and data required to meet the ever-increasing food, fiber, and fuel needs.

John Deere continues to be a strong advocate and champion for agriculture while remaining committed core values of integrity, quality, commitment and innovation. The company has a higher purpose of serving those who are linked to the land, guiding the company and its leaders as they continue a journey that I believe leads to a future filled with great promise and opportunity for the company and the broader agriculture sector.

Madam Speaker, please join me and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring the 150th anniversary of John Deere in Kansas City, Missouri.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 22, 2019*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I regret that due to a scheduling conflict on November 21, 2019, I was unable to cast the following votes.

Should I have been present, I would have voted NO on roll call 637, AYE on roll call 638, AYE on roll call 639, AYE on roll call 640, AYE on roll call 641, and AYE on roll call 642.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DWIGHT EVANS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 22, 2019*

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to pressing business in my Congressional District. Had I been present on Thursday, November 21, 2019 I would have voted:

No, on Byrne Amendment, Yes, on Harder Amendment, Yes, on Wexton Amendment, Yes, on Delgado Amendment, Yes, Motion to Table and Yes, on H.R. 1309.

TRIBUTE TO READ TO GROW  
FOUNDER, ROXANNE J. COADY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 22, 2019*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Read to Grow, a non-profit organization in Connecticut whose mission is to improve early literacy, and to pay tribute to the organization's founder, Roxanne J. Coady, who recently stepped down as founding board chair. Roxanne's extraordinary vision has impacted thousands of families and children across Connecticut.

Roxanne's passion for books and reading led to her second career. She left her role as the first female National Tax Director at BDO Seidman, for Madison, Connecticut where she restored a downtown building, establishing RJ Julia Booksellers and she, along with an incredible group of booksellers, transformed her charming local store into a nationally recognized authority on books. She also recently opened a second location, Wesleyan RJ Julia Bookstore, in Middletown, Connecticut which not only returned a bookstore downtown, but also serves as the official bookstore for Wesleyan University.

In fact, RJ Julia's is well-known for hosting book signing events, not only with local authors but with recognized celebrities such as lifestyle and fashion icon Lauren Conrad, Today show co-anchor and Dateline NBC correspondent, Hoda Kotb, former first daughters and bestselling authors Jenna Bush Hager and Barbara Pierce Bush, and just recently

former Secretary of the State Hillary Clinton and her daughter Chelsea Clinton. Her dedication and passion have earned her a distinguished reputation and she has built a remarkable success.

Roxanne wanted to do more—she wanted to ensure that every child was exposed to the wonders and magic of the written word and that every parent was empowered as their babies' first teachers. She knew that not every child and parent had that opportunity. And so, with a small group of like-minded women, she founded Read To Grow. Read To Grow's mission is to build literacy from birth and over the last twenty years they have done just that. Under Roxanne's leadership, they have expanded their programs to include the Books for Babies Program, the Books for Kids Program, and the Early Steps to School Success Program; they have had more than two million books donated, provided more than three hundred thousand newborn literacy packets, and opened thirty-four book places, where parents can select free books for their kids. Through this variety of programs and services, Read To Grow has impacted more than one million adults, children, and babies. It has been a special experience to work with Read To Grow and Roxanne during my tenure in Congress.

I would be remiss if I did not extend a special note of thanks to Roxanne for the kindness and generosity she has extended to myself and my husband over the years, hosting book signings for each of us and providing support as well as guidance on issues of literacy to myself and my staff. I consider myself fortunate to call her my friend.

As Read To Grow marks its 20th Anniversary and Roxanne steps down as the founding board chair, she can be proud of the strong foundation on which this wonderful organization has been built. I have no doubt that it will long stand as one of her greatest legacies. Today, it is my honor to stand and extend my deepest thanks, appreciation and heartfelt congratulations to Roxanne J. Coady for her exceptional contributions to our community. Her good work has left an indelible mark on the lives of many.

#### TRIBUTE TO NEAL S. DUDOVITZ

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 22, 2019*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Neal Dudovitz, who recently retired from his position as Executive Director of Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA). A visionary leader and advocate in providing access to legal representation and justice to the underprivileged for over four decades, Mr. Dudovitz has served the Los Angeles area for the last twenty-five years at NLSLA.

During his time at NLSLA, Neal was instrumental in helping the organization reach its full potential to become one of the most prominent public interest legal services firms in the State of California. When he joined NLSLA in 1993, there was a staff of thirty members, one office and the budget was three million dollars; today, NLSLA has one hundred-fifty staff members, four offices, and a budget nearing twenty million dollars.

Under Mr. Dudovitz' leadership, NLSLA developed an efficient model of service delivery that combined impact litigation, policy advocacy and direct representation to support opportunities for families to move themselves out of poverty, reduce the effects of poverty, and to enforce and protect the legal rights of the underprivileged by ensuring access to the justice system. The organization now has one of the largest networks of self-help legal access centers in the country. In addition, NLSLA directed an innovative project of Medical Legal Community Partnerships which places NLSLA attorneys in community hospital and clinics, led a collaborative of programs in Los Angeles that provides legal representation to those facing eviction in impoverished neighborhoods, and initiated the Health Consumer Center, which has helped thousands of people access critical care, and which led to successful lawsuits that altered how Los Angeles County administered its Medi-Cal program. Additionally, Mr. Dudovitz has been a tireless and effective advocate for legal services for the underserved and underprivileged, and has been a partner to me in my efforts to support the Legal Services Corporation.

The awards that Mr. Dudovitz has received and the organizations he has been active in throughout his career is indicative of his prominence as a leader, mentor and agent of change. He received the Section Achievement Award from the State Bar of California Legal Services and was named one of the San Fernando Valley Business Journals' Top 25 lawyers. In addition, Neal served as a delegate to The White House Conference on Aging and was an active member of the Lawyer's Advisory for the Legal Aid Association of California.

I ask all members to join me in honoring Neal Dudovitz for his outstanding contributions to the Los Angeles community and offering our best wishes upon his retirement.

#### TRIBUTE FOR SUSAN MISKIN

#### HON. MAX ROSE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 22, 2019*

Mr. ROSE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Susan Miskin on the occasion of her upcoming retirement from a career of dedicated service to her fellow Staten Islanders, particularly those with special needs. Throughout her 26 years as a speech therapist in New York City's school system, Susan has impacted the lives of countless students, and most recently, families of children with special needs.

Susan started her career in Brooklyn, working with students in grades 6 through 8. Since 2006, she has worked on Staten Island at Susan E. Wagner High School. There, she began working with students on the Autism spectrum. As many of these students stay in high school for a longer period of time, Susan got to know her students over the course of many years and help guide them into adulthood.

Susan went above and beyond to help these students. She has always thought of new and innovative ways to ensure that her students' needs were met. For example, she created a buddy program at Susan E. Wag-

ner, pairing incoming freshmen who have special needs with a senior student at the school. This program is designed to ensure a smooth transition to the high school for these students and has been a great success.

In fact, even in retirement, Susan's commitment to serving these students is not going anywhere, as she has promised to continue working as a volunteer with this buddy program. Susan represents the best of Staten Island and South Brooklyn. She is a hard-working individual who has dedicated her life to helping others. We all would do well to follow her lead. So, Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the career of Susan Miskin, for all of the hard work she has done and will continue to do to help her students, and to wish her the best in her upcoming retirement.

#### 21ST CENTURY YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACT

#### HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 22, 2019*

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, this week is Global Entrepreneurship Week—a time to recognize the importance of entrepreneurship in our communities and economy. Entrepreneurship kindles the spark of creativity and ingenuity that has been such a cornerstone of our economy. Fostering more entrepreneurs is also a poverty alleviation solution. Studies showed that for every one-percentage point increase in the rate of entrepreneurship in a state, there is a two-percentage point decrease in the poverty rate.

Furthermore, additional studies show that two-thirds of adults worldwide are financially illiterate while 57 percent of U.S. adults overall are financially literate—ranking the U.S. 14th in the world in financial literacy. Only 17 states require high school students to take a course in personal finance, and students without a financial education are more likely to have low credit scores and other financial problems.

Madam Speaker, we already know that entrepreneurship requires creative problem-solving skills, leadership, teamwork, and adaptability, which are skills necessary for the 21st century workforce. Forty percent of American middle and high school students say they plan to start a business, and 29 percent said they planned to invent something that will change the world. These rates increase significantly for students who participate in entrepreneurship programs.

That is why I will be introducing the 21st Century Youth Entrepreneurship Act—to create a pathway to empower our youth to become next generation of leaders and innovators through the inclusion of entrepreneurship programs within our K–12 public school system, community colleges, libraries, and other community spaces.

Specifically, the 21st Century Youth Entrepreneurship Act would:

Amend Title IV of ESEA to allow for local and state educational agencies to include entrepreneurship programs, financial literacy programs, and leadership programs within existing curricula, utilizing pre-existing funds; and

Amend the Perkins Career and Technical Education Act to explicitly include "entrepreneurship education programs" as an allowable use of funds.

Bringing entrepreneurship into places such as schools provide youth a safe space to encourage divergent thinking, learning from failure, explore reiterative processes, gain financial literacy, and learn to communicate new ideas. Entrepreneurial thinkers can turn problems into business opportunities and stay in or return to their communities, generating employment and enlarging the local tax base. The development of an entrepreneurial mindset in youth will help lead to an empowered society.

Madam Speaker, as I urge my colleagues in the House of Representatives to recognize Global Entrepreneurship, I urge support of the 21st Century Youth Entrepreneurship Act. Ultimately, entrepreneurs are the backbone of American society; they drive innovation, job creation, and national economic growth. And entrepreneurship programs in our schools will empower our youth to strengthen our nation by cultivating their entrepreneurial spirit.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF WILLIAM “BILL” ROBERT ROTH

**HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 22, 2019*

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. William “Bill” Robert Roth who was a longtime resident of Guam and passed away on October 16, 2019, at the age of 68.

Mr. Roth was a son, a husband, a father, and a devoted administrator to Guam’s education.

He was the son of Philip and Joan M. Roth. Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois along with his four sisters and two brothers. He then moved to Memphis, Tennessee and is where he met his beloved wife Ann Marie O’Mallan. Married for 45 years, together they raised four children and were blessed with four grandchildren.

In 1979, Mr. Roth started his educational career at Notre Dame High school where he served for 12 years as a teacher, business

manager; and subsequently, an Assistant Principal.

In 1991 through 2009, Mr. Roth became the principal of Father Duenas Memorial School. As an active supporter of the institution’s academic and athletic programs, he was instrumental in reshaping the campus by reinforcing financial stability and investing as much as possible when the opportunity arose.

Mr. Roth was recognized as a humble man who emanated solidarity and was influential to the island’s educational community. He was also known by many as one who was driven to inspire students in an all-boys school. As a father of two sons, connecting with his students and fostering growth was effortless.

In 2012, Mr. Roth embraced retirement and spent the rest of his days enjoying time with his wife and adoring their grandchildren.

I extend my sincerest condolences to his wife, Ann Marie O’Mallan Roth, his children, Bill Roth, Christina Roth Mantonona, Mariana Duenas, Kenny Roth, and their spouses and his grandchildren.

He will be deeply missed, and his memory will live on in the hearts of many.