

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