

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CHUCK CAHN

### HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Cherry Hill Township Mayor Chuck Cahn, and to honor and commend his service and dedication to the residents of the community.

The Honorable Chuck Cahn has served as Cherry Hill's Mayor since January 2, 2012. During his tenure as Mayor of Cherry Hill Township, the town and residents have experienced economic success, reduced long-term debts, and renewed use of underutilized properties allowing many new businesses to join the community.

Raised in the Haddontowne section of the town, Mayor Cahn is a life-long Cherry Hill Township native and growing up he attended the local public schools. After high school, the Mayor went on to earn a dual degree in Economics and Business from Rutgers College. Following graduation, he became President and CEO of his family's business, Stewart Business Systems and expanded the business from a small office equipment company into a successful technology company, employing more than 250 people in eight offices in three states.

On January 2, 2012, Chuck Cahn became Mayor of Cherry Hill Township, New Jersey. During his term, Mayor Cahn fought for a fiscally responsible and transparent government. He implemented policies to help attract hundreds of new businesses to Cherry Hill and established a Business Council to serve as a forum for local business leaders to voice their ideas and solutions to local issues. Mayor Cahn also focused on preserving a family friendly, close-knit community by making a Citizens Cabinet, allowing government to be more accessible for everyone.

Throughout his career, Mayor Cahn served on countless business, community service and charitable leadership boards and for his boundless dedication to serve his community, he has received many achievement awards. He and his wife, Stephanie, have been married for almost forty years and are the proud parents of three children; David (Remy), Matthew and Elizabeth. He is also the proud grandfather of Jamie and Asher.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Mayor Chuck Cahn, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, a dedicated public servant who, for the eight years and over the course of his life, has fought tirelessly for the prosperity of the residents of Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

CELEBRATING OPERATION  
REFUGE'S 11TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Operation Refuge, an outstanding charitable organization in Inkster, Michigan.

Operation Refuge was officially founded in 2008, but the seeds of the organization were planted eight years before. In 2000, Mother's Pantry began operating out of Christ Temple City of Refuge Church and grew out of Mother Greenwood's vision to serve vulnerable communities. There was an increased need for food assistance after the nearby GM plant closed down. People were suddenly out of work and struggling to meet basic needs. As a pantry without borders and Inkster's only client-choice food pantry, Mother's Pantry continues to fulfill the emergency food needs of communities under Operation Refuge's umbrella.

Staff and volunteers identified another pertinent community need and began tutoring youth. In 2008, Gap Dwellers after school tutoring evolved into Camp Inspire to address a lack of opportunity for girls of color in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) fields. Camp Inspire began as a summer program for girls that helps them recognize their potential through life-changing experiences and exposure to STEAM projects. Camp Inspire is one of Operation Refuge's most successful programs, drawing in more participants each year. In addition to its Leaders in Training (LIT) program which helps teens develop the skills they already have inside, Operation Refuge is making a huge impact among the young people of Inkster and Wayne County.

Please join me in salute to Operation Refuge, its volunteers, and staff on more than a decade of service.

### HONORING MS. DELANEY DESKIN

### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Delaney Deskin of Longmont, Colorado. Delaney was one of only 550 undergraduate or graduate students in the United States to be awarded the Department of State's Critical Language Scholarship for 2019. As part of this prestigious honor she traveled to Jaipur, India during the summer of 2019 to study Hindi.

The intensive study of foreign languages is one of the most important ways to prepare our young people for the globalized 21st century economy. The scholarship program increases America's engagement with the world and in-

creases national competitiveness while sharing American values and culture abroad. Many program alumni go on to distinguished careers in public service using the skills they gained through the scholarship program.

I commend Delaney for her commitment to serving as an exemplary citizen ambassador for the United States. Her selection for this incredible honor is a testament to years of hard work and determination. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Delaney Deskin for her many accomplishments, including being awarded the Critical Language Scholarship.

### HONORING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

### HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I am pleased today to congratulate the Daughters of Penelope on the 90th anniversary of its founding and commend the organization for its commitment to public service and civic engagement.

Since its founding in 1929, the Daughters of Penelope has been a preeminent organization of women of Hellenic descent and Philhellenes. The Daughters of Penelope works to improve the status and well-being of women and their families and to provide women the opportunity to make significant contributions to their communities.

By providing financial support and assistance to victims of natural disasters, donating children's books to libraries and schools and contributing to the preservation of our national landmarks, the Daughters of Penelope has truly made a lasting impact on American society.

The Daughters of Penelope instills in all its members the spirit of *philotimo*, a belief in civic duty and volunteerism. I am proud to honor the Daughters today, and I believe that this organization will remain a pillar in communities across the country for years to come.

I congratulate the Daughters of Penelope for all its accomplishments, and I thank the organization for its commitment to public service.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE LOCAL TASK FORCES ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING ACT

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Local Task Forces on 21st Century Policing Act, which would assist localities in carrying out the recommendations of the federal Task Force on 21st Century Policing

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and the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, both of which have detailed the need to strengthen relations between local communities and local law enforcement. The bill would provide grants to local governments to create local task forces on 21st century policing to bring police, representatives of the community and public officials together to identify best policing practices for local police and other ways to strengthen relations between the community and police departments. No new funds are needed. Existing funds from the Department of Justice would support local governments establishing the task forces by listing these task forces as an acceptable use of Byrne Justice Assistance Grants. Given the continuing controversy surrounding police shootings of unarmed African American men, with no solutions in sight, this bill is more timely every day.

The task forces, modeled after the federal Task Force on 21st Century Policing, would allow local communities to identify the best ways to create an effective partnership between local law enforcement and the communities they serve, while reducing crime, increasing trust and combating racial profiling. The task forces could create a partnership to implement practical policing practices acceptable to all concerned.

The creation of task forces could be an important step toward easing the tensions between local law enforcement and many communities. In addition, the task forces could serve to engage local law enforcement and local stakeholders in a transparent public problem-solving process instead of the current situation that encourages parties to choose sides.

THANKING DAVID LAURITZEN FOR  
HIS EFFORT TO HELP OTHERS

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the wonderful work by David Lauritzen, an eight-year-old boy from Katy, TX. He's on a mission to bring joy to children battling cancer.

David is a cancer survivor, who received treatment at various hospitals over the course of his life. That experience means he understands the pain that children fighting this disease go through. So, when his mother asked him how he wanted to commemorate Childhood Cancer Awareness Month a couple of years ago, he said that he wanted to make them smile.

Starting by collecting coins in a jar, David and his parents began the nonprofit David's Toy Project, Inc. to do just that. They have made it their mission to buy toys for kids undergoing cancer treatment and just last year raised almost \$12,000.

The light of goodness radiates through David and his family, and the smiles he brings to the faces of children shine just as bright. On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, we thank David for his courage and caring spirit that warms the hearts of others.

UYGHUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY  
ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 3, 2019*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD an exchange of letters between me and the Chair of the Committee on Intelligence on S. 178, the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act of 2019.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, DC, December 2, 2019.*

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF,  
*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN SCHIFF: I am writing to you concerning S. 178, the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act of 2019. I appreciate your willingness to work cooperatively on this legislation.

I acknowledge that provisions of the bill fall within the jurisdiction of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence under House Rule X, and that your Committee will forgo action on S. 178 to expedite floor consideration. I further acknowledge that the inaction of your Committee with respect to the bill does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the matters contained in the bill that fall within your jurisdiction. I will also support the appointment of House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence conferees during any House-Senate conference convened on this legislation.

Lastly, I will ensure that our exchange of letters is included in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of the bill. Thank you again for your cooperation regarding the legislation. I look forward to continuing to work with you as the measure moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

ELIOT L. ENGEL,  
*Chairman.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, PER-  
MANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON IN-  
TELLIGENCE,  
*Washington, DC, December 6, 2019.*

HON. ELIOT ENGEL,  
*Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN ENGEL: I write in reply to your letter of December 2, 2019, regarding S. 178—legislation referred in the House as the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act, and passed on the House floor as amended as the Uighur Intervention and Global Humanitarian Unified Response Act of 2019.

Provisions of S. 178 fall within the jurisdiction of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence ("Committee"), as set forth by House Rule X.

Nevertheless, the Committee worked with the Committee on Foreign Affairs to ensure the legislation's expeditious consideration on the House floor—but without waiving any potential jurisdictional claims as to subjects addressed by S. 178.

I am grateful for our continuing work together, on this and other important measures regarding human rights and other matters. I very much look forward to S. 178's swift enactment into law.

Sincerely,

ADAM B. SCHIFF,  
*Chairman.*

HONORING MAYOR PRO-TEM  
ROGER HAAS FOR 22 YEARS OF  
SERVICE TO THE CITY OF  
KANNAPOLIS

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Pro-Tem Roger Haas for 22 years of public service to the City of Kannapolis, located in North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District.

Over the years, Roger has played an instrumental role in shaping the history of Kannapolis. He was first elected to the Kannapolis City Council in 1997 and retires today as Mayor Pro-Tem. Admired by his colleagues, Roger has twice been appointed as Mayor Pro-Tem due to his innovative vision for our community.

Roger has led a career of distinction and is an effective, prolific leader. He has served on the boards of the Kannapolis Rotary Club, American Red Cross, Kannapolis Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Concord-Kannapolis Transit Authority; and as the Cabarrus County Tourism Authority Chair, Partners for Progress Chair, and Cabarrus County Planning & Zoning Commission Chair.

During his tenure with the Kannapolis City Council, Roger worked tirelessly to construct the Kannapolis Train Station, North Carolina Research Campus, Albemarle waterline, and Kannapolis City Hall & Police Headquarters. More recently, he has been a key figure in the redevelopment of downtown Kannapolis and due to his leadership, the Kannapolis Cannon Ballers Sports & Entertainment Venue will open next year.

An extraordinary public servant, Roger has guided Kannapolis through a period of unpredicted growth. I know I speak for everyone in our 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Roger Haas for his 22 years of public service to our community.

JACK LEE BRINGS AMERICA INTO  
THE INTERNATIONAL ASTRON-  
OMY OLYMPIAD

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Seven Lakes High School sophomore Jack Lee for helping organize the United States' first team to the International Astronomy Olympiad.

Jack went above and beyond to be able to take part in the Olympiad. When he learned that the United States did not have a team to field for the competition, Jack took the bull by the horns and contacted Rice University to organize one. His goal was to start a trend so that future teams would represent the United States in the Olympiads for years to come.

With incredible determination and drive, Jack—with help from team leader and Rice

University professor Patricia Reiff and team coach Franklyn Pacheco—fielded a team to compete in this year's International Astronomy Olympiad in Piatra Neamt, Romania.

Jack's tenacity and dedication to making his goals a reality show his incredible character and spirit. On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, he makes our Katy community very proud.

HONORING TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT MANAGER CASEY HASHIMOTO

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor outgoing Turlock Irrigation District (TID) Manager Casey Hashimoto. In his three decades with the district, Mr. Hashimoto has been a consummate professional whose dedication and determination has positively benefited the people and businesses served by TID.

Since beginning his tenure as General Manager in 2010, Mr. Hashimoto has been instrumental in keeping electricity rates some of the lowest in California while also improving the reliability of TID's water and electrical systems. During his time with as General Manager, Mr. Hashimoto has overseen efforts such as design and construction the Hughson-Grayson high voltage transmission line and TID's new state-of-the-art Power Control Center, both of which have helped TID improve their energy efficiency and adapt to the demands of the changing Western energy markets.

Most notably, Mr. Hashimoto has worked tirelessly on the Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project, having led efforts on the complex and complicated relicensing of the 203-megawatt Don Pedro dam, reservoir, and powerhouse. Mr. Hashimoto and his team oversaw a multi-million-dollar extension and upgrade to the Don Pedro Project while continuing to work with numerous stakeholders, federal agencies, tribes, scientists, and recreational outfitters to ensure this project remained a vital resource of the San Joaquin Valley for generations to come.

In addition to his work for TID, Mr. Hashimoto has been active in many influential utility industry organizations, including the California Municipal Utilities Association, the Norwest Power Pool, the Association of California Water Agencies, and the American Public Power Association. It is evident that his accomplishments and industry expertise will continue to make positive impacts in our Valley and the water and power industry long after Mr. Hashimoto's retirements.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring a man whose professionalism and determination has benefited many of the water and power users of California's San Joaquin Valley. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor Casey Hashimoto as he retires from his role as General Manager of Turlock Irrigation District. I wish Casey and his family the best as he embarks on this new phase of life.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING UNITED STATES EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT THROUGH A NEGOTIATED TWO-STATE SOLUTION

SPEECH OF

**HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 6, 2019*

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I will vote in support of H. Res. 326, a non-binding resolution reiterating the U.S. House of Representatives' support for long-standing U.S. policy to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution.

I have consistently supported a two-state solution throughout my time in Congress. While there is no perfect solution to this complex and heated conflict, I believe a negotiated two-state solution between Israeli and Palestinian leaders is a viable framework to achieve security, peace, and address the legitimate needs of both peoples.

Furthermore, I am pleased that H. Res. 326 condemns actions by the Trump administration and the Israeli government under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu which have severely undermined the possibility of a two-state solution.

For example, H. Res. 326 puts the House of Representatives on the record as opposing unilateral annexation of territory. This is an important rebuke of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's disturbing announcement that he plans to annex large swathes of the occupied Palestinian territories, a move that I strongly oppose.

Additionally, I am opposed to President Trump's decision to discontinue bilateral assistance to the Palestinians and U.S. contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). That's why I am pleased H. Res. 326 states that "it is in the United States' interest to continue promoting the security, stability, and humanitarian well-being of Palestinians and their neighbors by resuming the provision of foreign assistance pursuant to United States law."

I am also pleased this resolution opposes the Trump administration's continued greenlighting of Israeli settlement expansion in the West Bank. This declaration is especially timely given the Trump administration's recent outrageous reversal of the decades-long U.S. position that Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories are against international law. I also joined my colleagues in signing a letter condemning President Trump's reversal.

However, while I support this resolution, I believe it should have gone further to address additional actions by the Trump administration and the Netanyahu government which have severely undermined a two-state solution.

For example, H. Res. 326 fails to condemn the Trump administration's decision to recognize the city of Jerusalem as the Israeli capital and to relocate the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, and it fails to denounce the Netanyahu government's continued human rights abuses, including demolition of Palestinian homes and villages, military detention of Palestinian children, and more. Protecting human rights, re-

gardless of any ongoing tension between Israelis and Palestinians, should be a fundamental American value.

Additionally, the original text of H. Res. 326—which I cosponsored—included a call for an "end to the occupation" of Palestinian territory. Unfortunately, this language was removed from the final version brought to the floor.

As an ally of Israel, the United States invests more than \$3 billion in aid to Israel annually, and H. Res. 326 reiterates U.S. support for this aid. Accordingly, I believe it is only appropriate that lawmakers voice their legitimate concerns with Israeli policies in a constructive way, as I have done throughout my time in Congress and will continue to do.

Unfortunately, recent rhetoric over U.S.-Israeli relations and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has devolved into a divisive—and even partisan—war of words. It is only through thoughtful, respectful, nuanced debate that Congress can productively contribute towards resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and addressing the legitimate needs of both peoples. The bottom line is it is critical that the U.S. pursue policies that will move Israelis and Palestinians towards a negotiated, two-state solution, and I will continue to push the Trump administration and Congress to do so.

HONORING MS. KIMMI LEWIS

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Colorado State Representative Kimmi Lewis of Las Animas, Colorado.

Kimmi was proud to serve her community in the Colorado House of Representatives, having represented the 64th district from 2016 until her passing on December 6, 2019. In this role, Kimmi was a champion for Colorado's farmers and ranchers, advocating for their needs and priorities as a member of the Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee. She will be remembered as a treasured member of the community who worked tirelessly to improve the lives of Coloradans.

Beyond her service in the state legislature, Kimmi served as the President of the Trinidad/Las Animas County Republican Women's Club for the past thirty years. In 2007, she received the La Junta Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Award for her efforts to prevent the expansion of the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, and in 2009, she received the Southern Colorado Livestock Association Cattlewoman of the Year award in honor of her "dedication and lifetime commitment to our industry, community and our country."

Madam Speaker, I would like to honor Rep. Kimmi Lewis for all her contributions in service of Eastern Colorado and recognize the profound legacy that she leaves behind. It is an honor to celebrate her impact on our community and state.

KATY AMERICAN LEGION POST 164  
REMEMBERS OUR FALLEN WAR-  
RIORS

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize American Legion Post 164 in Katy, Texas for their efforts to honor our fallen service members this holiday season.

As Americans, we know that some of our military service members make the ultimate sacrifice to protect and preserve our way of life. The Wreaths Across America program is a solemn way to honor and remember our fallen heroes by distributing a token of our appreciation and remembrance at this time of year.

American Legion Post 164 worked incredibly hard gathering sponsors to fund their goal of placing 450 wreaths this year. They surpassed this goal in their gracious efforts to remember our fallen warriors, securing enough sponsors to fund over 500 wreaths for the Magnolia Cemetery.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I thank Post 164 for their valiant work to ensure our fallen service members are never forgotten during the holidays and throughout the year.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM KINZINGER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I was not present to cast votes on Friday, December 6.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 652, YEA on Roll Call No. 653, and NAY on Roll Call No. 654.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE STILLWATER,  
MINNESOTA ROTARY CLUB

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial anniversary of the Stillwater, Minnesota Rotary Club. Since its founding in 1919, Stillwater Rotary Club has actively advanced the mission of Rotary International by providing service to others, promoting integrity, and fostering world understanding, goodwill, and peace through fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Stillwater Rotary Club was begun just 14 years after Rotary International was founded by Chicago attorney Paul Harris in 1905. Community leaders in Stillwater shared a desire to serve their community in fellowship with one another, and so joined together to begin the Stillwater Rotary Club. At the time, most Rotary Clubs were located in larger cities, but

following World War I, as smaller communities like Stillwater returned to normal, they sought to refocus to improve their communities. Stillwater's club charter was sponsored by the St. Paul and Minneapolis clubs, and was formally presented to the Stillwater club on September 26, 1919. Today the club has over 60 members from diverse personal and professional backgrounds and are a part of the larger community of 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide.

Throughout their 100 years, the Stillwater Rotary Club has become a prominent community organization as it has chartered new clubs in the area, supported numerous local and international charities, and completed many community service projects. From its earliest years, the club made great contributions to the community, demonstrating the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self". The Stillwater Club sponsored the creation of a bathhouse at Lily Lake Beach, a barge terminal in Stillwater, a tourist camp on the Saint Croix River, and a Scout cabin on Big Marine Lake. In 1927 their seven-year project of lighting Main Street in Stillwater came to fruition; a major accomplishment for the club. They also sponsored the founding of the Washington County Historical Society in 1934, a non-profit educational institution that remains active today with the mission to collect, preserve, and disseminate the vibrant history of Washington County and the greater State of Minnesota.

Today, Kathleen Elbert leads the Stillwater Rotary Club and the organization continues to be a leader in service. Their annual Taste of the Valley event raises funds for non-profit organizations like the American Cancer Society and the Boy Scouts of America, as well as local groups including Stillwater Area High School and the St. Croix Valley Learning Center. The club also takes on international service endeavors through their sponsorship of a hospital in Tanzania, construction of roads in Guatemala, and support of Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio worldwide among other initiatives.

Rotarians worldwide utilize an ethical guide called the Four-Way Test which asks the following questions: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? These questions are especially prescient today. Stillwater Rotarians have served their community for a century in agreement with these principles, setting an example for all of us to remember to be truthful, to be fair, to build goodwill and grow in our friendships, and to live our lives in service for others. Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the members of the Stillwater Rotary Club on its 100 years of serving the community.

CITIZENSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF  
MILITARY MEMBERS AND CIVIL  
SERVANTS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 3, 2019*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4803, the Citizenship

for Children of Military Members and Civil Servants Act.

I applaud Judiciary Chairman JERROLD NADLER (D-NY) and House Judiciary Ranking Member DOUG COLLINS (R-GA) for introducing this bipartisan legislation aimed to fix a problem in current citizenship laws.

The current citizenship law implemented by this Administration in October, serves as a disadvantage to certain children who are born abroad and reside with a parent serving overseas in the military or as a federal government employee.

Under current law, such children are required to establish U.S. residency in order to obtain citizenship, which can be difficult when a parent is stationed overseas.

This small but important change is the necessary fix for U.S. armed forces and in federal government positions overseas.

I am glad we could work together to introduce this bipartisan legislation that provides greater flexibility and support to those who have dedicated their careers to serving our nation.

American citizens who are deployed members of our military or government officials working abroad should have confidence their children will receive U.S. citizenship.

Military families are already making tremendous sacrifices to serve our country abroad and the children should not have to be penalized.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 4803 because our military families should not have to deal with the bureaucracy of this Administration for their children to be United States citizens.

RECOGNIZING THE HEROISM OF  
CANYON GATE VOLUNTEER  
FIREFIGHTERS

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Community Volunteer Fire Department in Canyon Gate for their heroic actions saving the lives of three pets from a burning home.

For many, pets can be a part of our families nearly as much as our brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers are. Losing a pet is hard for everyone, especially in times of tragedy.

The Community Volunteer Fire Department went above and beyond in their duties to make sure a family did not have to go through that pain. While a TX-22 family was away, their house unfortunately caught fire with their three pets—a cat, a dog and a kitten—trapped on the first floor. These heroes risked their lives to ensure that these pets were reunited with their families in the face of disaster.

We send our heartfelt appreciation to the Community Volunteer Fire Department and all our firefighters in TX-22 who put their lives on the line each and every day to rescue those in danger—be they people or pets. On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, they make our community very proud.

CONGRATULATING STEPHEN  
JOHNSON

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, today I wish to congratulate Dr. Stephen G. Johnson, a researcher at Idaho National Laboratory (INL). At its recent annual meeting in Washington, D.C., the American Nuclear Society (ANS) honored Dr. Johnson as a Fellow, which is the highest member status presented to an individual. Dr. Johnson was recognized for his outstanding accomplishments in nuclear science and technology, specifically highlighting his work in rebuilding the national radioisotope power system program for NASA's deep space exploration.

Dr. Johnson holds a bachelor's degree with a double major in mathematics and chemistry from Lake Superior State University of Michigan and a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Iowa State University. He currently serves as the director of the Space Nuclear Power and Isotope Technologies Division at INL's Materials and Fuels Complex.

During his tenure at INL, Dr. Johnson has successfully reestablished the Radioisotope Power Systems program, initiated the Technical Integration Office for Radioisotope Power Systems, and most recently named the National Technical Director, for the Department of Energy's (DOE) national Space Nuclear Power program. Steve and his staff focus on cross-cutting initiatives, mission planning scenarios for nuclear power systems for DOE customers, such as NASA, and providing resources for various other needs for DOE's Space Nuclear Power department.

For the last few years, Steve has been a regular visitor to Capitol Hill, presenting an overview of the Department of Energy space power work for NASA at lunches hosted by the Foundation For Nuclear Studies. This summer, my staff and I had the pleasure of visiting Dr. Johnson in his facility where they were assembling the radioisotope thermoelectric generator that will power the Mars 2020 Rover.

It is a great privilege to congratulate Dr. Stephen G. Johnson on receiving this prestigious recognition, and I am grateful for his exceptional work in the field of nuclear science and technology. His accomplishments are a reminder of the many skilled researchers and scientists currently working and living in Idaho. Congratulations to Steve on his accomplishments and I thank him for all of his hard work.

CAMERON MILLER PRESERVING  
THE MEMORIES OF A WORLD  
WAR II VETERAN

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight CW39 Director of Operations Cameron Miller's effort to preserve history and the memory of those who served our nation in combat.

Cameron recently took a trip to New Orleans and visited the World War II museum,

bringing with him a box from home full of old wartime photos from a family friend and WWII veteran named Jack. While there, he learned about the history contained within the pictures and how to ensure their stories can be passed down for generations to come.

Cameron then shared his story on television, instructing others on the importance of preserving pictures and other key items from our history so that the service of veterans is remembered for generations.

I thank Cameron for honoring our veterans' service in the best way possible—by preserving their memories and sharing their stories. On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, he makes Texas and our veteran community proud.

ADVANCING MUTUAL INTERESTS  
AND GROWING OUR SUCCESS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 3, 2019*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 565, "The Advancing Mutual Interests and Growing Our Success Act" or AMIGOS Act.

Despite deep ties with Portugal, it remains one of only five EU countries whose citizens are ineligible for E-1 and E-2 visas.

Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, nationals of countries with which the United States maintains a treaty of commerce and navigation may be admitted temporarily to the United States to engage in international trade, an E-1 visa, or to develop and direct an investment enterprise, E-2 visa.

E-1 and E-2 visas may be granted to individual traders and investors or to employees of organizational traders and investors.

Applicants for E-1 and E-2 visas must generally demonstrate the existence of a bilateral treaty of commerce and navigation between the applicant's country of nationality and the United States.

Some treaties allow for the admission of both E-1 and E-2 nonimmigrants, while others allow for the admission of only E-1 or E-2 nonimmigrants.

In addition, the visa applicant must be a national of the treaty country.

If the applicant is an employee of an organizational trader or investor, both the applicant and the organization must possess the nationality of the treaty country.

The nationality of the organization is determined by the nationality of the individual owners—at least 50 percent of the organization must be owned by nationals of the treaty country.

The enterprise must be more than marginal and must generate income beyond that which is required to provide a minimal living for the investor and their family.

An individual investor must be coming to the United States to develop and direct the business.

An applicant who is an employee of an organizational trader or investor must be coming to the United States to fulfill an executive or supervisory position or possess skills that are essential to the firm's U.S. operations.

Spouses and minor children accompanying or following to join the principal E-1 or E-2

nonimmigrant will be admitted for the same period of stay as the principal trader or investor.

Congress has the ability to take action to improve the historical relationship between the United States and Portugal.

If H.R. 565 is enacted, Portuguese nationals would become eligible for E-1 and E-2 visas, but only after an agreement for reciprocal treatment between Portugal and the United States is finalized.

In 2012, Congress passed—and the president signed into law—H.R. 3992 to permit Israeli nationals to participate in the E-2 treaty investor program. However, Israeli nationals did not have the ability to apply for E-2 visas until May 1, 2019, when an agreement with Israel was finalized and took effect.

It was favorably reported by the House Judiciary Committee without amendment by voice vote; passed by the House on motion to suspend the rules (371 to 0) and passed by the Senate, without amendment, by Unanimous Consent.

Similarly, S. 2245, the "Knowledgeable Innovators and Worthy Investors (KIWI) Act," became law on August 1, 2018, but New Zealanders were unable to apply for E-1 and E-2 visas until June 10, 2019 when an agreement for reciprocal treatment took effect.

It was Discharged by the Senate Judiciary Committee by Unanimous Consent and passed by the Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent; passed by the House on motion to suspend the rules by voice vote.

The last two bills to add countries to the E-1 and E-2 visa programs passed Congress without controversy.

Portugal is a longstanding United States ally, with "bilateral ties dating from the earliest years of the United States, when Portugal recognized the United States in 1791 following the Revolutionary War."

The United States is also Portugal's largest trading partner outside the European Union (EU), with bilateral trade in goods and services reaching \$8 billion in 2018, a 9 percent increase from the previous year.

Similarly, U.S. direct investment in Portugal reached \$2.1 billion in 2017, with U.S. companies playing a significant role, investing in the Portuguese banking, pharmaceutical, and chemical industries.

Both countries have also agreed to a bilateral income tax agreement to prevent double taxation.

Portuguese participation in the E-1 and E-2 visa programs will deepen an already strong bilateral trade and investment relationship, and benefit business communities in both countries.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 565, "The Advancing Mutual Interests and Growing Our Success Act" or AMIGOS Act.

HONORING DALE WILKERSON FOR  
HIS SERVICE TO OUR NATION

**HON. MARK E. GREEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of an upstanding American citizen, Dale Wilkerson.

After serving twenty years in the U.S. Air Force, where he earned the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal, Mr. Wilkerson began working for the National Park Service in 1994 as a branch chief for contracting, property, and financial management at the Natchez Trace Parkway.

In 2010, Mr. Wilkerson was temporarily assigned to the NPS Southeast Regional Office in Atlanta to serve as the acting regional comptroller. In that role he directed the annual fiscal year closing process for more than sixty park units in the region, with the execution of obligations totaling more than \$245 million.

From August 2012 through December 2013, he served as the Acting Superintendent of the Natchez Trace Parkway, Tupelo National Battlefield, Brices Cross Roads National Battlefield Site, and the Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail, where he was responsible for leading and managing the eighth most visited NPS unit in the country.

In 2015, Mr. Wilkerson was appointed as the Superintendent of the Shiloh National Military Park. Over the last four years, he has performed a remarkable job of managing and overseeing all aspects of the Shiloh National Military Park.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mr. Wilkerson on his retirement from the National Park Service as Superintendent of Shiloh National Battlefield and his forty-six years of service in our nation's military and in the National Park Service.

#### ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, today is International Anti-Corruption Day, recognizing the need for governments and civil societies around the world to be vigilant in the fight against bribes and abuse of power for personal gain.

According to the United Nations, every year \$1 trillion is paid in bribes while an estimated \$2.6 trillion are stolen through corruption, more than five percent of global GDP.

No more is this on clearer display today than across the Middle East, which is witnessing a revival of the 2011 Arab Spring protests in places like Lebanon, Iraq, Iran and in towns and cities across Syria. Peaceful protesters are demanding an end to abusive policies and practices by government officials who seek little else than their own profit—always at the expense of the peoples' fundamental rights. The persistence of protestors today despite increasingly violent government responses indicates a point of no return. The brazen willingness to sacrifice their lives signals just how precarious these citizens' lives have become under their governments.

Syria is ground zero for what happens when corrupt governments refuse reform and respond to peaceful demands with violence. The Assad regime continues to leech Syrians of their basic human rights, uprooting their lives, indiscriminately bombing his own people, and deliberately starving them while blaming the United States and other Western states for the dismal conditions of his country and the Syrian

people. And all for the sake of protecting the power and interests of corrupt officials who are part of the Assad network, including Fahd Darwish, Samer Al-Debbes, Samir Anis Hassan, Samer Awees, Kanaan Kanaan, Tamim Badr, Mahran Khonda, Osama Ali Zayoud, Iyad Habib Baytnjaneh, Tarif Akhras, and Fares Shehabi, among others. The United States must target these individuals for exposure and sanctions for their corruption and theft from the Syrian people.

And in response to these widespread cries for change, the United States must continue to pursue a relentless campaign against corruption everywhere. Without such accountability, perpetrators within and partners of corrupt governments will boldly continue, extending the suffering of innocent civilians around the world. If the United States does not demonstrate its commitment with action, nefarious actors and businessmen around the world will feel emboldened to engage in corrupt practices. On International Anti-Corruption Day, we must stand with those calling out for change.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, on December 6th, I was unable to cast my vote on two pieces of legislation. If present, I would have voted NAY on H. Res. 326 (RC No. 652), YEA on the Motion to Recommit H.R. 4 (RC No. 653), and NAY on passage of H.R. 4 (RC No. 654).

#### KAZAKHSTAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

### HON. STEVE CHABOT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, as co-chair of the U.S.-Kazakhstan Congressional Caucus, I am pleased to rise today to welcome Kazakhstan's newly-appointed Foreign Minister, Mukhtar Tileuberdi, to the U.S. Capitol during his inaugural visit to Washington, D.C. this week. Minister Tileuberdi is an experienced Kazakh diplomat and statesman.

Throughout his career, he was posted in Kazakhstan's diplomatic missions in South Korea, Israel, and served as Ambassador to Malaysia with concurrent accreditation to Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam, and the Philippines. He also served as Ambassador of Kazakhstan to the Swiss Confederation and with concurrent accreditation to the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Vatican. Additionally, he served as the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva. I look forward to working with the Minister in his new role, as we continue to grow the important bilateral relationship between Kazakhstan and the United States.

Madam Speaker, as you may know, the United States and Kazakhstan held first meeting of the U.S.-Kazakhstan Enhanced Strategic Partnership Dialogue in January 2018,

following former President Nazarbayev's visit to Washington. The most recent series of these bilateral talks took place last week and focused heavily on continued cooperation on issues of aviation, counterterrorism, and information sharing, among other topics.

Along with my fellow co-chair of the U.S.-Kazakhstan Caucus, we look forward to our meeting with Minister Tileuberdi to discuss how the United States and Kazakhstan can continue to promote security and stability across Central Asia through Kazakhstan's strong support for nuclear non-proliferation as well as the U.S.-Kazakhstan Enhanced Strategic Partnership Dialogue, military cooperation, and C5+1 multilateral meetings.

Cooperation between the United States and Kazakhstan has never been stronger. Kazakhstan has been a strategic partner in Afghanistan and in the fight against violent extremism, and has been a leader in repatriating foreign fighters and their families from Syria and Iraq. On behalf of my fellow U.S.-Kazakhstan Caucus members, we welcome the opportunity to deepen the bilateral partnership, and we look forward to hosting future presidential and high-level delegation visits on Capitol Hill.

#### HONORING THE REV. DR. JACQUELINE A. THOMPSON

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rev. Dr. Jacqueline A. Thompson in celebration of her installation as the Senior Pastor of the Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland, California.

Rev. Thompson was raised by a mother who believed in the importance of church. In her own words at the age of 12, Dr. Thompson realized that church was "not to be just about singing and having a good time in the Lord. But rather there was a purpose and a mandate with a measurable objective".

After graduating from College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1993, Dr. Thompson began teaching history and politics. While teaching allowed her to positively impact lives in her community and while she loved teaching, she felt called to impact lives in a different way.

In 1995, Dr. Thompson followed her calling and returned to her church family and was licensed to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. She was later ordained in 1998 by the Reverend Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr. at Allen Temple Baptist Church.

Later she attended Howard University School of Divinity where she excelled in academic scholarship, preaching and ministry. As a result, she received several awards including The Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, The Ford Foundation Fellowship, and The Nannie Helen Burroughs Award.

During her time at Howard University, she served as the Minister of Youth at the Shiloh Baptist Church of Washington, D.C. Her love for teaching and affinity with youth allowed the young people in the Ministry to flourish under her leadership.

Dr. Thompson graduated from Howard University in 1998 earning a Master of Divinity Degree with honors.

In 2001, she was appointed Executive Director of the Shiloh Family Life Center Foundation, Inc. In this leadership position Dr. Thompson raised over 5 million dollars for non-profit outreach. This money allowed the church to grow and foster their Afterschool program, Senior Center, Day Care Center, HIV/AIDS program, Human Services Program, Community Computer Center, Debutante Program and Teen Mothers' Empowerment Program.

In 2010, Dr. Thompson was installed as the Assistant Pastor of the Allen Temple Baptist Church—the first woman to ever serve in this capacity. In 2013, Dr. Thompson became a Doctor of Ministry in African American Church Leadership at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California.

Dr. Thompson has demonstrated that she is the right woman, for the right time, who has come “for such a time as this” to lead such a spirit filled congregation. Her sense of justice to serve the “least of these, our brothers and sisters” in the manner described by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, will continue to be a hallmark of this historic church.

Today, I join the Allen Temple Church Family and the greater East Bay community in celebrating her installation, as the first female Senior Pastor in the Church's 100-year history. As we look ahead to this new season in our church history, let us continue as Micah 6:8 reminds us “to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.”

On behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, we congratulate Rev. Dr. Jacqueline A. Thompson, as she is installed as the next pastor of the historic Allen Temple Baptist Church.

COMMEMORATING YAYA CLUB'S  
FASHION SHOW BENEFITING  
FAMILIES WITH ACTIVE-DUTY  
PARENTS

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute the Katy Boutique YaYa Club for their first annual “Runway for Heroes” fashion show and the mission behind it.

As the holiday season approaches, many families with military parents deployed far from home will not be able to celebrate with them. This is hard on everyone in the family, especially the children. That's why this Veterans Day, the YaYa Club Boutique put on a fashion show with volunteer models to raise money to buy toys for the children of our military families. In their efforts, they raised over \$8,000. Additionally, YaYa Club will be delivering the gifts in person to the children.

I was incredibly heartwarming to see YaYa Club doing such a great service for the TX-22 community. I thank them for helping spread more love this holiday season across Katy. On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, their actions embody the spirit of giving and the spirit of Texas.

HONORING GARY FRUGOLI

### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Gary Frugoli, who passed away on November 19, 2019, at the age of 72 after a lifetime of exemplary public service to his community.

Born in 1947, Mr. Frugoli moved with his family as a toddler to Marin where his parents owned and operated Marin Produce. He attended San Rafael High school where he was a star football player and continued to play football at Chico State University. He graduated in 1969 with a degree in Political Science and Recreation. After college, Mr. Frugoli worked for the San Rafael Parks and Recreation Department, but soon joined the San Rafael Police Department where he worked his way up the ranks from motorcycle officer to detective with the Major Crimes Task Force and the San Rafael SWAT team. During his time at the San Rafael Police Department, Mr. Frugoli met and fell in love with his wife, Lori who was working as a meter maid at the time. The couple was married in 1980 and later had a daughter named Amy.

Mr. Frugoli's passion for public service grew, and in 1981, he was elected to the San Rafael City Council where he served with distinction. During his tenure on the San Rafael City Council, Mr. Frugoli developed a reputation for supporting business and housing growth which were not popular issues at the time. In 1989, after losing his re-election bid, the Frugoli family moved to Novato where he continued to perform community service through a variety of activities and where the family enjoyed time recreating outdoors. Professionally, he worked for Pacific Coast Title while he was on the San Rafael City Council and then for Cal Title when he moved to Novato.

Active in many aspects of Marin County, one of Mr. Frugoli's favorite causes was the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank, where he consistently raised funds to help feed local families. He also served as president of the San Rafael Rotary Club and was an active member of the Sonoma County Trailblazers. He was a Little League coach and a founding member of the Marin Athletic Foundation, which focused on the importance of combining sports and educational opportunities. He served on the Marin Builder's Association Board of Directors, the Marin County Services Area No. 20, the Fish and Wildlife Commission, and his homeowner's association. In 2010, Mr. Frugoli was named the Marin County Italian American Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Frugoli was a well-respected community leader who will be remembered for his ebullience and willingness to always step up to help people out. He is survived by his wife Lori, his daughter Amy, his brother Victor, his sister Virginia Kerbs, and many nieces and nephews. While he will be greatly missed, Mr. Frugoli's legacy will live on through the indelible positive impact he had on his friends and family and the community at large.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. KATIE PORTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes on December 6, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 652, NAY on Roll Call No. 653, and YEA on Roll Call No. 654.

GOOD CONDUCT TIME CREDITS  
FOR CERTAIN ELDERLY NON-  
VIOLENT OFFENDERS

SPEECH OF

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 3, 2019*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4018, the legislation which provides that the amount of time that an elderly offender must serve before being eligible for placement in home detention is to be reduced by the amount of Good Time Credits earned by the prisoner, and for other purposes.

This legislation would ensure that elderly offenders become eligible for the pilot program at a point in time that takes into account any good conduct time credits they may have accumulated in the course of their time in prison under the Second Chance Act.

This change is important for at least three reasons:

(1) the elderly offender pilot program should be consistent with the way the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) calculates other transfers, which includes credit for good conduct time,

(2) offenders who otherwise have satisfactory behavior should not lose good conduct time solely due to their elderly status, and

(3) one of the goals of the pilot program is to save taxpayer dollars, and older inmates tend to be more costly for BOP to house.

Mr. Speaker, I support this legislation because it is long overdue and provides much needed relief to persons who no longer warrant incarceration.

To promote prisoner reentry and improve community reintegration, I co-sponsored and advocated for passage of the Second Chance Act, which Congress enacted in April 2008.

The Second Chance Act expanded existing offender reentry grant programs at DOJ and created a wide array of targeted grant-funded pilot programs.

The Second Chance Act reauthorization improved programs by:  
broadening programs to cover reentry courts,

expanding grant eligibility to nonprofits, bolstering support for programs targeting offenders with histories of homelessness, substance abuse, or mental illness, and makes the existing elder release pilot program permanent and broadens eligibility.

The Second Chance Act also established an elderly offender release program for those individuals over the age of 65 who have served the greater of ten years or 75 percent of their sentence.

The Act has been consistently funded by Congress since its enactment.

Since its inception, the Second Chance Act has resulted in more than 800 grant awards in 49 states and the District of Columbia to government agencies and nonprofits for reentry programming designed to provide services that can help reduce recidivism and increase public safety.

The data shows that this investment in our returning population lowers recidivism, saves money and reduces crime.

Nearly one out of three Second Chance Act grantees is a community or faith-based organization and includes funding for federal programs through the Bureau of Prisons. The data shows that this investment in our returning population lowers recidivism, saves money and reduces crime.

The Second Chance Act has been a success and its reauthorization was an essential part of any meaningful criminal justice reform effort. Through grants, the Second Chance Act encourages the development of evidence-based reentry programming to improve outcomes for those returning to families and communities.

Grantees provide vital resources, including employment training, drug treatment, family programming, and so much more.

Reauthorization had broad bipartisan support in Congress and from nearly 700 organizations across the political spectrum.

The Second Chance Act has played an important role in the impressive advances Texas has made over the last decade in criminal justice and juvenile justice reform.

Texas has received over 28 Second Chance Act grant awards to date, totaling over \$11,932,289.

One recipient, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, has used it to provide family-focused reentry services and comprehensive case management to gang-affiliated youth.

The City of Dallas used its funding to support a program for women who have a substance abuse diagnosis and are pregnant or have children who are 5 and under.

The women received comprehensive family-based support and co-occurring substance use and mental health services on an inpatient and outpatient basis.

This change is especially significant because the fastest growing segment of inmates are those age 50 and older, and they cost far more.

As an original co-sponsor of the Second Chance Reauthorization Act of 2017, I am very proud to have played a part in the development of the Federal Prisoner Reentry Initiative for our citizens over 60 years old.

For the previous several Congresses, I introduced the Federal Prison Bureau Relief Act to amend the federal criminal code to require the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to release early an offender who has completed at least half of his or her prison sentence if such offender has:

- (1) attained age 45,
- (2) committed no violent offenses, and
- (3) received no institutional disciplinary violations.

The bill modified provisions related to computation of a federal prisoner's good time credit.

Specifically, it allowed an eligible federal prisoner to earn a maximum good time credit of 54 days per year of the sentence imposed (instead of 54 days per year of the sentence actually served).

It also permitted the Bureau of Prisons to restore good time credit previously denied, based on a prisoner maintaining good behavior.

These modifications applied to an ongoing prison sentence imposed on or after November 1, 1987.

A bipartisan consensus is developing across this country in support of such a policy.

Allowing this group of nonviolent offenders to go home to their families is both beneficial to the inmates as well as in the best interest of the United States.

There is a continuing need for re-entry programs.

Due to the dramatic growth in the size of the prison population, the issue of prisoner re-entry has emerged as one of the most critical and complex dilemmas facing the American criminal justice system.

The United States is the world's leader in incarceration.

According to the Prison Policy Initiative Mass Incarceration, the American criminal justice system holds almost:

2.3 million people in 1,719 state prisons, 109 federal prisons,

1,772 juvenile correctional facilities, 3,163 local jails, and

80 Indian Country jails as well as in military prisons, immigration detention facilities, civil commitment centers, state psychiatric hospitals, and prisons in the U.S. territories.

These trends resulted in prison overcrowding despite increasing evidence that large-scale incarceration is not the most effective means of public safety.

The result was that an incredibly low number of prisoners over 60 years of age were released to home confinement under the pilot program.

Passing H.R. 4018 will not fix the entire criminal justice system, but it is another important step in our effort to make it a more just and humane system for our elderly non-violent offenders with reentry into our communities.

#### RECOGNIZING THE FRISCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise with my fellow Texas Congressman, Dr. BURGESS, to congratulate the Frisco Chamber of Commerce on earning a 5-Star Accreditation from the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Frisco is home to some of the most innovative and booming businesses in Texas and throughout the entire country. Partnering with approximately 1,300 member businesses who represent more than 75,000 employees, the Frisco Chamber of Commerce goes above and beyond to provide the business community with a powerful voice through its advocacy efforts and partnerships.

The Frisco Chamber received the highest accreditation awarded by the U.S. Chamber as a result of their effective organizational procedures and community involvement. After earning this accreditation, the Frisco Chamber is now among the top two percent of Chambers in the nation to receive this Prestigious designation.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Frisco Chamber of Commerce on this tremendous achievement.

#### RECOGNIZING DAVID HOBBS, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and Rep. MIKE TURNER of Ohio, I rise to recognize David Hobbs, the Secretary General of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. He will step down from his position on December 31, 2019 after decades of stellar service to the Assembly and to the national parliaments of all NATO countries, including the United States Congress.

David Hobbs took up his post as Secretary General of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in January 2008, following his election by the heads of national delegations to that body. He had previously served on the Assembly's staff for many years and drew on this long experience to help transform the institution.

David Hobbs holds degrees in physics and defense from Manchester University and King's College in London. After working in the UK civil service and the private sector, he joined Aberdeen University's Centre for Defence Studies, where he published studies on nuclear forces and policy. His expertise gave him unique insight not only into the conduct of the Cold War, but also informed his understanding of the strategies Western allies followed to ultimately prevail in it.

David Hobbs joined the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in 1983 as Director of its Science and Technology Committee. In 1987, he assumed additional responsibilities as Director of Committees and Studies and was tasked with coordinating the work of all five of the Assembly's Committees.

Mr. Hobbs played a central role in driving the Assembly's adaptation following the collapse of the Soviet Union, and ensuring that national parliaments and their members helped forge a new security order that placed democratic values at its very core. It was at this time that the Assembly began to reach out to the new parliaments of former Communist countries to assist in their democratic development. David Hobbs was part of a team that established a set of conferences and training programmes, including the Rose-Roth Seminars named after late Senator Bill Roth and Congressman Charlie Rose, which worked with parliamentarians from Europe's new democracies on security sector reform, parliamentary oversight, and preparation for membership in NATO itself.

Mr. Hobbs was appointed Deputy Secretary General of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in November 1997.

In addition to his responsibilities at the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, from 1996 to 2007 David Hobbs served as the Chairman of the Euro-Atlantic Foundation, an NGO which provided computing and I.T. assistance to parliaments in Central and Eastern Europe. From 1993 to 2005, he was a member of the research advisory council of the Chemical and

Biological Arms Control Institute, and from 2009 to 2014 he was a member of the Senior Steering Group for NATO's Special Operations Headquarters. He wrote extensively on the political and military implications of new technology.

As the Assembly's Secretary General, David Hobbs made it a top priority to maintain and strengthen the trans-Atlantic link through parliamentary dialogue and cooperation. He travelled to the United States with parliamentary delegations 37 times between 2003 and 2019 to ensure that European political leaders better understood strategic policy decision-making in the United States and to introduce European national legislators to their counterparts in the House of Representatives and the Senate. He often accompanied the President and Vice Presidents of the NATO PA on visits to the halls of Congress for bilateral discussions with members of Congress and their staffs. Those efforts paid off, and the Assembly is now considered the primary vehicle for Congressional outreach to allied nations and their political leaders.

As a member and now chairman of the United States delegation to the NATO PA, I have witnessed first hand David Hobbs' commitment to the trans-Atlantic bond and to NATO, his understanding of U.S. politics and policies and ability to work with members from both sides of the aisle on a bipartisan basis. As our predecessors have, the current members of the United States delegation to the NATO PA and I have come to rely on his expertise, unfailingly sound judgement, and shrewd insights.

David Hobbs is also known and appreciated for his quick wit and friendliness and has long made parliamentarians and staff feel welcome and essential to the life of the Assembly. His strong management skills and vision reinvigorated the secretariat in Brussels and helped the Assembly adjust to an increasingly perilous and complex security environment characterized by new challenges like terrorism, cyber-attacks, hybrid warfare, and an ever more revanchist Russia.

It should hardly be surprising that this vital institution dedicated to parliamentary diplomacy flourished under David Hobbs' stewardship. He leaves the NATO Parliamentary Assembly a stronger and more vibrant organization. He has dedicated himself to preserving history's greatest alliance, which requires great patience, diplomacy, hard work, and faith. Mr. Hobbs's tenure will be remembered for his grace, the active listening he deployed to ensure that everyone always felt heard, the respect he showed all delegates and staff, and the stability he brought to this vital alliance.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 11

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 2204, to allow the Federal Communications Commission to carry out a pilot program under which voice service providers could block certain automated calls, S. 2363, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish a Telecommunications Workforce Development Advisory Council within the Federal Communications Commission, S. 2381, to require review by the Government Accountability Office of screening protocols of the Transportation Security Administration relating to breast milk and formula, S. 2638, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require small hub airports to construct areas for nursing mothers, S. 2661, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to designate 9-8-8 as the universal telephone number for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and through the Veterans Crisis Line, S. 2730, to establish and ensure an inclusive transparent Drone Advisory Committee, S. 2786, to establish a Federal advisory committee to provide policy recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation on positioning the United States to take advantage of emerging opportunities for Arctic maritime transportation, S. 2802, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reauthorize and modify the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue and Response Grant Program, S. 2881, to require the Federal Communications Commission to make not less than 280 megahertz of spectrum available for terrestrial use, S. 2898, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a full annuity supplement for certain air traffic controllers, S. 2909, to extend the authority of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to enter into leases of non-excess property of the Administration, S. 2964, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to issue non-premium aviation insurance, S. 2979, to improve drug testing for transportation-related activities, and S. 2981, to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas B. Chapman, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

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Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 2641, to promote United States national secu-

urity and prevent the resurgence of ISIS, S. 2547, to state the policy of the United States with respect to the expansion of cooperation with allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific region and Europe regarding the People's Republic of China, S. 2977, to extend the termination of sanctions with respect to Venezuela under the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014, S. 1310, to strengthen participation of elected national legislators in the activities of the Organization of American States and reaffirm United States support for Organization of American States human rights and anti-corruption initiatives, S. 1830, to enhance the security of the United States and its allies, S. 704, to prioritize the efforts of and enhance coordination among United States agencies to encourage countries in Central and Eastern Europe to diversify their energy sources and supply routes, increase Europe's energy security, and help the United States reach its global energy security goals, S. 1189, to require the Secretary of State to determine whether the Russian Federation should be designated as a state sponsor of terrorism and whether Russian-sponsored armed entities in Ukraine should be designated as foreign terrorist organizations, S. 482, to strengthen the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, to combat international cybercrime, and to impose additional sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, S.J. Res. 4, requiring the advice and consent of the Senate or an Act of Congress to suspend, terminate, or withdraw the United States from the North Atlantic Treaty and authorizing related litigation, S. Con. Res. 23, honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge fought during World War II, recognizing the valiant efforts of the Allied Forces in December 1944, and remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice, all of which contributed to the Allied victory in the European Theater, S. Res. 142, condemning the Government of the Philippines for its continued detention of Senator Leila De Lima, calling for her immediate release, S. Res. 152, expressing the importance of the United States alliance with the Republic of Korea and the contributions of Korean Americans in the United States, S. Res. 260, recognizing the importance of sustained United States leadership to accelerating global progress against maternal and child malnutrition and supporting the commitment of the United States Agency for International Development to global nutrition through the Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy, S. Res. 297, commending the Inter-American Foundation (IAF) on the occasion of its 50th anniversary for its significant accomplishments and contributions to the economic and social development of the Americas, S. Res. 343, congratulating the people of the Czech Republic and the people of the Slovak Republic on the 30th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution, the 26th anniversary of the formation of the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, and the 101st anniversary of the declaration of independence of Czechoslovakia, S. Res. 371, reaffirming the support of the United States for the people of the Republic of South Sudan and calling on all parties to uphold their commitments to peace and dialogue as outlined in the 2018 revitalized peace

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- agreement, S. Res. 374, expressing support for the designation of October 23, 2019, as a national day of remembrance of the tragic terrorist bombing of the United States Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1983, S. Res. 375, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, S. Res. 385, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, the reunification of both Germany and Europe, and the spread of democracy around the world, S. Res. 395, recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Iran Hostage Crisis, H.R. 2744, to authorize the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to prescribe the manner in which programs of the agency are identified overseas, H.R. 133, to promote economic partnership and cooperation between the United States and Mexico, an original resolution expressing serious concern about widespread irregularities in Bolivia's October 20, 2019, general elections and supporting the convening of new elections in Bolivia at the earliest possible date, the nomination of Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, Department of State, and other pending calendar business.
- S-116
- Committee on the Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine the Inspector General's report on alleged abuses of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.
- SH-216
- 2 p.m.  
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe  
To receive a briefing on Albania's leadership in Europe.
- RHOB-2253
- 2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
To hold closed hearings to examine an update on the situation and United States strategy in Afghanistan.
- SVC-217
- Committee on Indian Affairs  
Business meeting to consider S. 1853, to require Federal law enforcement agencies to report on cases of missing or murdered Indians, and S. 2365, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize urban Indian organizations to enter into arrangements for the sharing of medical services and facilities; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael D. Weahkee, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.
- SD-628
- Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jovita Carranza, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.
- SR-428A
- 10 a.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
To receive a closed briefing on national security issues in the Middle East.
- SVC-217
- Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Subcommittee on Security  
To hold hearings to examine expanding opportunities, challenges, and threats in the Arctic, focusing on the Coast Guard Arctic Strategic Outlook.
- SD-562
- Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
Business meeting to consider S. 225, to provide for partnerships among State and local governments, regional entities, and the private sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance the visitor experience at nationally significant battlefields of the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War, S. 242, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to release reversionary and reserved interests in certain land in the Coconino National Forest in the State of Arizona, S. 258, to prohibit oil and gas leasing on the National Forest System land in the Ruby Mountains Ranger District located in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Elko and White Pine Counties, Nevada, S. 298, to establish the Springfield Race Riot National Historic Monument in the State of Illinois, S. 327, to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, S. 389, to authorize the Society of the First Infantry Division to make modifications to the First Division Monument located on Federal land in Presidential Park in the District of Columbia, S. 430, to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, S. 434, to provide for a report on the maintenance of Federal land holdings under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, S. 490, to designate a mountain ridge in the State of Montana as "B-47 Ridge", S. 499, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to apply to territories of the United States, to establish offshore wind lease sale requirements, to provide dedicated funding for coral reef conservation, S. 526, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development, S. 641, to update the map of, and modify the maximum acreage available for inclusion in, the Yucca House National Monument, S. 774, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor, S. 1152, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain parcels of Federal land in Arlington, Virginia, S. 1262, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all
- forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, S. 1890, to provide for grants for energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy improvements at public school facilities, S. 2108, to amend section 6903 of title 31, United States Code, to provide for additional population tiers, S. 2393, to promote a 21st century energy workforce, S. 2399, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve State loan eligibility for projects for innovative technology, S. 2660, to establish a grant program for wind energy research, development, and demonstration, S. 2666, to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and H.R. 617, to authorize the Department of Energy to conduct collaborative research with the Department of Veterans Affairs in order to improve healthcare services for veterans in the United States.
- SD-366
- Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Business meeting to consider S. 2971, to amend and reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, S. 2080, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, social work schools, and other programs, including physician assistant education programs, to promote education and research in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine, S. 2683, to establish a task force to assist States in implementing hiring requirements for child care staff members to improve child safety, S. 2927, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide that the authority of the Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities to make certain research endowments applies with respect to both current and former centers of excellence, an original bill entitled, "Title VII Reauthorization", and the nomination of Crosby Kemper III, of Missouri, to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.
- SD-430
- Committee on Rules and Administration  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of J. Brett Blanton, of Virginia, to be Architect of the Capitol.
- SR-301
- 2 p.m.  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.
- SH-219
- DECEMBER 18
- 10 a.m.  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.
- SH-219