

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

JUDY ALTENBERG

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Judy Altenberg for receiving the 2019 Golda Meir Award from JEWISHColorado.

This award honors local Jewish women who have exemplified extraordinary leadership, community involvement and support of the Federation, as well as has an outstanding ability to inspire others. Judy exemplifies the qualities deserving of this recognition. She has been active in the community for several decades through her volunteerism and nonprofit work. She has tirelessly volunteered on several boards, including as past chair, lifetime board member and trustee of the Board of National Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). She is the past chair of the Jewish Women's Philanthropy Center of JEWISHColorado, where she has chaired several fundraising divisions, and alumna of the United Jewish Communities' National Young Leadership Cabinet. She is a 2010 graduate of the Wexner Heritage Program, an intensive two-year program of Jewish leadership and learning. Most recently, in 2019, Judy joined the Rose Community Foundation as Director of Gift Planning and Advisor Relations. She has been involved with the Foundation since 2007 as a trustee and member of the Education Committee and chair of the Jewish Life Committee.

In addition to her work within the Jewish community, Judy has been involved locally and at the state level and helped at her children's K-12 schools, including as past Chair of the Cherry Creek Schools Foundation.

Judy's dedication to her community is outstanding. I extend my deepest congratulations to Judy Altenberg for her contribution to our community and our state.

**CELEBRATING MOTHER CLIFFORD  
MASON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY**

**HON. RASHIDA TLAI**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mother Clifford Mason, a long-time resident of Detroit, Michigan, as she celebrates her one hundredth birthday on December 13, 2019.

Born in Macon, Georgia, Clifford Mason was raised as an only child by her grandparents. She was educated in Georgia public schools before marrying Millard Mason in 1944. They moved to Michigan in 1946 and established their home, where she eventually became a dedicated member on the Usher Board and Mothers' Board of Unity Baptist Church in Detroit.

Mother Mason was employed at a clothing factory and as a short order cook for a restaurant. She enjoyed cooking and baking—cabbage and pound cakes are her specialties. She has remained an active member of a local social club for over 50 years and continues to enjoy their yearly celebrations and birthday parties, dressing up, eating good food, and playing cards. Still active in the community, Mother Mason spends her time at Patton Recreation Center in Southwest Detroit, where she once worked and volunteered. She received accolades from former Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young for her volunteerism. The matriarch of her family, Mother Mason treasures her time spent with family. She is the proud parent to her grown son Gregory Mason and loves her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her compassion and kindness towards others have had a lasting impact on those around her. Her strong family values are reflected in the life she leads.

Please join me in celebrating the one hundredth birthday of Mother Clifford Mason.

**HONORING FATHER ALEXANDER  
KARLOUTSOS**

**HON. LEE M. ZELDIN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. ZELDIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Father Alexander Karloutsos, the leader of Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons in Southampton, New York.

Father Alex, as he's known to so many in our community, has served his church for over 40 years, guiding Long Islanders in a life centered in faith. However, his work goes beyond the members of his faith community, and his work has affected so many aspects of our community and our nation.

In fact, Father Alex has met with and advised every U.S. President since President Ronald Reagan on religious freedom and many other issues and is well-known and respected by many members of Congress and policy-makers on both sides of the aisle.

While his reputation precedes him on the national level, he has never turned his back on the community he loves. Just last year, he led his church in donating \$100,000 to the Southampton Town Police Department to help fight the heroin and opioid abuse epidemic that has taken its toll on our community.

For his extraordinary service to our community and nation, he was recently appointed as the Vicar General of the Holy Archdiocese of America at the discretion of the Archbishop himself. I congratulate Father Alex on his well-deserved appointment and look forward to continuing to work together to better the community we love.

**RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT  
OF COVESTRO LLC'S CHAIRMAN  
AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
JERRY MACCLEARY**

**HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, it is a great honor to congratulate my constituent, Jerry MacCleary, upon his retirement after a distinguished forty-year career with Covestro LLC. Mr. MacCleary truly embodies the values that make southwestern Pennsylvania a great place to live and work, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

In 1979, Mr. MacCleary began his career as an accountant with the company. Mr. MacCleary's talent and work ethic were immediately recognized, and he quickly rose through the ranks, taking on positions in sales, marketing, general management, and strategic leadership. In 2004, Mr. MacCleary was named head of the company's North American polyurethanes business. He retained this significant responsibility even after becoming president in 2012. In 2015, Mr. MacCleary led the North American material science organization through its separation from Bayer and establishment as an independent company, called Covestro. In 2018, he was named Chairman and CEO.

Mr. MacCleary's dedication to the chemical industry does not stop with his work at Covestro. He serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Manufacturers, on the Executive Committee for the Society of Chemical Manufacturers, and as Chairman of the American Chemistry Council's Board of Directors.

Mr. MacCleary is well known in the industry for his commitment to advancing sustainability efforts. He serves as Chair for the Board Sustainability Committee under the American Chemistry Council, as well as the Sustainability Committee for the Allegheny Conference on Community Development. He also co-chairs "CEOs for Sustainability"—a local program sharing sustainable business practices with companies of all sizes.

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Mr. MacCleary is actively engaged in the southwestern Pennsylvania community. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, and the Imani Christian Academy. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees for the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and co-chairs The Advanced Leadership Initiative, which aims to promote corporate diversity and build a continuous pipeline of African American leaders in Pittsburgh.

Madam Speaker, throughout his career, Jerry MacCleary has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to Covestro, the chemical industry, sustainability efforts, and the southwestern Pennsylvania community as a whole.

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Please join me in congratulating him on his well-earned retirement after a distinguished career. I know that he will remain active in the next chapter of his life and continue to serve as an exemplary citizen for our community and the entire region.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF DOLORES PREKSTA SHOROKEY-BRUNETTI

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dolores Preksta Shorokey-Brunetti, 84, who passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 30, 2019, at her home with her family by her side.

Dolores, who was known to all as “Dee,” was born August 28, 1935, in Cadogan, PA, a daughter of the late John and Sadie Wolsonovich Preksta, and came to the Mahoning Valley with her family as a child.

Dee was a registered nurse for more than 40 years. She graduated from The Rayen School, where she was a majorette, and earned a degree in Nursing from the Youngstown Hospital Association School of Nursing. Early in her career, she worked at the Stuttgart Army Hospital in Germany, and she later worked at Northside Hospital in Youngstown for many years, where she was instrumental in the formation of the Nurses Union. Dee retired from nursing in 2000.

She was a member of St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church in Austintown, where she proudly volunteered. Dolores enjoyed cooking, golfing, gardening, and attending garage sales. She was also known to enjoy casinos and vacationing with her family to Nags Head, North Carolina, which she did as recently as August of 2019. Dee loved her family and lived her life for her children. Compassionate and caring, she also used her skills to serve as a caregiver to elderly friends.

Dee is survived by four children, Debbie Aloia (Christina Lyons), with whom she shared her home for the past year, Joe (Jane) Shorokey of Boardman, Christine Shorokey of New Jersey, and Laurie (Brett) Stare of Austintown; six grandchildren, Matt Price (Liz Montelongo), Nikki (Daniel) Maloney, Holly Kowal (Jason Poe), Sara Shorokey, Mimi Shorokey, and Josie Shorokey, a great-granddaughter, Aria; a sister, Patricia Gergel of Youngstown; two brothers, John Preksta of Detroit and Ronald Preksta of Chicago; several nieces and nephews; and her canine companion, Donya. Her second husband, Joseph “Peno” Brunetti, passed away February 3, 2014.

My staff and I have been blessed to work closely on addiction and behavioral issues with Dee’s son, Joe, who is the CEO of Alta Behavioral Health in Youngstown. I have no doubt that Joe got his passion for care from his mother. My deepest condolences to all whose lives were touched by Dee.

IN RECOGNITION OF NANCY FATEMI FOR HER EXEMPLARY CAREER IN SERVICE OF NEW JERSEY

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Blades Fatemi, someone who has been a tireless public servant for the great state of New Jersey throughout her entire career. Nancy has announced her retirement at the end of this year from her current role as Executive Director to the New Jersey State Society (NJSS).

For the last decade, Nancy has served as executive director of the New Jersey State Society of Washington, D.C. State and Territory societies are civic and social organizations that are unique to the national capital region. With roots that trace back to 1854, state societies have evolved as non-partisan booster clubs that celebrate the history, culture, traditions, humor, politics and commerce of America’s 50 states. The societies provide those who live in the greater-Washington area with a special non-partisan venue that enables them to share in a wide variety of events celebrating their home states. Since 1941, New Jersey State Society has been serving as the link between Washington, D.C. and New Jersey. Under Nancy’s leadership, NJSS won the top national Haines Award for “Outstanding State Society,” in 2014–2015, as well as several state society softball championships.

Prior to serving NJSS, she worked on Capitol Hill in the personal offices of Rep. James J. Howard, D–NJ, as legislative director and press secretary, and later in my office as special assistant and health care legislative assistant. Nancy began her career as a reporter at The Home News, New Brunswick, NJ, and reporter and wire editor of the Bennington Banner, Bennington, VT. She grew up in Avon-by-the-Sea, NJ and is a graduate of Rutgers University’s Douglass College, New Brunswick, NJ, and Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, New York, NY.

Taking the steps to successfully continue a long tradition of creating opportunities for New Jerseyans living in Washington, D.C. to connect and celebrate the Garden State is no small task, and Nancy has more than risen to the challenge. Madam Speaker, I hope all my colleagues will join me in thanking Nancy Blades Fatemi for her tireless advocacy on behalf of the great state of New Jersey.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM “BILL” RYAN

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of the William “Bill” Ryan, a veteran and public servant of thirty-six years.

Born in Brighton, Massachusetts in 1938, Bill graduated from Brighton High School and Quincy College. After graduating, Bill began his long career with the United States Postal

Service in 1956. During this time, he served as both letter carrier and as an Army National Guard Reservist working as a heavy equipment operator. Continuing his career with the U.S. Postal Service, he would eventually be named U.S. Post Master in 1981. Bill served multiple communities in his role as Post Master including; Bedford, Waltham and Abington, where he would retire in 1992.

Bill was a dedicated family man and a devout follower of the Catholic faith. After his retirement, Bill most enjoyed spending time with his family and rooting for his beloved Boston Red Sox.

Surrounded by family, Bill passed away on November 30, 2019, at the age of eighty-one. His dedication to serving both his country and his community will long be remembered by his growing family and all those who had the great privilege of knowing Bill. In addition to his wife Mary Sue, Bill is survived by his six children Billy, John, Patrick, James, Mary Sue, and Peggy, his twelve grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of the William “Bill” Ryan. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his commitment to his local community and the people of Massachusetts.

HONORING CHIEF DENNIS COMPTON

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Dennis Compton, who earlier this year stepped down as Chair of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Board of Directors after more than eleven years.

Since 1992, I have had the distinct honor of serving as a Co-Chair of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus. I have established friendships with many members of our nation’s fire and emergency services throughout those years. I got to know Chief Compton well, attending the memorial service for fallen firefighters in Emmitsburg and the annual Congressional Fire Services Dinner together with him every year.

I know it was a difficult decision on his part to step down as the Chairman of the National Fallen Firefighters Board of Directors. Chief Compton has always cared deeply about the mission of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to honor our fallen heroes, provide support to their loved ones, and reduce the number of firefighter injuries and deaths. Even though he will no longer serve as Chairman, I know he will remain steadfast in his commitment to firefighter health and safety.

In his many different professional capacities, Chief Compton has shared his thoughts and knowledge with thousands of firefighters about the attributes of leadership, character, and integrity. These attributes define who he is as a friend and leader and have earned him many well-deserved distinctions and honors from his peers. Indeed, his legacy will be felt for many years to come in the countless men and women of the fire and emergency services who will carry out their work aimed with the lessons he imparted and will surely continue to impart in the years ahead.

I would also like to honor him for his dedication and commitment to our nation's firefighters, for his unwavering support for the family members of our fallen heroes, and for his many contributions to the bipartisan work of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus. Serving as a Co-Chair of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, I have seen Chief Compton's tireless efforts up close.

Prior to his role as Chairman of the National Fallen Firefighters Board of Directors, Chief Compton served in the Phoenix Fire Department for twenty-eight years. He also served as Fire Chief in Mesa, Arizona, for six years. Chief Compton also served as Past Chairman of the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) National Advisory Council and Co-Chairman of the Fire Service-Based EMS Advocates Steering Committee.

Our nation's fire service owes Chief Compton a debt of gratitude. On behalf of my fellow Co-Chairs of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, I extend my thanks and appreciation to Chief Dennis Compton for his outstanding leadership as Chairman of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

IN RECOGNITION OF JENNIFER SCHLECHT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Jennifer Schlecht, a beloved and internationally recognized public health expert. She worked tirelessly to ensure that women and girls—especially those living in crisis situations—had access to medical care, including comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care. Ms. Schlecht was an incredible mother and friend in addition to being a true leader in the reproductive health space.

Ms. Schlecht was committed to bringing about a world where all women and girls could exercise control over their bodies. She worked in Africa before returning home to New York in 2001, where she earned a master's degree from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. After graduating in 2004, she began working at Harlem Hospital. Later, Ms. Schlecht joined the Women's Refugee Commission; where she gained a reputation as both a women's health expert and as someone who was razor sharp, fun, and unfailingly kind. Mrs. Schlecht joined the UN Foundation (UNF) Family Planning 2020 team as Senior Advisor for Emergency Preparedness and Response and quickly became a go-to expert on addressing the needs of women and girls in crisis. Her leadership in the field was recognized by her colleagues at UNF and professionals from partner organizations around the world.

Beyond her expertise, she was a treasured colleague, bringing her warmth and generosity to work every day. Amidst all her commitments, she somehow found time to also become a certified counselor, get married, buy a home in Harlem, and have a daughter, Abaynesh. Her energy and her clear-eyed drive to improve the world around her were boundless.

The same warmth that engendered her commitment to women and girls globally was

evident in her dedication to protecting and nurturing her much loved daughter. She worked from New York to spend more time with Abaynesh. This September, to Ms. Schlecht's immense pride, her daughter began kindergarten at Hunter College Elementary School. Abaynesh was the center of her life.

On November 6th, Ms. Schlecht and Abaynesh were killed by their husband and father in a tragic act of domestic violence. There are no words to express the profound devastation faced by those who loved them; there is no meaning to be found in this tragedy. One out of every three women will experience violence in their lifetime, most likely at the hands of someone they know. Ms. Schlecht's courage to leave an abusive situation should never be forgotten. The best way to honor her memory is to keep fighting to realize Ms. Schlecht's dream of ensuring safety, dignity, and choices for all women and girls. Ms. Schlecht, her light, the way she cared for her daughter, and all of the things that made her a beautiful human being will be deeply missed. We cannot rest until the violence stops.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Jennifer Schlecht, remembering her deep dedication to the rights of women and girls around the world, and mourning the unjust and tragic loss of her and her daughter.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I was unavailable due to delays in travel and missed Roll Call Vote 655 and 656.

Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on Roll Call No. 655 and 656.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following Roll Call votes. Had I been present for them, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call No. 655 on H.R. 4761—DHS Opioid Detection Resilience Act of 2019—YEA, and Roll Call No. 656 on H.R. 4739—Synthetic Opioid Exposure Prevention and Training Act—YEA.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes on Monday, December 9, 2019 due to an important meeting with constituents in my District.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 655, and YEA on Roll Call No. 656.

RECOGNIZING BRIAN LYONS ON HIS 11TH BIRTHDAY AND FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to recognize Brian Lyons for his incredible dedication and the many contributions he has made and continues to make to local first responders.

Upon discovering that his local fire company, Elm Hill Hose Company No. 3 in Plymouth, did not have a Jaws of Life, Brian jumped into action and began selling lemonade to raise the necessary funds needed to purchase the life saving equipment. After selling over 7,500 cups of lemonade and receiving a \$2,000 donation, Brian purchased the Jaws of Life and was on hand to donate the equipment to his local fire company in August.

Brian's dedication to supporting our community's first responders, especially his local fire company, is a tremendous example to us all. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Brian Lyons for his dedication to our first responders.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT M. RECHNITZ

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mr. Robert M. Rechnitz. Mr. Rechnitz, a longtime resident of the Locust section of Middletown, New Jersey, passed away on October 12, 2019 after a vibrant life filled with numerous professional and personal accomplishments.

Robert (Bob) Rechnitz was a prominent member of the community and a fixture of the thriving arts and humanities landscape in Monmouth County. As co-founder and executive producer of Two River Theater, Bob was committed to providing an outlet for creative expression and a preeminent institution for the public to enjoy. In addition to his extensive background and work in theater, Bob was an esteemed educator, stalwart preservationist and dedicated philanthropist. He lived his life in service to his community and his achievements and generosity have been recognized by many awards and tributes over the years.

His love of nature and the theater and his commitment to social and humanitarian causes left an indelible impact on the community. From his support of the Monmouth Conservation Foundation and Monmouth University to his contributions to Monmouth Medical Center and Riverview Medical Center, to name just a few, his philanthropic endeavors will benefit generations to come.

Bob leaves behind a loving family, including his devoted wife and partner Joan, their children Emily, Adam and Joshua, son-in-law John Paladino, daughter-in-law Elizabeth Fordi, grandchildren Max and Flora Paladino

and Esme Rechnitz, as well as many dear friends and colleagues.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Robert M. Rechnitz for his devotion to his family and his immeasurable contributions to the greater Monmouth County community.

# RECOGNIZING CLEARLY LOVED PETS AND BOCA KITCHENS & BATHS

## HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wayne and Julie Huthmaker of Clearly Loved Pets and Gloria Duran and Shuky Conroyd of Boca Kitchens & Baths. These two small businesses have been selected as this year's SCORE of South Palm Beach Small Businesses of the Year.

SCORE is a nationwide nonprofit organization dedicated to helping small business get started, grow, and achieve their goals. They provide free mentoring and tools and offer workshops on vital business issues. The South Palm Beach Chapter has twice been voted the No. 1 Chapter in America.

Clearly Loved Pets has created a patent-pending clear enclosure for pets designed to decrease stress and improve aesthetics in your home. Boca Kitchens & Baths is a full interior design-build team that offers numerous professional services and designs. These two businesses represent the myriad of high-quality products and services provided by small businesses in our community.

Please join me in congratulating Clearly Loved Pets and Boca Kitchens & Baths on their success and well-deserved recognitions.

# REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF ALAN BARRY WOLF

## HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Alan "Big Al" Wolf, originally of Malden, Massachusetts, who passed away on October 26, 2019 at the age of 86.

Big Al's family would describe him as a simple man—not in a small way, but in a grand way. He was soft spoken, but you always heard him clearly. He said few words, but he always got his point across.

Alan grew up in the Boston suburb of Malden, son to Joseph and Florence, and brother to his sister Barbara. The family had a house right on the beach near an amusement park and boardwalk. It was here where his family shared so many weekends, events, and summer barbecues. Alan worked in the family business at Wolf Syrup Corp. His family always took so much pride knowing their Dad's syrup was in the soda fountains at the local lunch counters and pharmacies they went to around Boston.

Big Al was never a materialistic guy and only cared about a few things. He always had to drive a nice car—never flashy, but classy.

His kids say he would brag about the Cadillac convertible that he drove around when he first started dating his wife, Dolly. He was similarly forever sharply dressed and always had to wear a nice tie, shoes buffed, and pocket square peeking out.

The love Al had for his wife, Dolly, was indescribable. Dolly was his soulmate and their 66 years together was as Dolly would say, "an experience of love and life." From the day they met when she was 15 years old, there was no one else for him. It is truly amazing how much he loved her. In his eyes she was the most beautiful woman in the world and he never stopped thinking that until the day he died.

Coaching was a big thing for Al. He loved teaching the fundamentals of baseball and football and instilling a winning attitude. One thing that separated Al as a coach and person was that he would always look after the more disadvantaged kids. He felt that he could make a difference.

Big Al loved his children and grandchildren. Alan, or Pappy as he was fondly called, was also known to give a few dollars each time he saw his grandchildren. His grandkids always knew that they had a friend and fan in Pappy Alan—and that he was always ready to offer a knuckle sandwich.

Alan had many loves and many opinions, but above all, he loved his family. I am very blessed to be a great friend of his son, Robert. My deep condolences go out to Alan's family and to everyone whose lives he touched. We'll miss Alan.

# MR. EDDIE ROBINSON BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION

## HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Eddie Robinson who is celebrating his 99th birthday on December 15, 2019.

Eddie was born William Edward Robinson in Paris, Texas in 1920. He is best known for his 13-year Major League Baseball playing career from 1942 to 1957. During that time, he also served three years in the U.S. Navy, and married the love of his life, Bette, in 1955.

Eddie has what is described as charisma. It starts with an infectious smile that is always there for every story he tells and those he hears. He can remember the smallest detail that makes everyone lean forward in their chairs to make sure they hear every word. Eddie is constantly telling stories from his Major League Baseball days that thrill the hearts and minds of his listeners. He is such a gifted story teller it is as if we are all reliving the times of his "Boys of Summer" baseball days.

His more humorous side sometimes comes out with stories that he would never tell in public but shares with his close breakfast group known as "The Eastside Mafia". Eddie particularly loves telling stories of his days playing golf at Woodhaven Country Club in Fort Worth. It has been said that he was always so complimentary of a fellow's drive by saying, "Man what a beautiful drive!", only to follow up with his famous baseball trajectory of

a line drive which would put his well past the shot of his competitors.

Eddie is also a person that shares his good fortunes in life. Besides taking his friends to the Texas Rangers games, he was also instrumental in several projects around Fort Worth. He established the Woodhaven Neighborhood Golf Association's annual golf tournament, proving scholarships for local high school students in Fort Worth. He also helped his wife Bette raise funds to construct a clock tower and research library—East Regional Library of Fort Worth—which I had the pleasure of supporting during my time as Mayor of Fort Worth.

On behalf of Texas' 12th Congressional District, I offer my congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion.

# RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COM- MANDER CHRISTOPHER RAGSDALE

## HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize those men and women who continue to serve this great Nation with honor—men such as Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Christopher Ragsdale, United States Navy.

For the past year, LCDR Ragsdale served on my staff as a Congressional Defense Fellow. A 2007 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, LCDR Flynn is a proud Surface Warfare Officer who served in MCM Crew BULWARK and onboard USS *Comstock* (LSD-45) and USS *Benfold* (DDG-65). During his assignment in my office, LCDR Ragsdale provided senior-level input for defense, veterans, foreign affairs and intelligence matters. Additionally, he executed his work as a liaison to the constituents of Virginia's First Congressional District with distinction.

Furthermore, LCDR Ragsdale provided exceptional support to me as a staff liaison to the House Armed Services Committee in my role as the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee Ranking Member. LCDR Ragsdale dutifully provided me with guidance on what the Navy's path forward should be in critical areas such as training, readiness, and manning. His recent experience in the surface community was invaluable to my work in Congress.

As the Co-Chair of the Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus and the Co-Chair of the Navy-Marine Corps Caucus, I relied on LCDR Ragsdale to organize quarterly events with government, military, and private sector leaders. These events allowed key decisionmakers to work together for the advancement of our future Naval Officers as well as the construction and repair of the ships on which they will serve.

LCDR Ragsdale also directly contributed to my goal of providing excellent constituent service to the people of the First District. He was responsible for bringing numerous constituent inquiries to a successful conclusion, and he leveraged his personal and operational experience in the Navy to respond to the most challenging inquiries. In addition to his efforts locally, LCDR Ragsdale took on projects with

regional, state, and national implications, demonstrating his ability to view a challenge from many angles and develop innovative solutions.

LCDR Ragsdale's work ethic, duty to mission, and commitment to servant leadership is without equal. I believe that his personal drive to achieve excellence in his work has and will set a very high standard for his peers. I would also like to thank LCDR Ragsdale for the service and sacrifice he has made, and continues to make, both for our Nation and our great Navy. His impeccable integrity, boundless work ethic, and loyal devotion to duty earned him the respect and admiration of my staff and the First District of Virginia. I have no doubt that LCDR Ragsdale will continue to serve the Navy honorably and with distinction.

I wish Chris and his wife Andrea the best of luck as they continue their journey together as a Navy family. It was an honor and a pleasure having Chris serve on my staff. We all can sleep soundly at night knowing that members of our all-volunteer force like Chris stand ready to defend our country and take the fight to our enemies; far away from their families and the comforts of the United States of America.

I thank LCDR Christopher Ragsdale for doing a fantastic job. Best of luck to him and may God bless him, his family, and all the Sailors he is charged with leading.

#### RECOGNIZING BEVERLY "BEV" MASON, USDA—RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**HON. ANN M. KUSTER**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Beverly "Bev" Mason's nearly four decades of service with the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Program (USDA-RD). Bev will be retiring this month after 38 years of serving our Granite State communities.

Bev began her career as a technician with the Farmers Home Administration (FHMA), now known as USDA—Rural Development. Later, she held the positions of County Supervisor, Administrative Program Director, and retires as the New Hampshire Area Director.

As Area Director, Bev has been responsible for the Home Ownership Program and single-family housing through USDA-RD. She has worked with thousands of families, assisting with developing and understanding an individual's financial profile and developing budget plans to enable hard-working Granite Staters to realize the dream of home ownership.

In addition, Bev has worked directly with many of our state's communities and nonprofits to address the needs of rural New Hampshire. She has assisted with Water and Environmental Program Loans as well as Community Facility Loans and Grants to advance infrastructure and economic development profiles.

On behalf of my constituents across New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I commend Beverly Mason for her dedication to our Granite State's rural communities. We owe her a debt of gratitude and express our heartfelt thanks for her years of service. She should

look back proudly on her achievements and I wish her all the best in the years to come.

#### SUSTAINABLE CHEMISTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD an exchange of correspondence between myself and Chairman JOHN YARMUTH acknowledging the Committee on the Budget's jurisdiction over provisions in H.R. 2051, the Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2019.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY,

*Washington, DC, November 25, 2019.*

Chairman JOHN YARMUTH,  
*Committee on the Budget,*  
*House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN YARMUTH: I am writing to you concerning H.R. 2051, the "Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2019," which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology on April 3, 2019.

I appreciate your willingness to work cooperatively on this bill. I recognize that the bill contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget. I acknowledge that your Committee will waive further consideration of H.R. 2051 and that this action is not a waiver of future jurisdictional claims by the Committee on the Budget over this subject matter.

I will make sure to include our exchange of letters in the Congressional Record and legislative reports. Thank you for your cooperation on this legislation.

Sincerely,

EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON,  
*Chairwoman.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,  
*Washington, DC, November 26, 2019.*

Chairwoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON,  
*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,*  
*House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRWOMAN JOHNSON: I write to confirm our mutual understanding regarding H.R. 2051, the Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2019. H.R. 2051 contains provisions that fall within the rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget. However, the Committee agrees to waive formal consideration of the bill.

The Committee on the Budget takes this action with the mutual understanding that, in doing so, we do not waive any jurisdiction over the subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and that the Committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as the bill or similar legislation moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues within our jurisdiction. The Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment to any House-Senate conference convened on this legislation or similar legislation and requests your support if such a request is made.

Thank you for agreeing to include our exchange of letters in the Congressional Record. I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation and look forward to

continuing to work with you as this measure moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

JOHN YARMUTH,  
*Chairman.*

#### JUMP, LITTLE CHILDREN

**HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the greatest musical acts to ever come out of Charleston, South Carolina, Jump, Little Children.

Since their early days busking on the corner of Church and Market Streets twenty-five years ago, Jump has earned a substantial and loyal fan base that has followed them throughout the country, supporting their nine records and EPs, and literally thousands of energetic concerts that keep us showing up whenever they Come Around.

No matter where you hear a Jump song, you can Close Your Eyes and picture yourself back in the old Charleston Cathedrals of the raucous Music Farm after Midnight or the Quiet Dock Street Theater during the Holidays. Those were special days for so many of us in Charleston.

After The Dim and the Dark of a nearly ten year hiatus, Jump returned to the stage to remind us all how much we love their music, their personalities, and their shows. And how grateful we are they did.

And before we all Say Goodnight to this band, whenever that may be, the United States Congress wishes many more years of Jump, Little Children, along with the music and memories they create. From Charleston, South Carolina, to Washington, D.C., to the Rains in Asia, and the Green Fields of Canada, all the way to Mexico, Jump, Little Children has left an indelible mark on this world, one that will never be forgotten.

Because of them their music will forever be a part of the soundtrack for the city we all love.

Congratulations on 25 years. Here's to 25 more.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW WAY FORWARD ACT

**HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. GARCIA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support the New Way Forward Act.

For too long, unjust, anti-immigrant laws including racialized laws dating back to the 1920s criminalizing migration and the 1996 laws that entangle our civil immigration system with our broken criminal legal system have led to overly harsh punishments and the mass criminalization of immigrants.

These laws have resulted in mass incarceration and deportations, separation of families, stripping people of due process and exacerbating racial animus in both our immigration and criminal legal systems.

We must end the labels of the 'good' versus 'bad' immigrant used to dehumanize and divide communities.

At this moment in history, we are called to uphold our values of compassion, common humanity, and racial justice.

I am proud to introduce the New Way Forward Act to disrupt the prison to deportation pipeline, give all immigrants the dignity of due process, and ensure America remains a nation that welcomes all.

The bill corrects racial and anti-immigrant injustices embedded in our immigration laws, many of which have enabled the Trump Administration's inhumane assault on non-citizens in the United States and at our southern border.

Our communities deserve dignity, restoration and repair, not further criminalization.

It's time for a new vision for the future and for our immigration system. It's time for a New Way Forward.

I urge this body to support and pass this bill.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, on Monday, December 9, 2019, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: on roll call no. 655: YEA, and on roll call no. 656: YEA.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, due to a rescheduled flight I was unable to attend votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 655, and YEA on Roll Call No. 656.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, due to flight delays, I was unable to participate during Monday vote series, which included two critical pieces of legislation addressing opioid prevention, detection, and resilience. With my extensive background addressing the opioid epidemic and as a member of the House Congressional Caucus on Prescription Drug Abuse, I believe H.R. 4761 and H.R. 4739 contain crucial mechanisms to further support the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's effort in analyzing synthetic opioids in a safe, effective, and efficient manner.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 656, and YEA on Roll Call No. 655.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I was absent on December 9, 2019, due to a family matter. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on Roll Call H.R. 655, H.R. 4761—the DHS Opioid Detection Resilience Act, and YES on Roll Call No. 656, H.R. 4739—the Synthetic Opioid Exposure Prevention and Training Act.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN WYOMING

### HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and celebrate the 150th anniversary of women securing the right to vote in Wyoming.

Today marks the 150th anniversary of Wyoming becoming the first in the nation to grant women the right to vote and hold elected office. Nicknamed the Equality State, Wyoming prides itself on being the first state to elect a female governor. Wyoming was the first state to appoint a woman to public office when Esther Hobart Morris—whose statue can be found here in the Capitol's Statuary Hall Collection—was appointed Justice of the Peace in Sweetwater County. Wyoming was invited to join the Union on the condition that women's suffrage was revoked, but in true Wyoming fashion our legislature refused, waiting until 1890 to become the 44th state. I am incredibly proud to call Wyoming home, and continue the tradition of women holding elected office in our state.

Again, Madam Speaker, I want to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Women's Suffrage in Wyoming, and honor those Wyoming women who paved the way for women across the nation.

#### INTRODUCTION OF SENIOR GUARDIANSHIP SOCIAL SECURITY PROTECTION ACT

### HON. CHARLIE CRIST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. CRIST. Madam Speaker, state courts usually appoint a guardian for an individual that a judge has determined lacks the capacity to make important decisions regarding their life or property. When state courts appoint guardians, older adults often forfeit some or all of their decision-making powers, including the right to sign contracts, vote, marry or divorce, buy or sell real estate, decide where to live, or make basic decisions about their healthcare.

In recent years, state-based guardianship programs, such as the one in Florida, have been exposed as lacking the necessary controls to prevent seniors from being exploited

and defrauded by bad actors preying on these seniors. News reports have detailed shocking cases of people being fleeced in my district, and across the country.

I am committed to putting a stop to this abuse. One step we can take at the federal level today to help correct an aspect of this problem is addressed through this legislation. Under current law, when a guardian has a ward removed from their care by a court for cause, that information is not necessarily transmitted to the Social Security Administration. In some cases, guardians removed for cause may still be allowed to represent the ward's interests with the Social Security Administration, and therefore be receiving and administering their federal benefits in perpetuity.

Today, I, along with my distinguished colleagues, the gentlemen from Florida (Mr. SOTO and Mr. BILIRAKIS), are introducing the "Senior Guardianship Social Security Protection Act." Under this bipartisan bill, state courts would be required to notify the Social Security Administration (SSA) when a guardian has their adult ward removed for cause. SSA would then remove the former guardian as the ward's representative payee, closing a point of vulnerability for the ward. By directing open lines of communication between state courts and SSA, we can help better protect our seniors from predatory actors.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, due to unforeseen travel delays, I unfortunately missed the votes for December 9, 2019.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 655 and "yea" on Roll Call No. 656.

#### TAX COMPLEXITY ANALYSIS ON H.R. 3

### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD the following Tax Complexity Analysis statement on the report to H.R. 3 filed by the House Committee on Ways and Means:

Section 4022(b) of Pub. L. No. 105-266, the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 (the "RRA"), requires the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation (in consultation with the Internal Revenue Service and the Treasury Department) to provide a tax complexity analysis. The complexity analysis is required for all legislation reported by the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Ways and Means, or any committee of conference if the legislation includes a provision that directly or indirectly amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and has widespread applicability to individuals or small businesses.

Pursuant to clause 3(h)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation

has determined that a complexity analysis is not required under section 4022(b) of the RRA because the bill contains no provision that amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and has “widespread applicability” to individuals or small businesses within the meaning of the rule.