

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 non-profits 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.