

Officer Bryce Cooper—City of Falls Church Police Department.

DWI Enforcement Squad—Fairfax County Police Department.

Senior Sergeant Bobby Galpin—Town of Herndon Police Department.

Deputy Caleb Hwang—Loudoun County Sheriff's Office.

Trooper First Class Anthony Wallace—Maryland State Police.

Officer Henry Gallagher—Metropolitan Police Department (Washington, DC).

Corporal Patricia Cox—Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Police Department.

Police Officer III John Romack—Montgomery County Department of Police.

Corporal Thomas Kosakowski—Prince George's County Police Department.

Officer Chad Mason—Prince William County Police Department.

Officer Daniel Begendorf—United States Capitol Police.

Officer Christopher Gogarty—United States Park Police.

Trooper Lucie Vajglova—Virginia State Police.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the recipients of the Law Enforcement Awards of Excellence and in recognizing WRAP for its 37 years of public service. I commend the staff of WRAP under the leadership of President and CEO Kurt Erickson and Board Chairman Gary Cohen for their tireless dedication to eradicating underage drinking and drunk or drugged driving. Their efforts combined with the support of partner organizations and law enforcement agencies have saved lives and are deserving of our highest praise and gratitude.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. NADLER. Madam, Speaker, due to a family emergency, I was not in Washington, D.C. on December 17, 2019, and, as a result, I missed eight votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on roll call vote no. 683, ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.R. 1158, H.R. 1865, and for adoption of H. Res. 761; "aye" on roll call vote no. 684, on agreeing to H.Res. 765, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1158, H.R. 1865, and for adoption of H. Res. 761; "aye" on roll call vote no. 685, final passage of H.R. 4183, the "Identifying Barriers and Best Practices Study Act;" "aye" on roll call vote no. 686, final passage of H.R. 3530, the "Improving Confidence in Veterans' Care Act;" "aye" on roll call vote no. 687, final passage of H.R. 722, the "Miracle Mountain Designation Act;" "aye" on roll call no. 688, final passage of H.R. 2548, the "Hazard Eligibility and Local Projects Act;" "aye" on roll call no. 689, on the motion to concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment to H.R. 1865, the "National Law Enforcement Museum Commemorative Coin Act;" and "no" on roll call no. 690, on the motion to concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment to H.R. 1158, the "DHS Cyber Hunt and Incident Response Team Act."

I also was not in Washington, D.C. on December 19, 2019, and, as a result, I missed

three votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on roll call vote no. 699, the motion to recommit with instructions H.R. 5377, the "Restoring Tax Fairness for States and Localities Act;" "aye" on roll call vote no. 700, final passage of H.R. 5377; and "no" on roll call vote no. 701, final passage of H.R. 5430, "to implement the USMCA."

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR COY PAYNE

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Coy Payne, the first African-American to serve as mayor in the state of Arizona, who passed away Sunday, December 8, 2019, at the age of 90. Arizonans will remember him as a trailblazer who overcame the struggles of poverty and racism to dedicate his life to serving his community. From his time as a soldier in the Korean War, to his time teaching elementary school students, to his time as a civil rights leader, Mayor Payne's enduring legacy was love for his community.

The second of nine children born to sharecroppers in Sulphur Springs, Texas, on May 22, 1929, Payne's family relocated to Eloy, Arizona in the 1940s, where they worked the fields to earn enough money to buy a car. They relocated to Chandler shortly after, where Payne attended segregated schools in Chandler and Mesa. After graduating from the only high school he could attend, George Washington Carver High School in downtown Phoenix—an hour bus ride and 30-minute walk away from home—Payne was drafted by the U.S. Army to serve in the Korean War. After returning from Korea, he received a degree in education from Arizona State University and taught in the Chandler Unified School District—the very district that denied him an education as a child. He continued teaching students there for more than thirty years.

It was during this time as an educator and administrator that he also became an advocate. He joined the Chandler Human Relations Committee and worked to improve race relations in Chandler. In 1980, Payne won a seat on Chandler City Council. And in 1990, Payne won a landslide victory in the mayoral election, becoming the first African American to serve as a mayor of any city in the State of Arizona. Chandler's population ballooned 96 percent during his tenure as mayor—and he steered that growth in a positive direction. The impact of his leadership is still felt in City Hall, and his spirit of service is carried on by the many he influenced and mentored. Thank you, Mayor Payne, and Godspeed.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD "RICK" GRAHAM HILL

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life of Richard "Rick" Graham Hill of Oneida, Wisconsin. Rick was born on

January 6, 1953, in Detroit, Michigan, and lived a life filled with love and compassion for both his community and nation. He was a politician, innovator, entrepreneur and leader.

Rick descended from a family committed to public service. His grandmother, Dr. L. Rosa Minoka Hill, was the second American Indian woman doctor in the nation, and his mother was a registered nurse. He began following in the footsteps of his family at a young age, often accompanying his father to tribal meetings, which cultivated him into the leader he eventually became.

Rick went go on to be a long-serving councilman and vice-chairman of the Oneida Nation, and served two non-consecutive terms as the nation's chairman. During his first term, he also served simultaneously as chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), representing and advocating for 168 federally-recognized tribes in the gaming industry. Under his leadership, NIGA became a nationally-recognized voice on Indian gaming issues, and successfully initiated the development of national regulatory standards and policies for tribal governmental gaming. As chairman of the Oneida Nation, Rick signed the first gaming compact with the state of Wisconsin. Even after retirement, Rick continued his service by forming Hill Group, LLC. There he consulted with various stakeholders to identify economic development projects and partnerships in Indian Country. He also formed RGH Holdings the first ever consortium of tribes to invest in real estate development projects outside of the reservations. Out of all his contributions, Rick was most proud of his work serving on the board of the Native American Rights Fund and the Public Sector Gaming Study Commission.

His devotion and commitment to serving others has been recognized with honors and awards including: the Eagle Visionary Award, the Pathbreakers Award and induction into the Indian Gaming Hall of Fame. He was also the first Indian Gaming inductee into the Gaming Hall of Fame.

He was a loving husband, father, and tenderhearted coach to his sons and so many others. Rick leaves to cherish his memory: his spouse, and my dear friend, Donsia Strong Hill, as well as his children: Richard (Desirae), Sage, Dakota, and his two grandchildren: Asher and Vine. He is also survived by siblings: Barbara Author, Norbert, Jr. (Mary), Rosa (Rick) Coenen; sister-in-law, Lenora Hatathlie and brother-in-law, Mike Author; his nieces: Megan, Sarah, Maria, Nasbah (Jamison), Nanabah (Michael), Melissa (Scott); and his nephews: DinéNizhoni, Christopher (Maria), Mark, Nabahe, Norbert III (Erin), and goddaughter, Jolene Billie; and long-term business partner and colleague, Dawn Reiter.

Rick always credited his success to those who supported, mentored and befriended him while working in Indian Country. I am proud to have worked with Rick over a 30-year period and happy to have called him my friend. I am inspired by his work to continuously help other tribes and will work collaboratively with them to establish strong tribal governments. Everything he's accomplished came from the heart, and the legacy he leaves behind reflects the positive impact of his service.

Madam Speaker, it is for these reasons I rise to salute Richard "Rick" Graham Hill, a man who has made the State of Wisconsin and our nation a better place.

SUPPORT FOR FOREST SERVICE AS CO-LEAD FOR ANY NEPA-REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF TWIN METALS MINE PLAN ADJACENT TO THE BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA WILDERNESS

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, a mine plan of operation for a Twin Metals sulfide-ore copper mine adjacent to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCA) and upstream of Voyageurs National Park was submitted to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on December 18, 2019, along with applications for federal mineral leases. The proposed mine site is on Superior National Forest land in Minnesota. NEPA-required environmental review is expected to commence early in 2020.

The Superior National Forest and the BWCA are managed by the Forest Service. Under 16 USC Sec. 508b the Forest Service has independent consent authority for mining approvals in the Superior National Forest and thus has co-equal authority for mining decisions. For 20 months in 2017 and 2018, the Forest Service led a detailed study of environmental, economic, and social impacts of copper mining in the watershed of the BWCA.

For all of these reasons, Congress expects that any NEPA-required environmental review of a Twin Metals mine plan and federal mineral leases be co-led by the Forest Service and the BLM, and not led solely by the BLM.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2019 NORTHERN VIRGINIA LEADERSHIP AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2019 recipients of the Northern Virginia Leadership Awards presented by Leadership Fairfax.

Leadership Fairfax is a nonprofit corporation whose mission is to inspire, connect, develop and engage the next generation of leaders in Northern Virginia so that they are prepared to serve and strengthen our community. Graduates from its programs become part of a fast-growing network of civic leaders. I've always said, "When you walk into a crowded room, it's easy to spot the graduates of Leadership Fairfax—they just stand out."

Each year, Leadership Fairfax recognizes individuals or organizations that have demonstrated exceptional leadership and made extraordinary contributions to our community. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2019 Northern Virginia Leadership Awards recipients:

Non-Profit Leader: Joe Meyer, CEO, Shelter House.

Corporate Leadership, Organization: Womble Bond Dickinson.

Corporate Leadership, Individual: Shirley Luu, Shirley Luu & Associates.

Regional Leadership: Danny Vargas, President, VARCom Solutions.

Trustee Leadership: Linda Mathes, CEO, Red Cross in the National Capital Region.

Educational Leadership: Rebecca Cousins, West Springfield High School.

Madam Speaker, the contributions of these individuals and organizations are one of the reasons why Fairfax is such a sought after community in which to live and work, and this year's honorees highlight the legacy of Leadership Fairfax in preparing our community's future leaders to address the challenges we face. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these honorees and thanking them for their service to Northern Virginia.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2019 NORTHERN VIRGINIA LEADERSHIP AWARDS

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Colonel Jacqueline Jayneen Jackson, on occasion of her retirement after over 30 years of service in the United States Army.

Colonel Jackson joined the Army in 1986 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Stanford University. It was from there that she obtained a degree in political science. She went on to earn a law degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and she entered the Judge Advocate General's Corps in 1989.

While on active duty, Colonel Jackson served in several roles, including trial counsel. These assignments took her to California, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Texas throughout her career.

Colonel Jackson continued her career in the United States Army Reserve (USAR) where she served in the USAR Element on the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D.C. She also served as a military social aide for the White House during the George H. Bush and Bill Clinton administrations.

Colonel Jackson's commendable service earned her multiple decorations, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Army Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Army Achievement Medal.

In her civilian life Colonel Jackson continues to answer the call for justice as an immigration judge with the Department of Justice in San Francisco.

Throughout her career, Colonel Jackson has carried on the legacy of her father, United States Air Force Technical Sergeant Edwin Jackson, who died in service to our country. Her exceptional work surely made both her father and mother, Edna Jackson, extremely proud. Colonel Jackson also draws support from her husband, Morris A. Graves, Jar.

On behalf of the Fifteenth Congressional District of California, I would like to commend Colonel Jackson on an impeccable career of dedicated service and offer her best wishes for a happy retirement.

12 DAYS OF SALT

HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, to conclude my earlier remarks on the 12 Days of SALT, I rise to include in the RECORD the testimonials of mayors from New Jersey's 11th District attesting to the harm that the SALT cap has had on their communities.

On this ninth day of SALT, a bipartisan group of mayors in my district have shared with me, statements about how SALT is harming our residents in New Jersey's 11th Congressional District. Today, I'd like to share their words:

Mayor Molly Whilesmith of Sparta said:

"The exodus from New Jersey is nothing new. Our state and local property taxes have been amongst the highest in the nation for decades. New Jersey Snowbirds flocked South upon retirement. The current trend is to sell the house and pack the moving truck right after the youngest child graduates from high school. The cap makes NJ much less attractive for the average hardworking New Jersey Family."

Mayor Keith Kazmark of Woodland Park:

"The full SALT deduction must be reinstated for the benefit of New Jersey middle class families. Folks in our area were hardest hit by this change in the tax code. 51% of Woodland Park taxpayers pay more than \$10,000 in local property taxes and that does not include their state taxes. That's over 1,800 residential property owners in our town."

Mayor Bruce Harris of Chatham Borough said:

"The story for Chatham Borough is pretty simple. The average property tax bill is about \$14,100, so 40% is no longer deductible. Obviously, that impacts people's pockets; it also impacts housing values. NJ is a payer state—it sends much more to the federal government than it receives back."

According to Mayor Jeff Grayzel of Morris Township:

"We all teach our children to play fair, because fairness in one of the key elements that makes our democracy the great thing it is. However, the cap on SALT deductions is simply unfair and penalizes the residents of New Jersey. Let's be fair to all and drop this penalty on New Jerseyans."

Mayor John Kelley, Borough of Caldwell:

"Caldwell taxpayers are directly impacted and blindsided by the limits put on SALT deductions. Caldwell families manage their finances and tax liability closely and for many years have relied upon their state income taxes and Caldwell property taxes to reduce their federal income tax through itemized deductions. The impact of the limits on SALT deductions are felt throughout our community."

Mayor Michael Soriano, Parsippany:

"Parsippany is a community similar to many across the country, but unlike towns in other states, Congress decided to target our residents with a tax bill that limits their ability to deduct state and local taxes. Homeowners in Parsippany shouldn't have to pay more in federal tax dollars when we know the money isn't coming back to fund our schools or repair our roads."

Our mayors are on the ground in our communities and know that the SALT deduction