

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING NAVY QUARTERBACK MALCOLM PERRY ON HIS PERFORMANCE IN THE 120TH ARMY-NAVY GAME

**HON. MARK E. GREEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Malcolm Perry of Clarksville, Tennessee for his extraordinary performance as the quarterback for the Naval Academy in the 120th Army-Navy game.

From the time he was a student at Kenwood High School, Malcolm knew he wanted to play college football and join the military. As the star quarterback at the Naval Academy, he has the rare opportunity to do both. The son of two career Army enlistees with over forty combined years of service, Malcolm enrolled at the U.S. Naval Academy, and he will commission as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps after graduation.

As the senior quarterback and team captain for the Midshipmen, Malcolm capped off the regular season with a spectacular 31–7 win against Army, rushing for a career-high 304 yards—the most rushing yards by any player in the history of the Army-Navy game.

With his outstanding performance in this game, he set the school records for rushing yards (1,804) and yards of total offense (2,831) in a season—quite a feat considering the many great teams that the Naval Academy has fielded in its long and proud history of athletic excellence.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating this young man on his outstanding leadership and accomplishments at the Naval Academy, and we wish Malcolm great success in the years to come.

CONGRATULATING AMERICA'S  
NEWEST CITIZENS

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on January 10, 2020. This memorable occasion will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals

realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On January 10, 2020, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Melissa June Licupa Pineda, Alexis Almaraz Fierro, Katelyn Alyousif, Rosaura Virginia Gonzalez, Blanca Carrasco, Maria Guadalupe Murillo, Jacqueline Angelica Terry Palacios, Jovanny Las Pinas Minton, Samuel Obiora Izuora, Alicia Cerda, Brenda Cerda, Ignacio Cerda Avalos, Horacio Joseph Vazquez, Kelly-Sue Stone, My Thi Hoa Pham, Maria Elisa Tirado, Arturo Miranda, Jr., Komo Yawa Ouattara, Victoria Izuora, Olena Gorbatenko Therrien, Yulia Vladimir Vorobiev, Alexander Nicholas Vorobiev, Oscar Esteban Magallanes, Liz Chacon, Gerardo Miranda, Edsys Nohemy Yoder, Nga Thu Pham, Myra Espinosa O'Lena, Gertrude N. Manda, and Carl Peter Zmijewski.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country "... of the people, by the people, and for the people." They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on January 10, 2020. They, too, will be American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

IN RECOGNITION OF SOC (SEAL)  
EDWARD GALLAGHER, USN

**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, since the inception of our great Nation, our freedoms were conceived and protected by those willing to defend it with their own blood. It is in the spirit of those warriors that I rise today, to celebrate 20 years of distinguished and faithful military service by one of the greatest warriors our Country has ever known, Special Operations Chief Petty Officer (SEAL) Edward Gallagher, USN.

In 1999, Gallagher enlisted into the United States Navy from Fort Wayne, Indiana, grad-

uating from Basic Training at Navy Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois. After successfully completing Navy Hospital Corpsman "A" school in 2000, he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marines Company, 2nd Marine Division in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He also graduated from the Marines Corps Scout Sniper Course in 2002. While assigned to the Marine Corps, Gallagher completed two deployments that included service in Africa, Albania, Iraq and Kosovo.

Always desiring to push himself beyond the normal limits of others, Gallagher joined Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) class 252 in 2005 for 24 weeks of arduous training. After BUD/S, he immediately attended SEAL Qualification Training and Special Operations Combat Medic Course. Upon completion of those courses, Gallagher earned his Navy SEAL Trident and was selected to be stationed at SEAL Team ONE. Later, he was hand chosen to train new SEAL candidates as a BUD/S Instructor at Naval Special Warfare Center. This was followed by orders to be stationed at SEAL Team SEVEN, where he was promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. For his service in the Naval Special Warfare community he has received two Bronze Stars with "V" for Valor, a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals with "V" for Valor, a Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and a Combat Action Ribbon.

In 2017, Chief Gallagher returned home after completing his eighth combat deployment. Instead of receiving a hero's welcome, he became the target of a tyrannical witch-hunt. This witch-hunt was led by a few junior SEALs, a completely incompetent NCIS Agent and Navy Judge Advocate General (JAG) lawyers that were hoping to make their careers off court-martialing Gallagher. Despite the numerous illegal and underhanded tactics by the prosecution, Chief Gallagher was found not guilty of all major charges by a jury of his peers on July 1, 2019. Later, President Donald Trump personally intervened to stop the Navy's harassment towards Gallagher and restored his rank to Chief Petty Officer. Realizing the poor treatment and errors that they had made, the United States Navy allowed Chief Gallagher to officially retire on November 30, 2019.

While no one could blame Chief Gallagher if he was angry about the horrible manner in which he was treated at the end of his career, he instead has decided to live free of anger and has forgiven the individuals who have wronged him. I believe this is due to Eddie's faith in God and an amazing woman that keeps him grounded, his loving wife, Andrea. She and their three beautiful children, Treven, Ava and Ryan, have faithfully supported Eddie throughout his numerous deployments and were his biggest advocates during the Navy's foolish witch-hunt. Their love along with his brother, Sean Gallagher, and his parents, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Joseph and Melissa Gallagher have strengthened Eddie throughout his military service; and I congratulate them as well on this special occasion. I

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am proud to share in the celebration of Special Operations Chief Petty Officer (SEAL) Edward Gallagher's military career and as he and his family step into the next chapter of their lives, I ask my colleagues in this chamber to join me in wishing the Gallagher family fair winds and following seas.

IN HONOR OF JAMES PURTEE,  
CITY MANAGER

**HON. JULIA BROWNLEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Madam Speaker, after 31 years of public service, Palmdale City Manager James "Jim" Purtee announced his retirement effective at the end of 2019. Jim began his diverse career in public service with the City of Simi Valley in 1988. He spent over 27 years working for several city departments in Simi Valley and was involved in improving access to affordable housing, ensuring continued economic development, and contributing to city planning efforts. In addition, Jim spent his free time doing community services.

In July 2012, Jim was named as the City of Simi Valley's Assistant City Manager, where he was responsible for intergovernmental relations and served as the City's public information officer. While serving as the Assistant City Manager, Jim obtained S&P rating upgrade of AAA for the City of Simi Valley. He sponsored a \$5 million citywide investment in replacing technology services and turned a \$2.4 million budget deficit to a \$2.4 million budget surplus in just three years. Jim took the lead on working with city departments to complete a biogas fueling project for the City's transit buses and implement a \$15 million energy savings and production project. During his time in public service, Jim managed a \$160 million investment portfolio and increased investment returns by 400 percent over the benchmark and earned an additional \$9.7 million on City funds over a six-year period. Jim was instrumental in securing \$780,000 in grant funding to invest in citywide energy efficiency programs and oversaw countless affordable housing programs to benefit thousands of families.

In October 2015, Jim became the City Manager for the City of Palmdale. While serving as City Manager in Palmdale, Jim amassed a number of significant achievements and successes. As City Manager for the City of Palmdale, Jim obtained an S&P rating upgrade to AA- and engaged in community partnerships, which contributed to reducing the City of Palmdale's Part 1 crime rate by over 40 percent in just 5 years. Under Jim's leadership, the City of Palmdale was named as the 44th Safest City in the US, was ranked in the top 15 percent of fiscally responsible cities in California and as a top 25 city in the U.S. to Live the American Dream.

Jim implemented initiatives to assist thousands of families in obtaining safe, decent, and affordable housing. He carried out fiscal and legislative actions that provided over \$100 million in positive fiscal impacts to communities and worked on cutting edge sustainability projects such as waste to energy, groundwater recharge, and acquisition/conversion of 18,000 Streetlights to LED.

During his career, Jim served on multiple boards governing water, transportation, medicine, and regional planning. He served on the League of California Cities Fiscal Transparency, Revenue and Tax, and City Manager Committees. Jim supported the success of Air Force Plant 42 through maintaining strong relationships with all stakeholders. Jim worked tirelessly to ensure Palmdale, California will be California's High Speed Rail connection to the Western U.S. and partnered with academic stakeholders to educate and train the next generation of aerospace employees.

Jim obtained over \$300 million in grants, tax credits, and other financial resources to invest in transportation, housing, water, energy, and quality of life improvements for the City of Palmdale. He oversaw the development of strategic plans for increasing access to public arts, encouraging economic development throughout the city, and restoring air service to Palmdale. While serving as City Manager, Jim invested in local parks, building the City of Palmdale's first dog park, developing new City parks, and improving existing parks.

Jim was honored by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), the premier local government leadership and management organization, at its annual conference in Baltimore earlier this year for his significant contributions and achievements in the advancement of local government administration for 30 years.

An avid supporter of military veterans, Jim has volunteered countless hours with local veteran organizations. He is also an advocate for supporting mental health programs, especially with our local youth population, and has also served on the Board of Directors for Palmdale Regional Medical Center. Jim holds both a bachelor's and master's degrees from California State University, Northridge, and is a graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education for senior executives in state and local government program.

Jim has been happily married for the past 33 years to Tina, whom he has known since high school, and they are the proud parents of four children: Erika, Elyssa, Ariana, and Ethan.

REGARDING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S TARGETED KILLING OF MAJOR GENERAL QASEM SOLEIMANI, HEAD OF THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as a senior member of the House Committees on the Judiciary and on Homeland Security, I rise to address the Trump Administration's targeted killing of Qasem Soleimani, head of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard, and the impact of this decision on American national security interests and the safety of American armed forces personnel and civilians in the region and around the world.

The decision to kill Major General Qasem Soleimani, the head of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, may have rid the world of a major architect of terror but leaves unanswered the critically important question of why the action was taken at this time.

In addition, we do know whether the action taken was the product of a carefully developed geopolitical strategy developed after extensive discussion within the national security apparatus of the short and longterm consequences for the security of the region and our nation and its people.

Similarly, we do not know whether it was taken in consultation and agreement with our regional and international allies; and whether there is now in place a strategy to ensure that the action taken does not lead to a greater escalation of tensions between Iran and the United States or in the worst case, another war in the Middle East placing at risk the lives and safety of millions of persons.

Qasem Soleimani appears to be the apparent mastermind behind last week's attack on the U.S. embassy in Baghdad.

Soleimani as long-time chief of the Quds Force, the elite special forces battalion of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), assisted Syrian strongman Bashar al Assad slaughter hundreds of thousands of his own people in the Syrian civil war.

Soleimani also incited the Houthis in Yemen's civil war and oversaw the brutal killing of hundreds of Iraqi protesters recently demonstrating against Iranian influence in their country.

Iran's Quds Force, under Soleimani's leadership, has long been suspected by the U.S. Government of involvement in a 2011 plot to assassinate the Saudi ambassador to the United States.

According to the U.S. Department of State, Soleimani was responsible for the 608 Americans killed by Iranian proxies since the 2003 inception of the war in Iraq.

But Qasem Soleimani was more than a military leader, he was a highranking political leader, second only in power and influence to the Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

In fact, Soleimani was regarded as a future president of Iran.

It was foreseeable that the killing of Soleimani by American forces was likely to invite retaliation by Iran putting at risk American military and civilian personnel, as well as its allies in the region and across the globe.

That is why it was essential that the Administration have in place a sound and well-considered and meticulously developed strategy for managing disputes with Iran.

That does not appear to be the case.

There is no evidence that the Administration consulted with Congress or the Gang of 8, no evidence that it enlisted or even consulted our allies in NATO or the region, no evidence that the Administration has a working and well-functioning national security council apparatus.

This is a critical Pottery Barn failure in dealing with the Middle East for as former Secretary of State Colin Powell stated before the Iraq War, "If you break it, you bought it."

Iran Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei has vowed that a "harsh retaliation is waiting" for the United States as a consequence of the action taken yesterday by the Administration.

It is imperative that the Administration have in place a strategy to counter and deescalate any Iranian response and have in place measures to protect the safety of Americans residing or travelling abroad and to protect the security of the homeland.

We must be prepared and ready because the assassination of Qasem Soleimani has the potential to be the most consequential assassination of a political leader since the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand Carl

Ludwig Joseph Maria of Austria, the heir presumptive of the throne of Austria-Hungary in 1914, which set in motion the Great War.

The decision to send American men and women into harm's way is the most consequential decision the Constitution vests in the President and the Congress.

That is why the Administration must consult with and seek and secure from Congress authorization to use military force (AUMF) against Iran.

Any vote on an AUMF for engagement with Iran must be preceded by meaningful, substantive, and thoughtful dialogue and robust debate.

Members of Congress must be apprised of all facts material to the decision and have access to relevant documentation, classified and otherwise, and afforded the opportunity to meet in small groups and in secure locations with senior members of the Administration's national security team who can answer detailed and pointed questions and provide requested information.

The Constitution wisely divides the responsibility of deciding when to use military force to protect the nation and its interests between the President and the Congress, the representatives of the American people.

The war in Iraq taught this nation the importance of having accurate and reliable information when deciding whether to use military force and the painful costs in lives and treasure of acting precipitously.

We cannot and dare not repeat that mistake.

That is why it is essential that all Members of Congress have access to the relevant information and the responsible Administration officials before any vote to authorize the use of military force be scheduled.

#### IN HONOR OF OXFORD WINNING THE AHSAA CLASS 6A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

##### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Oxford High School football team for winning the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 6A football championship.

The Yellow Jackets defeated Spanish Fort 14–13 in the championship game on December 6th played at Jordan-Hare Stadium at Auburn University. After an exciting game, the Yellow Jackets secured their victory in the final minute of the 4th quarter.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the students and faculty of Oxford High School, the coaches, the players and all the Yellow Jacket fans on this exciting achievement. Go Yellow Jackets.

#### REMEMBERING LISA POWERS COOPER

##### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay a heartfelt tribute to Lisa Powers Cooper,

wife of my good friend and former Tennessee State Senator Jerry Cooper, who died last Friday at her home in McMinnville. As chief of the Consumer Services Division of the Tennessee Public Utilities Commission since 2009, Lisa Cooper showed her dedication to public service. As a law student over seven years, she showed her perseverance, graduating from the Nashville School of Law in 2009 while working full time. But as the inseparable wife of Jerry, she showed the kind of love and support that inspired all of us who knew them. Their marriage was bigger than the sum of its parts and showed that two really can become one. As a valued friend, Lisa was always supportive of me when I served in the state Senate and since I have been in Congress. She often offered wise counsel over the phone, but also sent her love and prayers. A graduate of Trevecca Nazarene University, Lisa worked in government relations before going into state government, all while raising a family and doting on her grandchildren. I want to express my deep condolences to Jerry; Lisa's parents, Larry Powers, Sr. and Linda Pritchett; her daughter Holly and her husband Ward Bushart of Nashville; stepdaughters and their spouses Elisa and Barry Luna, Sally and Mike Pack and Faith and Chase McGee; her grandchildren; her extended family and her many, many dear friends and colleagues. She lived a good, virtuous and remarkable life and will be missed.

#### RECOGNIZING CHYANNE THOMAS AS CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

##### HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, this Holiday season, I am proud to recognize Chyanne Thomas, a postal worker from Vista, as my Constituent of the Month. Chyanne is a hero for two children, their families, and our entire community.

Chyanne's vigilance while on her regular delivery route resulted in the identification of two children who had been reported missing. Her quick and caring response allowed these two local children to be safely reunited with their concerned families.

When Chyanne spotted Abby, a 15-year-old with autism, she sprang into action. She used the skills she had learned in a previous job working with children with disabilities to keep Abby calm and safe until police arrived. Two weeks later, Chyanne saw a missing 4-year-old girl alone during her route and didn't hesitate to approach her and make sure she was okay until police and her parents arrived. Without Chyanne's awareness, compassion, and quick action, these two kids might still be missing.

I launched a Constituent of the Month to recognize individuals in the 49th District who have gone above and beyond to help their neighbors and support our community. I know the families of those two missing children would agree that Chyanne is well-deserving of this recognition. I am proud to recognize her as my Constituent of the Month.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE ENSURING CHILD HEALTH COVERAGE COMPENSATION IN DIVORCE ACT OF 2019

##### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Ensuring Child Health Coverage Compensation in Divorce Act of 2019. This bill would require that when a court directs a non-custodial parent (including a stepparent) to provide health insurance to a child, the other parent can get reimbursed directly from the insurer for any out-of-pocket medical expenses for the child incurred by such parent, regardless of the source of insurance.

Typically in a divorce, one parent is court-ordered to provide health insurance for the child to prevent the child from going uninsured. However, the other parent may pay for out-of-pocket medical expenses for the child that are reimbursable by the insurer. Under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, group health insurers are required to directly reimburse a parent who pays for reimbursable out-of-pocket medical expenses when the other parent has been court-ordered to provide health insurance for the child. However, other health insurers are not required to directly reimburse the other parent.

This bill would provide the same requirements for all health insurers to ensure that the parent who pays for the out-of-pocket medical expenses is reimbursed.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF MASTER SERGEANT DOUGLAS WONACOTT

##### HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Master Sergeant Douglas Wonacott of the U.S. Army's 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne).

MSG Wonacott enlisted in the United States Army in 2000 and he has served with great honor and distinction in the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) throughout his entire career. As a special operations flight medic with the famed Night Stalkers, MSG Wonacott provided life-saving medical treatment for scores of U.S. soldiers who were wounded in combat operations. Time and again he demonstrated peerless courage under enemy fire as he sought to provide emergency care for the wounded—even when a helicopter he was providing medical care on was shot down by enemy fire in Iraq.

MSG Wonacott served with distinction and valor in the War on Terror, with over a dozen deployments to Iraq in a decade of conflict, as well two deployments to Afghanistan in Operation Enduring Freedom. In the course of his deployments, MSG Wonacott took part in Operation Red Dawn, a crucial mission which culminated in the capture of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

In 2013, MSG Wonacott was named the Regiment Operation Assessment Element flight medic, and in 2016 he was selected as the Regiment Senior Medic. As the senior medic of the 160th SOAR, he supervised the regiment's special operations flight medics, medical officers, and physicians' assistants, and he has consistently gone above and beyond to ensure that the soldiers of the unit have access to the physical and mental care that they need. His merit and courage bring great credit to the United States Army, and I am honored to have served alongside him.

Among his many awards and citations, MSG Wonacott has received two Distinguished Flying Crosses, a Bronze Star Medal, a Purple Heart, a Meritorious Service Medal, and two Air Medals. On behalf of the United States Congress, I commend MSG Wonacott for his faithful and patriotic service to our nation, and I congratulate him on the occasion of his well-earned retirement from active duty.

#### IN HONOR OF CENTRAL-CLAY WINNING THE AHSAA CLASS 5A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Central-Clay High School football team for winning the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 5A football championship.

The Volunteers defeated Pleasant Grove 31–27 in the championship game on December 5th played at Jordan-Hare Stadium at Auburn University. This is their second straight title.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the students and faculty of Central-Clay High School, the coaches, the players and all the Volunteer fans on this exciting achievement. Go Vols.

#### LOUISIANA ACT 620 AMICUS BRIEF

### HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise to express my strong support of the pro-life amicus brief filed by 207 of my colleagues with the U.S. Supreme Court relating to June Medical Services, LLC v. Gee. Due to the unusual level of pressing business last month before the House and the Appropriations Committee on which I serve, I did not have the opportunity to thoroughly review the brief prior to the filing deadline. I affirm my full support for the brief. My record shows consistent support for life at all stages, and that has not and will not change.

#### CONGRATULATING COACH GERRY ECKENRODE

### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Altoona native Gerry Eckenrode upon his induction into the Adams County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

Throughout his coaching career at Delone Catholic in McSherrystown, Coach Eckenrode has established a strong record of excellence. During his 20 year tenure as head coach of the girls' basketball team, Coach Eckenrode has won 466 games, including leading the Squirettes to three straight PIAA Class 2A state championships from 2003 to 2005 and a Class 3A state championship in 2019.

Coach Eckenrode not only stands out for his winning record, but also his dedicated service and leadership as he teaches his team what it takes to succeed both on and off the court. It is my pleasure to congratulate fellow Bishop Guilfoyle High School graduate Gerry Eckenrode on this honor, and I wish the Eckenrode Family continued success.

#### HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

### HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Ms. FRANKEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to Human Trafficking Awareness Month, which serves as an opportunity to reaffirm our country's commitment to preventing trafficking and supporting victims. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the Human Trafficking Coalition of the Palm Beaches for their tireless efforts to educate community members, build trust, and restore hope for survivors.

Over 40 million people worldwide are impacted by human trafficking. Unfortunately, my home state of Florida ranks third in the nation for reported cases. While many victims face challenges finding appropriate services, early intervention empowers victims and provides a pathway to recovery. Human Trafficking Awareness Month is a time to ensure that victims of this horrific crime are offered accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of being trafficked.

I would like to thank all the advocates, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals committed to improving our response to all human trafficking victims and helping them find the support, justice, and peace they need.

#### IN HONOR OF PIEDMONT WINNING THE AHSAA CLASS 3A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Piedmont High School

football team for winning the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 3A football championship.

The Bulldogs defeated Mobile Christian 26–24 in the championship game on December 5th played at Jordan-Hare Stadium at Auburn University.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the students and faculty of Piedmont High School, Coach Smith along with all the coaches, the players and all the Bulldog fans on this exciting achievement. Go Bulldogs.

#### HONORING THE TOWN OF BEEKMANTOWN ON THE BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FORMATION

### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the residents of the Town of Beekmantown, New York as they celebrate the Bicentennial anniversary of the town's formation.

The land that would become Beekmantown was first settled around 1783 and is located five miles north of the City of Plattsburgh, in Clinton County. The town was officially formed in 1820 and was named after one of the original landowners. In 1814, just prior to its formation, the area was the scene of skirmishes between American and British forces at the battle of Culver Hill during the War of 1812. Beekmantown's oldest monument is the Point au Roche Lighthouse which was built in 1858 as commerce through Lake Champlain expanded. Many other historic sites fill this picturesque community, highlighting the rich historical legacy of the North Country.

To this day, Beekmantown remains a vibrant and beautiful community that exemplifies the best qualities of the North Country and our Nation as a whole. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate the residents of Beekmantown on this momentous occasion. It has been an honor to represent this community and I know that its future looks bright.

#### TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. MARTHA R. OVERALL

### HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Mr. SERRANO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Martha R. Overall, known to all as Mother Martha. As she retires from her position as Priest In Charge of St. Ann's Episcopal Church in my district, I want to take a moment to honor her for her decades of compassionate service and tireless work to improve the lives of our Bronx residents.

Rev. Overall was born in 1947. She received a Bachelor of Arts with Honors from Harvard University, a J.D. from New York University, and was admitted to the Bar in 1976. She practiced law with prominent trial attorney, Louis Nizer, for several years. She retired

from her legal career in the mid-eighties to attend Union Theological Seminary and was ordained an Episcopal priest in 1991.

Rev. Overall began serving as the Priest of St. Ann's Episcopal Church in 1993. Built in 1841, the Parish is the oldest continuously used church in the Bronx and it has a storied history. During her tenure as priest, Mother Martha has expanded upon that legacy. The church holds weekly services in English and Spanish, and members of the church help serve meals to homeless seniors and families in the surrounding community. The food pantry program operates twice a week and feeds over 6,000 people a month. The church also has an after-school program to enhance skills for children and provide them healthy meals and nutritional education. Reverend Overall also provided job opportunities to young adults interested in teaching through the Children's Defense Fund Freedom School at St. Ann's Episcopal Church. Many of these programs, and Reverend Overall's work, have been featured in books and in the press.

Through all of this, Mother Martha has been a passionate advocate for our community, from children to seniors. She has worked every day to improve our borough, and the lives of those who live here. Her compassion and dedication have positively affected the lives of thousands of people.

The Bronx is a better place because of the work Rev. Overall has done over the years. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring The Reverend Dr. Martha R. Overall for her extraordinary work and her lasting legacy.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF OFFICER JACKSON RYAN WINKELER

#### HON. TOM RICE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Officer Jackson Ryan Winkeler who was killed in the line of duty on January 5, 2020 in Florence, South Carolina.

Officer Winkeler was attempting to make a traffic stop when fired upon by the suspect. Jackson paid the ultimate price while protecting his community and serving our country. He not only served in law enforcement, but also volunteered with the Latta Fire Department. He is a true hero.

The entire community is deeply saddened by the loss of Officer Winkeler. We cannot imagine the heavy sorrow that his family feels at this time. We pray that his life, service, and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the entire Winkeler family and friends for their loss. May God bless them and give them peace during this very difficult time. I ask that we all keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

#### IN HONOR OF LANETT WINNING THE AHSAA CLASS 1A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Lanett High School football team for winning the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 1A football championship.

The Panthers defeated Mars Hill Bible 41–30 in the championship game on December 5th played at Jordan-Hare Stadium at Auburn University. The Panthers brought home the program's second state title in three years.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the students and faculty of Lanett High School, the coaches, the players and all the Panther fans on this exciting achievement. Go Panthers.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE DORIS MILLER MEDAL OF HONOR ACT OF 2020

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill titled the Doris Miller Medal of Honor Act of 2020. This bill would waive the statute of limitations to upgrade Doris Miller's Navy Cross to a Medal of Honor—an upgrade that is long overdue and exceedingly appropriate.

On December 7, 1941, we experienced one of the most calamitous territorial attacks in our nation's history at Pearl Harbor. On this day, the dedication and courage of many of our service members were tried and proven true—one of which whose story I would like to tell.

Doris Miller was born on October 12, 1919, in my hometown of Waco, Texas, to parents Henrietta and Conery Miller. He worked on his father's farm until 1938, after which he enlisted in the Navy to earn money for his family. At the time the Navy did not allow sailors of color to enlist in combat roles, leaving Miller relegated to a service-based role as a mess attendant on the USS *West Virginia*—where he was stationed during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The USS *West Virginia's* Action Report acknowledged Miller and his shipmates' bravery for having "carried out every order promptly and enthusiastically, even when it meant danger to themselves. They did not attempt to abandon the bridge until ordered to do so," and was described as "instrumental in hauling people along through oil and water to the quarterdeck, thereby unquestionably saving the lives of a number of people who might otherwise have been lost." For his actions aboard the *West Virginia*, Miller was awarded the Navy Cross, cited for "distinguished devotion to duty, extraordinary courage and disregard for his own personal safety during the attack on the Fleet in Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii, by Japanese forces on December 7, 1941."

Miller's actions during the attack on Pearl Harbor reflect unquestionably what the Medal

of Honor represents; to honor those who distinguish themselves conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of their own lives above and beyond the call of duty. It is also important to note that of the 15 sailors who were awarded the Medal of Honor for similar actions during the attack, not a single one was African American.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill to award Doris Miller the highest honor that our nation can bestow upon a service member.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF WEST STOCKHOLM CHIEF ROBERT WHITE, JR.

#### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of West Stockholm Chief Robert White, Jr.

On the evening of Thursday, December 5th, Chief White saw flames engulfing the home of one of his neighbors just a few houses away. He responded to the fire and was coordinating the response when he suffered a medical emergency at the scene and passed away that evening.

Robert White had been a dedicated public servant, serving the West Stockholm Fire Department for more than 33 years. In addition to being the chief of West Stockholm, he was also the Saint Lawrence County fire coordinator and trainer, playing a crucial role regionally. Outside of his roles in the fire department, Robert ran a local youth sports league and was very involved in the community. To his wife Trudy, the rest of his family and the West Stockholm community, I offer my sincerest condolences during this difficult time.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF BETTY CARR

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Betty Carr. Betty has been an iconic fixture in Anniston for decades and an inspiration and advocate for local youth.

Betty grew up in Anniston in a family that placed an importance on their community and grew up in church at First United Methodist Church. Betty now attends Grace Episcopal Church.

She worked at the University of Alabama, ran Camp Grandview in Montgomery and was a Soda Jerk at the end of World War II.

Betty is best known for her work with many generations of area youth. She worked as the youth and program director at the YMCA from 1967 to 1985. This month, the Anniston City Council unanimously supported that the section of West 14th Street in front of the YMCA will be named "Betty Carr Way."

After the YMCA, Betty also worked at the Chamber of Commerce.

Even today, Betty is still going strong generation, but has not let losing her eyesight spending her days greeting people at Classic slow her down.

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Betty will turn 95 on January 21.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Betty and her service to our youth. Please also join me in wishing her a very happy 95th birthday this month.