

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF MR. BENJAMIN  
"BEN" EVANS

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 10, 2020*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a talented tailor, dedicated husband, loving father, and dear friend of longstanding—Mr. Benjamin "Ben" Evans. Sadly, Ben passed away on Thursday, January 2, 2020. His funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020, at 1:00 pm at New Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church located at 795 Maynard Street in Macon, Georgia.

Benjamin Evans (affectionately known as "Ben" to his family, friends, and colleagues) was born in Bibb County, Georgia to the late Clifford Danielly and Fannie B. Evans. He was born on August 5, 1929 and was the eldest of two sons.

He attended Hudson High School in Macon, Georgia and later joined the U.S. Army. Ben was a veteran, having retired from the military as a Staff Sergeant with 22 years of service. He was always industrious and hard-working. He attended Morgan State College in Baltimore, Maryland where he majored in Fashion Design. He loved men's fashion. Having learned the art of tailoring, Ben was so skilled that he could design a suit without a pattern. Known for being one of the best-dressed men in Macon, he loved to design matching outfits for himself and his beloved wife, Lillie Ruth. Ben opened an alteration shop, Genesis, and operated it in Downtown Macon for many years. He also served as the Business Manager and Co-Owner of Gantt's Pre-School and M.A. Evans Academy.

On June 2, 1982, Ben was joined in Holy Matrimony to the Love of His Life, Lillie Ruth Gantt-Evans. They married after a long courtship. He made a dress from memory for his beloved Lillie Ruth and presented it to her as a gift on their first date.

Ben accepted Christ at an early age where he was a member of Friendship Baptist Church in Macon, GA. He later became a member of New Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church where he served on the Trustee Board.

Ben cared about his community, and he was always engaged in organizations that did positive work. He served dutifully as a member of the following organizations: Disabled American Veterans (Life Member), Veterans of Foreign Wars, Homosapien Civic & Social Club, former member of 100 Black Men of Middle Georgia, Inc., Bibb County Democrats (Post Seat Holder), and former member of the Civil Service Board of Bibb County. Ben enjoyed sewing and loved to listen to music. He had a vast collection of blues and jazz. He loved to attend the annual Tom Bonner Picnic

and VFW events and cared about the community.

Ben accomplished much in his life, but none of this would have been possible without the Grace of God; the love and support of his wife, Lillie Ruth; his children, Chandra, Merita, Gregory, and Jimmy (deceased); his stepson Freeman; and a host of family and friends who will miss him deeply.

On a personal note, I have been truly blessed with Ben's and Lillie Ruth's friendship and support over the years. Ben and Lillie Ruth have long had a passion for civic involvement manifested by unreserved support of candidates they believed would use the public trust of elected office to benefit their community. They worked tirelessly in voter registration, voter education, and voter participation. Together they could place campaign signs across the Macon landscape with such precision and creativity that they appeared to grow out of the ground overnight. Never have two people worked together for so long in so many elections for so many candidates and so successfully as the "Ben and Lillie Ruth" political team. I and countless other elected officials benefited and for their tireless service we will forever be grateful. Truly Macon, Bibb County, and America are better because Benjamin Evans passed our way.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in paying tribute to Mr. Benjamin "Ben" Evans and in extending our deepest sympathies to his family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement. Moreover, we pray that we will all be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

TRIBUTE TO LISA C. WILLIAMS

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 10, 2020*

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great humanitarian, a proud military veteran, and a woman some call "a latter-day Harriett Tubman." Lisa C. Williams is a survivor, a fighter and a champion for all who have been sexually exploited. She is an inspiration and an example of how one person can make a tremendous change in the world.

A U.S. Air Force and Army commissioned officer, Ms. Williams left the service with an honorable discharge and set her sights on helping women and children victimized by sex trafficking, sexual exploitation, and intimate partner violence. Drawing from her own experiences to find freedom from a life of trauma and sexual abuse, she founded Circle of Friends: Celebrating Life, Inc., in 1999. She

has worked for more than twenty years to help educate, equip, and empower women to live their best lives, free of violence.

As the founder of Living Water Learning Resource Center, Ms. Williams has developed a program that the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) calls "one of the most comprehensive, rehabilitative programs for child victims of sex trafficking in the country." Over the years, she has helped hundreds of children and young women reclaim their lives from sexual abuse.

Ms. Williams is an author, an orator, and a thought leader and has taken her message to the White House and the United Nations. She travels the world as a motivational Speaker for the Centre for H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Excel), and hosts the podcast Front Porch Conversations.

I have grown to know Ms. Williams through her partnership and support of the annual National Health Disparities Conference, which I help coordinate with the Medical University of South Carolina and can attest to her powerful presence and message.

Her work has been featured in numerous publications, including: O Magazine, Essence, Ebony, Glamour, Black Enterprise, Good Housekeeping, Woman's Day, Cosmopolitan, and Seventeen. She has appeared in film and television on the award-winning CNN Special Report: Children for Sale: The Fight to End Human Trafficking, CNN International News, CNN Freedom Project, BBC Brazil, and C-SPAN.

Ms. Williams has been honored by numerous organizations, including CNN, Ford Motor Company, Porsche USA, YWCA, Glamour, and L'Oréal Paris.

She earned a Bachelor of Science from Campbell University, a Masters of Arts from Bowie State University and attended a doctoral program at Virginia Tech. Ms. Williams latest endeavor is establishing the Circle of Friends Impact and Circle of Friends Impact Legacy Scholarship Fund endowments at Boston University.

To honor her contributions, the university will dedicate the Lisa C. Williams Listening Room in her honor at the Howard Thurman Center for Common Ground. This room is a safe space for quiet meditation, introspection and contemplation, which is being dedicated on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day this year. The room dedication is part of a program spotlighting women who advocate for social justice.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in applauding the selfless work that Lisa C. Williams has done to end sexual exploitation and help those who have been victimized by this brutal crime to live their best lives. She is a true example of selfless service for country and community, and her work has changed so many lives, including her own. I offer Ms. Williams best wishes as she is honored in Boston, and I look forward to watching her ongoing efforts and their tremendous impacts.

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS  
FISH

**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 10, 2020*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a lifetime of public service. This week, Nicholas Fish, or Nick as his friends called him, passed away. He will be fondly remembered for his commitment to advancing the quality of urban life for all.

Nick was born in New York City in 1958. After attending the Dutchess Day School as a child in Millbrook, NY, and later St. Alban's School in Washington, DC, he earned his bachelor's degree in 1981 from Harvard and in 1986 he completed a J.D. at Northeastern University.

Politics and public service were a family business for Nick. His father and grandfather Hamilton Fish IV and III—both served in the U.S. House of Representatives. His great-great-grandfather, Hamilton Fish, served as a congressman, senator, governor of New York and secretary of state to President Ulysses S. Grant.

Nick continued this illustrious family tradition, cutting his teeth as a Legislative Assistant for Congressman Barney Frank of Massachusetts, an experience that he would often say fueled his passion for serving others.

After earning his Juris Doctor, he practiced law in New York City, representing healthcare workers and labor unions. He was appointed to Manhattan's Community Board Five, where he served as Chair for two years. In that capacity, Nick championed the upgrade of the Times Square Hotel. In collaboration with local nonprofits, the hotel was transformed into affordable housing and a thriving community for residents with HIV, previously homeless individuals and employees of New York City's theater district.

In the mid-1990s, Nick's wife, Patricia, was offered a job at Portland State University and the couple moved west, settling in the Goose Hollow neighborhood of Portland. Although new to the West Coast, Nick and Patricia quickly made fast friends in the community and he continued his pursuit of public service in their new community. He joined the board of the Housing Authority of Portland and worked to raise money for local nonprofits that assisted victims of domestic abuse and vulnerable children.

In 2008, Nick was elected to the Portland City Council. There he was a steadfast voice for affordable housing. He was instrumental in the creation of a separate city agency dedicated to addressing housing issues and expanding and renovating Portland parks. For 11 years on the Portland City Council, he earned a reputation as a steady hand, helping improve the Council and make local government work for everyone. Known for a steady temperament and sharp policy mind, he often took on the toughest assignments of local government, such as overseeing the city water and sewers bureaus, simultaneously. Even after confronting health challenges, Nick continued his tireless work, serving on the City Council until just a few days ago.

Today, our nation, the Capitol Hill Community and the City of Portland have lost a dedicated statesman and a consummate public

servant. It is my hope that Patricia and his two children, Maria and Chapin, may draw strength and comfort from his many contributions. I ask all my colleagues to join me in paying homage to a lifetime of service and remembering Nick Fish.

HONORING CHARLES HOWARD  
BRADSHAW

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 10, 2020*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Charles Howard Bradshaw, a Fire Department Chief and business owner in Henry County, and his wife Sherri, who died on December 13, 2019. Mr. Bradshaw was a tremendous contributor to Henry County and his presence will be missed.

Mr. Bradshaw was president of Triangle Electric Corporation, a privately-owned and operated business since 1965, but had also long served as a first responder. In the 1980s, Mr. Bradshaw was employed with the Fieldale Police Department. Since 2007, he had been Chief of the Horsepasture Volunteer Fire Department. In 2010, he was honored as Outstanding Firefighter for the month of May and Fire Officer of the year.

In addition to his business and first responder activities, Mr. Bradshaw served on the Henry County Building Board of Appeal.

In 2010, he was recognized for his many years volunteering with Henry County by receiving the Jack Dalton Community Service Award.

Charles and Sherri Bradshaw are survived by their daughter, Ashlee Bradshaw (James Hill); son, Michael Bradshaw (Crystal Beckett); sister-in-law, Barbara Bradshaw; grandchildren, Hunter, Logan, Lauren, Rylee, Nikole and Jordan; nephew, Jonathan Bradshaw (Elisha); and several other nieces and nephews.

Henry County and the Commonwealth of Virginia were fortunate to have a great volunteer, leader, and businessman in their community. I offer my condolences to the Bradshaw family, the volunteers of the Horsepasture Fire Department, and the people of Henry County on their loss.

RECOGNIZING STEWART MORRIS'  
100TH BIRTHDAY AND THE MORRIS  
FAMILY CENTER FOR LAW  
AND LIBERTY AT HOUSTON BAPTIST  
UNIVERSITY

**HON. BILL FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 10, 2020*

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Stewart Morris, who turned 100 years old on October 28, 2019.

To commemorate this occurrence, Houston Baptist University hosted a ceremonial groundbreaking of the new Morris Family Center for Law and Liberty in honor of its namesake and founding father of the University, Dr. Stewart Morris.

Growing up in Houston, Morris was known as a cantankerous boy. He notoriously adopt-

ed a pet leopard named Spot who he kept in his room to stop family members from entering his personal space. At the age of ten, Morris displayed a natural drive to succeed and started his first job as Office Boy at the family business, Stewart Title. He quickly worked his way up from running errands to making business transactions.

In 1943, Morris experienced many major milestones. He graduated from The University of Texas with a BA, Southern Methodist University with a JD, and Columbia University with a Midshipman's degree all in the same year. Following his many academic accomplishments, Morris joined the Navy and married his wife Joella Mitchell. Together they were blessed with three children.

As an officer in the Navy, Morris was sent to the South Pacific. A young and frightened sailor, Morris distinguished himself by working to establish discipline and order aboard his ship.

Following the close of World War II in 1945, Morris returned home to Texas, where he resumed work at Stewart Title. Determined to expand the business, Morris began traveling all over Texas, picking up a pilot's license and became proficient in Spanish along the way. Under Morris' diligent leadership, Stewart Title grew rapidly from a local Houston business to an international powerhouse with offices in all 50 states, 13 foreign countries, and over 9,000 locations.

His hunger for excellence, forward thinking-ethos, and deep faith in God inspired those around him. It was often said by his peers that "when Morris was at the helm of a project, it seemed like nothing was impossible." It was this same sense of passion and joy for life that made Morris the perfect leader to pioneer the establishment of a new Christian college in Houston, Texas.

In 1952, Morris joined the Union Baptist Association in raising funds and assessing land for the new Houston Baptist University. For the past 67 years, Morris dedicated countless hours of his time and generous financial contributions to this community. A peer once said about Morris that "there is no single person more influential in the founding and earliest history of HBU."

On his 100th birthday, the Houston Baptist University community joined together in celebrating the life and accomplishments of Dr. Stewart Morris with the ceremonial groundbreaking of the Morris Family Center for Law and Liberty. This new center will work to promote a greater understanding and appreciation for our nations history and founding principles amongst students.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Stewart Morris has lived a long life filled with love, joy, and dedicated to his belief that "its more blessed to give than to receive." I am proud to recognize him on this joyous occasion and know that his family and friends love him and are proud of him. I wish Morris many more years of health and happiness.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Dr. Stewart Morris' 100th Birthday.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue to pray for our country, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDITH  
CUNNANE

**HON. ANN WAGNER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 10, 2020*

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I rise deeply saddened by the loss of a wonderful friend and mentor and integral member of the St. Louis community. Today, in Missouri's Second Congressional District, Mrs. Edith Cunnane is being laid to rest following an incredible and selfless life of service.

Along with her beloved husband, Jim Cunnane, Edith made St. Louis her home and worked to improve the lives of the most vulnerable. She was a fixture of the St. Louis philanthropic community for decades as a community volunteer and activist, civic leader, and supporter of social services. She had an endless desire, willingness, and ability to help others. With this boundless passion, Edith founded the St. Patrick Center in 1982. The first of its kind in the region, the St. Patrick Center is a multifaceted social service agency that serves the homeless and at-risk individuals.

Over her nearly forty-year tenure at the Center, Edith sought to expand its services to unprecedented heights. Under her leadership, the St. Patrick Center opened the Shamrock Club, the first day treatment program for individuals suffering from behavioral health issues in the entire nation. Additionally, Edith spearheaded the St. Patrick Center's Casserole Program, an initiative where groups of volunteers bake, freeze, and deliver casseroles to the needy. Since its inception thirty-five years ago, this program has served over five and a half million hot meals across the Greater St. Louis area.

Edith's efforts have been an inspiration to countless individuals. During her tenure, Edith mobilized over three thousand volunteers to help their fellow citizens, turning the St. Patrick Center into a beacon for homeless assistance and social services providers. Last year alone, the Center provided nearly sixty thousand services to over three thousand people and served close to one hundred and fifty thousand hot meals.

Edith's drive to help others involved many forms of public service. A former staff member for Congressman Jim Talent, Edith went on to become a member of the St. Louis County Council in 1998. She used this experience to work with institutions and organizations throughout the region to continue improving the lives of others. She served on the board of directors for the St. Louis County Library as well as the Today and Tomorrow Education Foundation, which strives to provide educational opportunities for children in need.

For her years of generosity and hard work, Edith has been recognized locally, nationally, and globally. At the local level, she received numerous awards, most notably the St. Louis Women of Achievement Award and the St. Louis Community Leader Award. Nationally, President George H.W. Bush bestowed upon Edith the Thousand Points of Light Award in 1991. At the international level, she was awarded the United Nations Human Rights Award. I believe it is not only appropriate, but necessary, to honor Edith's incredible life before the U.S. House of Representatives.

Edith is survived by her husband, Jim, their two children, Jim Jr. and Cori, and six beautiful grandchildren, along with many family members and friends. I extend my sincerest condolences and prayers to the Cunnane family as they mourn this immeasurable loss and celebrate Edith's life and all the love she gave to those around her. Edith and her faith, work, and unwavering generosity will never be forgotten. We thank God for blessing us with her life.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NEEDHAM  
SLADE HURST

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 10, 2020*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Needham Slade Hurst, a renowned Hoosier business executive and dedicated community leader. His passion and drive for excellence led him to successes as a student, army officer, and business executive. Needham's philanthropic and community service helped to uplift the lives of countless fellow Hoosiers. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Needham's immense contributions to the State of Indiana.

Born to parents Needham King (N.K.) and Martha Slade Hurst on October 15th, 1933, in Indianapolis, Indiana, young Needham was brought up to be industrious in his work, kind and fair to others, and to be charitable to his fellow citizens. In 1938, his father founded the N.K. Hurst Company. The company began as a distributor of coffee, tea, sugar and other food commodities to local grocers throughout the State of Indiana. In 1947, they began packaging edible dry beans, a product that has become so popular over the decades that it has made the Hurst's Beans name a nationally known brand, synonymous with the highest of quality. As the years went by, young Needham showed himself to be an exemplary student at Broad Ripple High School. It was during his time at Broad Ripple that he would meet and fall in love with fellow student Mary Lou Beesley.

After graduation from Broad Ripple High School in 1951, Needham matriculated at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. It was during this time in his life that Needham and Mary Lou would marry in 1954. In 1956 he departed from Indiana University having earned both his Bachelors of Science in Business and a Masters in Business Administration. Having been a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corp while at Indiana University Needham then went on to answer his country's call to duty, joining the United States Army in 1956. During his time in the Army, Needham served in the Quartermasters Corp, while stationed at Fort Lee in Petersburg, Virginia. By the time of his honorable discharge from the United States Army in 1958, Needham had risen through the ranks, ultimately attaining the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

Later in 1958, Needham and Mary Lou returned to Indianapolis to settle down and raise their children, son Rick, and daughter Cathy. Upon his arrival back in Indianapolis, Needham began his career at the family business, N.K. Hurst Company, where he initially worked

in sales. In the succeeding years Needham would ascend to the position of Company President, working hand in hand with his brother Bill Hurst to grow the family business. Under the leadership of Needham and Bill, the N.K. Hurst Company expanded its operations becoming a nationwide distributor of coffee, tea, sugar and other food commodities. It was also during this time that the company became a major supplier of these food commodities to the United States Military Commissary Network. Having successfully stewarded the company through the decades, Needham and Bill, were able to pass the ownership and operations of the company to the 3rd and 4th generations of the Hurst Family.

Wanting to spread the good fortune of the company's success to those less fortunate in Indiana, Needham and Bill continued the company's long history of supplying local food banks and charitable organizations with food supplies. This commitment to the betterment of his fellow Hoosiers is something that Needham practiced throughout his life. Needham served others in the community in a variety of different roles including serving as a church elder and deacon at the Second Presbyterian Church. He also maintained a role in encouraging youth sports as a basketball coach at the Jordan YMCA, and as a board member of the Indianapolis Junior Tennis Board.

Needham also lent his leadership skills to many organizations throughout the State of Indiana. Terms serving on the Board of Directors of the Indiana University Foundation, as Governor of the Orchard School of Indianapolis, and as a Franklin College Trustee allowed Needham the opportunity to provide countless educational opportunities to ensuing generations of Hoosiers. Needham also served his community through his membership in organizations including the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, the Junto Club, the YPO (formerly the Young President Organization) and the University Club of Indianapolis.

Along with his beloved wife Mary Lou, and son Rick, Needham served on the Board of St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. Having also served as a member of the Board of St. Vincent Hospital, I had the distinct pleasure of developing a close friendship and working relationship with the Hurst Family.

Needham cherished the summers he would spend with his family and friends on Lake Wawasee. His love of boating was a lifelong passion that he shared with succeeding generations of his family. Trips around Lake Wawasee in his boat "Little Sugar", a 1951, 16' Century inboard were a favorite pastime of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, especially during the "Thunder Run" parade of vintage boats on Sunday mornings. Needham's love for Lake Wawasee inspired him to serve on the Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation, an organization aimed at keeping a clean and healthy lake for future generations to enjoy.

After a long life of service to others, Needham passed away surrounded by his family and loved ones on January 1, 2020. Needham will be forever missed by the many Hoosiers whose life he impacted. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Needham's beloved wife Mary Lou, their daughter Cathy Meyer and her husband Philip, their son Rick Hurst and his

wife Lisa, their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as all past and present employees of N.K. Hurst Company, and all others who mourn his passing.

CONGRATULATING BRIAN HINTZ  
ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT OF  
GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 10, 2020*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brian Hintz on his well-earned retirement from the Grapevine Police Department after more than twenty years of dedicated service.

Brian is a hardworking and highly respected Senior Officer at the Grapevine Police Department. He has honorably served as an officer in the state of Texas since beginning his distinguished career with the Midland Police Department in August of 1990. During his time in Midland, Brian served as a K-9 officer along with his K-9 partners, Lex and Rio.

In 1999, Brian joined the Grapevine Police Department where he has served for more than two decades with the K-9 unit. Attaining the rank of Senior Officer, Brian has received numerous recognitions throughout his career, including the 2014 Medal of Valor and the 2016 Life Saving Award. Furthermore, Brian, along with his K-9 partners Darby and Brinkley, have won numerous K-9 competition awards, advancing to the United States Police Canine Association Nationals. Brian's commitment to service is apparent through these outstanding achievements, and his dedication to continuing his law enforcement career is demonstrated through the 6,791 training hours that he has accumulated.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the exhaustive work that Brian has contributed

to the City of Grapevine and the state of Texas. I applaud his work and ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Senior Officer Brian Hintz for his many years of service.

5G DEPLOYMENT AND CONSULTATION  
WITH LOCAL STAKE HOLDERS

**HON. GARRET GRAVES**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 10, 2020*

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, this week the House considers important pieces of legislation related to the global race to 5G. 5G is the newest iteration of wireless technology, and as telecommunications companies and service providers begin deploying their digital cellular networks, I want to take a moment to discuss an important aspect of the 5G rollout: consultation with local governments and homeowners.

Last year, the 5G rollout began in my district in parts of Baton Rouge. The utility poles needed to support the new small wireless facilities and other 5G infrastructure are being installed in public rights of way in front of homes. While it is absolutely an economic and national security priority to win the race to 5G, it is vital that Congress consider the impact that this rollout will have on communities across America.

In June, I sent a letter to Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai outlining my concerns and urging service providers to work closely with local stake holders as they install this new technology infrastructure.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letter to the FCC from June 13, 2019.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, June 13, 2019.*

Hon. AJIT PAI,  
*Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN PAI: Recently, telecommunications service providers have begun installing the new wireless broadband infrastructure that is necessary to support 5G in cities across America, including Baton Rouge. While I share your appreciation for the tremendous role that technology plays, both in the economy and in the lives of its users, I am concerned by the roll out of these small-cell facilities in homes and neighborhoods across my district.

A technological transformation of 5G's magnitude requires a massive support structure, but that deployment cannot come at the expense of property values and neighborhood aesthetics, especially in historic communities. America's 5G leadership is an important national priority, but even a national priority demands consultation with local stakeholders. I respectfully ask you to encourage wireless carriers to collaborate with municipalities on the placement and design of these new transmission systems.

Additionally, recent reports by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) suggest that the 5G network could interfere with satellite data, reducing the accuracy of weather forecasting by as much as 30 percent. I urge you to work closely with the NOAA, NASA, and any other stakeholders to investigate any potential effects of 5G on our nation's ability to forecast and prepare for severe weather events.

As the FCC continues to oversee the deployment of the 5G network, we must remember that the rollout is not happening in isolation. It is crucial to consider the effects that these innovations will have on existing technologies and communities across America. Thank you for your prompt attention to these important issues.

Sincerely,

GARRET GRAVES,  
*Member of Congress.*