

house and threw it to Tony. He tied the cord around the police officer. Tony held the extension cord tightly while the police officer attempted to break through the ice to save the children.

Mukwonago Fire and Rescue arrived while Tony and the police officer were in the icy pond. The Fire and Rescue members began throwing additional rope to Tony, the police officer, and the children. The members of the rescue unit pulled everyone to shore. During this whole situation, Tony was in the icy water for over five minutes trying to reach the children. He showed bravery and risked his life to save the children.

Tony's quick thinking and selflessness led to the two children being saved. He is a hero.

On behalf of Wisconsin's First Congressional District, I thank Tony for his heroic actions. When faced with a decision to risk his life and save these children, Tony did not think twice.

REMEMBERING JEANNE SULLIVAN

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Jeanne Sullivan, who passed away on November 24th after a courageous two-year battle with cancer.

Jeanne was born in China and spent most of her childhood in Brazil and Montreal, Canada, before immigrating to the United States with her parents. She graduated from Boston University with a degree in Comparative Religion and spoke five languages fluently.

In her free time, Jeanne read thousands of books and was an accomplished artist. Her home was filled with art, as well as projects for her church, community, and grandchildren. Loving wife, mother to her three children, Tamara, Pandi and Nick, and dedicated grandmother, she brought a sense of imagination and profound love to everyone she touched.

Jeanne lived her life helping others and caring for the community around her. Even in her final days, she was thinking of others, and told her children that her greatest purpose in life was bringing joy to all people. Jeanne will always be remembered for her knowledge, spirit, and commitment to her community—all of which she passed down to her children.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, due to a family illness, I was not in Washington, D.C. on January 8, 2020, and, as a result, I missed three votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on roll call vote no. 2, ordering the previous question providing on H. Res. 779; "aye" on roll call vote no. 3, on agreeing to H. Res. 779, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 535, the "PFAS Action Act of 2019;" and "aye" on roll call vote no. 4, final passage of H.R. 2281, the "Secure 5G and Beyond Act of 2020."

I had to leave Washington, D.C. on January 9, 2020, and, as a result, I missed one vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on roll call vote no. 8, final passage of H.R. 5078, the "Prison to Proprietorship Act."

I was also not in Washington, D.C. on January 10, 2020, and, as a result, I missed five votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on roll call vote no. 9, agreeing to the Burgess Amendment to H.R. 535; "no" on roll call vote no. 10, agreeing to the Balderson Amendment to H.R. 535; "aye" on roll call vote no. 11, agreeing to the Pappas Amendment to H.R. 535; "no" on roll call vote no. 12, the Motion to Recommit H.R. 535 with instructions; and "yes" on roll call vote no. 13, final passage of H.R. 535, the "PFAS Action Now Act."

THANKING FRAZIER PAYNE FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO ALABAMA'S FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. BYRNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share my deepest appreciation for my Deputy District Director, Frazier Payne, for his 17 years of service to Alabama's First Congressional District. Today marks Frazier's final day serving the people of Southwest Alabama.

After graduating from the University of Alabama, Frazier jumped headfirst into politics working for the successful campaign of my predecessor representing Alabama's First District, Jo Bonner. Frazier faithfully served Congressman Bonner during his entire tenure in office, and I and the people of Southwest Alabama were very fortunate when Frazier agreed to join my staff as well.

As Deputy District Director, Frazier has been invaluable as my representative in communities throughout our district. Few people know Southwest Alabama better than Frazier. He is well-known by constituents, local leaders and elected officials. More importantly, he has their trust. And they know he has mine too.

People are drawn to Frazier not only because of his likability but because he is trustworthy. His reputation for integrity and as someone who can be relied upon has been so valuable to me and my staff. He has always had my full trust, and I have been better able to serve my constituents because of his wise counsel.

Next week Frazier will begin his next chapter as Regional External Affairs Liaison with the Alabama Community College System, covering southwest Alabama and its three community colleges. I am so pleased he will remain in Mobile, and I am confident he will continue as an engaged leader in our community.

I thank his wife Lesley and children Lula and Corrine for allowing their husband and father to serve the people of the First District for 17 years. We've scored so many significant victories for Southwest Alabama during this time, and we are all better for his service.

On behalf of Alabama's First Congressional District, I congratulate Frazier for beginning an exciting new opportunity and thank him for his years of hard work, commitment, and service to Southwest Alabama.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. McHENRY. Madam Speaker, due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict, I was unable to vote on the first two amendments to H.R. 535. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 9, and YEA on Roll Call No. 10.

SERGEANT MAJOR SERGIO MARTINEZRUIZ RETIRES FROM THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary service and career of Sergeant Major Sergio MartinezRuiz, who will retire from the Marine Corps on January 10, 2020 after a twenty-seven-year career serving our nation.

Sergeant Major Martinez enlisted in the Marine Corps in January 1993. Upon completion of both Marine Combat Training and Basic Engineer School, he was assigned to the 8th Engineer Support Battalion (ESB) as a combat engineer. During his time with 8th ESB he deployed numerous times in support of Joint Task Force (JTF)-6's counter drug operations. Sergeant Major Martinez has served as a Drill Instructor and Senior Drill Instructor, as well as an Assistant Marine Officer Instructor and Marine Officer Instructor. Over the course of his impressive career, Sergeant Major Martinez has deployed twice to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and once to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and his decorations include a Bronze Star Medal.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I offer Sergeant Major Sergio MartinezRuiz my sincere congratulations on his retirement. As a retired Marine myself, I know how difficult this change can be, but I am truly grateful to him for his outstanding service to our nation. Semper Fi.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL JOHN EDWARD GRAY

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Retired Colonel John Edward Gray of Mount Ulla, North Carolina, who passed away earlier this month at age 94.

Colonel Gray was born in Cleveland, North Carolina on August 24, 1925 and went on to serve in five campaigns against the Japanese in the Pacific theater in World War II.

Following the war, he returned home and resumed his education at Davidson College. After he graduated in 1949, he served again in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Selfless, legendary, and valiant are all words that come to mind when thinking about all that this man accomplished in his life.

Colonel Gray is survived by his wife Sue of 72 years, five children, 12 grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Colonel John Edward Gray.

RECOGNIZING THE OPENING OF THE FRIENDSHIP CAFÉ

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Friendship Café, a restaurant created by the nonprofit The Friendship Circle of Fort Lauderdale. This café uplifts adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities by providing them with jobs and employment training in the food service, hospitality and customer service industry.

According to the Department of Labor 80 percent of adults with disabilities do not enter the workforce due to various barriers to employment. The Friendship Café aims to lower that percentage by fulfilling a vital role in Fort Lauderdale as a safe, secure, and educational environment where adults with disabilities can earn a living wage.

The café will serve a Mediterranean inspired menu curated by world renowned Israeli chef Yoram Getter. Bill Fienberg, the President of Allied Kitchen and Bath, donated his firm's labor and materials to build the café, International decorator Perla Lichi of Perla Lichi Designs helped the café complete their image with a French inspired interior design. Due to the leadership at the Las Olas Chabad Jewish Center and their support and partnership with the Friendship Circle adults with disabilities in Fort Lauderdale are now provided with resources to help them succeed in finding employment.

Please join me in congratulating the Friendship Circle and their community partners on the opening of the Friendship Café.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes due to circumstances beyond my control.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 8; YEA on Roll Call No. 9; YEA on Roll Call No. 10; NAY on Roll Call No. 11; YEA on Roll Call No. 12; and NAY on Roll Call No. 13.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. KATHRYN LANGE

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the exceptional service

of Ms. Kathy Lange, who served as the Congressional Liaison and Patient Advocate at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia.

Kathy began her Federal service career in 1999 with the DEA and has since put in over 21 years of dedicated service. From 2009 to 2015 she served as the Director's secretary at the Richmond VA Medical Center, playing an invaluable role within the support team. She then progressed to become a Congressional Liaison/Patient Advocate in 2015 where she has served until her retirement this year.

Kathy's exceptional service to Virginia veterans is unmatched in her compassion and dedication. In her years as a Congressional Liaison, she assisted the Virginia Congressional Delegation's staff with veteran's casework needs, highlighting her passion to provide excellent service. She often goes above and beyond to ensure the needs of veterans and staff are met. She will certainly be missed in her retirement.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Ms. Lange and congratulating her on a job well done. On behalf of America's First District, we say thank you.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES' LESBIAN, GAY, BI- SEXUAL, TRANSGENDER LOCAL OFFICIALS CONSTITUENCY GROUP

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the National League of Cities' (NLC's) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Local Officials (LGBTLO) constituency group for their continuing service furthering the rights of the LGBTQ community. The LGBTLO constituency group advocates for the inclusion and full participation of LGBTQ municipal officials, and supporters, in the National League of Cities.

Established in December 1993 by a group of municipal officials attending the Congress of Cities in Orlando, Florida, LGBTLO became a constituency group of NLC under the leadership of Councilmember Sherry Harris from Seattle, Washington. The members of NLC LGBTLO work to encourage equality, inclusiveness and non-discrimination, and have focused on several issues including: the Census, the HIV/ AIDS pandemic, both as a public health and a health care funding issue; domestic partnership policies and legislation; and discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating the current LGBTLO leadership: Vice Mayor Tom Green (Wilton Manors, FL), Mayor Jeffrey Slavin (Somerset, MD), Councilmember Victor Aguilar, Jr. (San Leandro, CA), Commissioner Andy Amoroso (Lake Worth, FL), Councilmember Chris Clark (Mountain View, CA), Commissioner Tim Lonergan (Oakland Park, FL), Councilmember Ty Stober (Vancouver, WA) and Councilmember Nancy VanReece (Nashville, TN) for their hard work and dedication to promoting equality for all and ensuring the voice of the LGBTQ community is included in municipal discussions.

HONORING THE USS "PITTSBURGH"

HON. CONOR LAMB

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. LAMB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the USS "Pittsburgh" on its decommissioning on January 17, 2020.

The USS *Pittsburgh*, a *Los Angeles*-class fast-attack submarine, was launched on December 8, 1984 and commissioned on November 23, 1985. This submarine is the fourth ship to receive the name USS *Pittsburgh* and has long had a special relationship with the city through the Navy League Pittsburgh Council, the Submarine Veterans Association of Pittsburgh, and the Pittsburgh Relief Crew.

The USS *Pittsburgh* conducted submarine-launched Tomahawk missile attacks during both Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom and completed many other missions vital to national security. In November 2017, the USS *Pittsburgh* completed its 1,000th dive, an achievement few boats carry.

The USS *Pittsburgh* carries the fitting motto "Heart of Steel", which reminds me of the determination and passion of all Pittsburghers. Please join me in honoring the USS *Pittsburgh* for its nearly 35 years of service protecting U.S. interests around the world and all the remarkable crewmembers who have served aboard it during that time.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WEIGH HABITATS OFFSETTING LOCA- TIONAL EFFECTS ACT OF 2020

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Weigh Habitats Offsetting Locational Effects Act of 2020, or the WHOLE Act. As Central Washingtonians know all-too-well, Endangered Species Act (ESA) listing and delisting decisions have huge, lasting impacts on local communities and environments. The ESA was signed into law to protect and revitalize species of endangered or threatened animals and wildlife, but as time passes, this law, which has not been updated since 1973, has had increased negative effects on local communities—where the true impacts of species recovery unfold.

Unfortunately, the law has been used as a political spearhead for frivolous litigation that can negatively affect private property rights, public land use decisions, and American jobs. And like many other regulations coming out of the nation's capital, relying on top-down decisions from bureaucrats only limits economic prosperity, local conservation efforts, and the celebration of recovered species.

Under current law, only conservation efforts taking place within the critical habitats of endangered or threatened species are considered during environmental reviews or impact studies of federal actions. But we know that habitats and ecosystems expand beyond arbitrary government-drawn lines.

My legislation would ensure that all conservation measures are considered when federal decisions that impact ESA-listed species