

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2398,
VETERAN HOUSE ACT OF 2020

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2398, which amends the United States Housing Act of 1937 and title 38, of the United States Code to expand eligibility for the HUD-VASH program.

The bill directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit annual homeless veteran reports to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

This amendment will help to ensure that the rate of homelessness among veterans in the United States does not increase.

Currently, 107,000 veterans are homeless on any given night, while double this amount will experience homelessness at one point in their lives.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is a government agency dedicated to fulfilling the need for affordable housing in America.

VASH is a jointly-administered permanent supportive housing program for disabled Veterans experiencing homelessness in which VA medical Centers provide referrals and case management while Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) administer the Section 8 housing vouchers.

The VASH program expands access to HUD for homeless veterans.

H.R. 2398 adds the word "veteran" to the Housing Act's authorizing language, thus strengthening the Veterans' Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program.

This change will increase the total number of permanent government-issued housing benefits to veterans most vulnerable to homelessness.

The services provided by the programs would assist veterans in both attaining and sustaining permanent housing.

Homelessness among the American veteran population is far too high in the United States and we must be proactive in giving back to those who have given so much to us.

I ask my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to support H.R. 2398.

RICK TAYLOR

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the life and legacy of the late Pennsauken, New Jersey resident, The Honorable Rick Taylor.

The late Rick Taylor and his family lived in Pennsauken, New Jersey, where he served as

Pennsauken Township's Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Township Committeeman for 25 years and served as a longtime educator at Pennsauken Public schools.

Rick Taylor earned his master's degree in education administration from Glassboro State College and moved to Pennsauken in 1969. His lengthy career in the township's schools began when he was hired as a Pennsauken High School English teacher and held that position for eight years before advancing to the role of assistant principal, which he held for a decade. Rick then became principal of two Pennsauken elementary schools for nine years. He also served as an assistant football coach and head golf coach at Pennsauken High School and spent 15 years as director of personnel for the Pennsauken School District.

Along with his dedication to students and education, Rick also served in positions of civic leadership. He served on the township committee for 25 years and served as Mayor for nine terms. He also served as a Lector at St. Stephen's and was on the board of the Diocese of Camden's Office of Black Catholic Ministry. Additionally, Mr. Taylor was a Commissioner on the Delaware River Port Authority Board and was reappointed to the Board by Governor Christie in 2017.

Among his many accomplishments, Rick received Camden County's MLK Freedom Medal for his service to the community of Pennsauken for over 40 years and for his work as a tireless advocate for children, youth and families.

The residents of Pennsauken, New Jersey greatly adored and appreciated Mr. Taylor. His passing is a great loss to Pennsauken and our entire community, as well as a deeply personal loss for those who were privileged to call him a friend and mentor.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the late Rick Taylor, of Pennsauken, New Jersey, a dedicated public servant who fought tirelessly for his students, fellow educators, his committee members and for the constituents of Pennsauken, New Jersey.

HONORING LOUIS GILL

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Louis Gill in celebration of his decades of work as a dedicated volunteer, leader, and activist in the City of Passaic and the Polish community.

Born to Mr. Ludwig Gill and Ms. Leona Stolarz, Mr. Gill's commitment to service began very young. After graduating from Passaic High School in 1957, he attended Fairleigh Dickinson College and received a bachelor's degree in Accounting in 1961. After becoming the Work Experience and Career Exploration Program (W.E.C.E.P.) Coordinator and teacher at the Paterson Board of Edu-

cation, Mr. Gill continued to earn multiple degrees and certifications for business, education, and administration. Following his years in school, Mr. Gill founded his own store, Gill's Market, right in his hometown of Passaic.

Mr. Gill married his beloved wife Mary in 1963 in Passaic, New Jersey. Together, they raised four children and are grandparents to four grandchildren. Five years after his wedding, Mr. Gill began his lifelong career in public service. He was appointed to the Passaic Alcohol and Beverage Control Commission, where he served for five years, three of which he was the Chairman. In 1977, he was elected to the Passaic City Council, where he served for another 19 years and eventually became the President of the City Council. During his service there, Mr. Gill was elected to the New Jersey General Assembly to represent the 36th District for two terms in 1987.

Mr. Gill's service to his community here in New Jersey and to the Polish community is extensive. While pursuing higher education and serving his local community, he was the Grand Marshall of the Pulaski Day Parade and President of the Sons of Poland for five years. He also joined the League of American Poles, and was a part of the Board of Directors for the Polish Cultural Center and Clifton Community Center. In addition to getting involved with the Polish community, Mr. Gill was also a part of the Chopin Singing Society for 50 years, where he served as President.

Mr. Gill's service to his community is a credit to his character, and he has consistently been recognized for his work. He was awarded the Outstanding Citizen Award from the Pulaski Association of Police and Fire Departments in 1978. In the following year, he received the Citizen of the Year Award from the Policemen's Benevolent Association. Finally, as a member of the Passaic-Clifton Y.M.C.A., Mr. Gill received the Recognition For Service Award in 1985.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of individuals like Mr. Gill.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, friends, family, and the residents of New Jersey in recognizing Louis Gill for his outstanding work, as we celebrate his decades of distinguished service to the State of New Jersey and the members of his family and community.

IN HONOR OF THE 75TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY OF LEO AND EVELYN
HUPPE

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th wedding anniversary of Leo and Evelyn Huppe, longtime residents of Rochester, New Hampshire.

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The Huppes have shared decades of life and love together, marrying on January 31, 1945. Since that date, their family has grown to include one daughter, four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandson, all while living in the same home in Rochester.

Together they have enjoyed many adventures, celebrated great achievements, and persevered through life's challenges. Mr. Huppe answered his nation's call, serving in the Pacific during World War II, where his distinguished service earned him the Silver Star. And Mrs. Huppe recently celebrated her 100th birthday in May 2019. May your love and commitment continue to serve as an inspiration to us all.

On behalf on my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to wish Mr. and Mrs. Huppe a very happy 75th anniversary. I hope they enjoy a wonderful celebration with their family.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 180TH ANNIVERSARY OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 180th anniversary of Sumpter Township.

Sumpter Township can trace its origins back to the revolutionary war era. As one of the original bounty land act areas off the Erie Canal, Sumpter's first settlers were revolutionary war soldiers looking for large land tracks and farm land out west. On April 6, 1840, the Township of Sumpter—named after revolutionary war General Thomas Sumter—was officially formed, home to a total of 228 residents. In the years that followed, Sumpter Township became a busy town with shopping districts, a town hall, the first producing oil well in Wayne County, and its own school district.

Since its humble beginnings in the mid-nineteenth century, Sumpter Township has grown and transformed significantly. Today, Sumpter Township is a diverse community of 9,549 residents drawing from a variety of ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. Even 180 years later, Sumpter Township continues to be an important component of our Michigan community. Its woodlands, wetlands, prairies, parks, and abundant wildlife are natural treasures for all Michiganders to value and enjoy, and its welcoming, neighborly, and tight-knit community serves as a model that others should strive to emulate.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 180th anniversary of Sumpter Township. As one of Michigan's earliest communities, it is my wish that Sumpter Township continues to be a pleasant place for people to live, work, and enjoy the vast beauty Michigan has to offer. Congratulations on this historic milestone, and best of luck in the years ahead.

HONORING THE BRUCE
ELEMENTARY 3

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to give special recognition to the Bruce 3, the three first graders who integrated Bruce Elementary School in Memphis in 1961, and to the artist who so thoughtfully depicted that historic event in a mural on the school's cafeteria walls. Harry Williams, Dwania Kyles and Menelik Fombi were the courageous pioneers, part of the Memphis 13, who integrated the Memphis school system that year.

Memphian Jamond Bullock's mural of the Bruce students was unveiled in a ceremony on January 17 at which I was proud to speak. I reminded the current students, teachers, Shelby County School Board officials, other alumni and school supporters that it was my friend, the late Civil Rights advocate and long-time judge Russell Sugarmon, who came up with the idea that it should be first graders integrating Memphis' public schools. This was unlike the practice at Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas, in 1957, where older students who were integrating the school incurred the taunts of angry mobs and federal troops were called in to keep the peace.

Judge Sugarmon said that escorting the Malone twins, Sheila and Sharon, into Gordon Elementary School in 1961 was one of his proudest moments. The Bruce 3 endured the loneliness and ostracism of being the only African Americans in the otherwise all-white school, and did not even share the same classrooms. They were heroes and so were their courageous parents.

Menelik Fombi's father, A.W. Willis Jr., was a leading Civil Rights advocate and Russell Sugarmon's law partner at the time. A.W. Willis Jr. and Russell Sugarmon were the first and second African Americans elected to the Tennessee General Assembly since Reconstruction. Dwania Kyles' father, the late Reverend Samuel Billy Kyles, pastor of Monumental Baptist Church, was one of the last to speak with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. before he was assassinated at the Lorraine Motel in April 1968.

Artist Jamond Bullock, founder of AlivePaint, is a nationally recognized mural designer and painter who has enlivened the walls of buildings in Memphis with uplifting imagery. His Bruce Elementary painting, which he completed over two and a half months during school holidays and off hours, was inspired by the courage of the three Bruce students, and he has said he is proud that current students will be reminded of their predecessors' courage and sacrifice. He has done our city a great service. I was pleased to speak with the Bruce students, young and old, and to celebrate this important chapter in Memphis and American history.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNUAL
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
YOUTH ORATORICAL CONTEST

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 35th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration and the cornerstone of the event, the 30th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Contest, hosted by the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Every year, members of the community gather on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to reflect upon the past year and receive a message of hope from the youth of today and leaders of tomorrow. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will forever be enshrined in our history as the formative figure in the quest for justice through civil dialogue.

Dr. King has continued to be an inspiration to all for generations. Many have answered his call to both stand up and call out inequalities that we still see today. The struggle for freedom that Dr. King was fighting for was brought to the forefront during the March on Washington. On that day, while standing in front of the Lincoln Memorial, Dr. King famously said "Let Freedom Ring" which is fittingly the theme for this year's Oratorical Contest. He wanted our youth to have the future they are seeing today, free to reach unlimited heights. The talented students who are participating in this contest are true examples of the continuous efforts Dr. King wanted from us all.

I congratulate the following contestants in the 30th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Contest:

Middle School Contestants: Nyela Asterilla Anderson—Hampton Middle School; Kamari Chisolm—Bull Run Middle School; Myles Lainer—Manassas Park Middle School.

High School Contestants: Zion Fozo—Potomac High School; Jessica Gyamfi—Colgan High School; Hanaan Khahir—Osborn Park High School.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for showcasing the power of purposeful and meaningful communication reminiscent of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and in congratulating the talented youth of the 2020 MLK Youth Oratorical Contest.

HONORING CAPTAIN VERONICA
PEPPERS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Captain Veronica Peppers, a resident of Madison County, Mississippi. Captain Peppers is a 1990 graduate of Velma Jackson High School. Captain Peppers graduated May 1996 with a BS in Mass Communication from Jackson State University. She also received the prestigious honor of Captain of Mississippi Army National Guard in March

2016. Although she had the task of juggling the roles of a full-time wife, mother of two daughters, a student, and an employee, her life has been quite a challenge and a rewarding experience. As she continued the journey to pursue her degree and stay actively engaged in her community, she is reminded of an encouraging scripture, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Captain Peppers enrolled in the Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with a concentration in Leadership Cognate at Liberty University. After 22 years since completing her studies at Jackson State University, she maintained a 4.0 GPA during her first semester in the program, only by God's grace and mercy. Veronica received a new assignment in the Mississippi Army National Guard as a Training Officer of the 298th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion in Philadelphia, Mississippi, where she provides operation and training management guidance to the battalion for more than 630 service members. Her additional duties included Equal Opportunity Advisor, Antiterrorism Officer, and Family Readiness Group Coordinator.

She is a graduate of Leadership Madison County (1990) and a current life member of both National Guard Association of the United States and National Guard Association of Mississippi, where she currently serves on the board of directors as the Company Grade Officer Representative.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain Veronica Peppers.

IOWAN OF THE WEEK MARY
CAMPOS

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Ms. Mary Campos, a longtime Iowan civil rights activist. Campos was the first Latina inducted into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame. In 2017, she received the American Civil Liberties Union Edward S. Allen Award for her time helping non-English speaking families learn English and helping them through the steps to become a U.S. Citizen. She has also earned the Ohtli Award, the highest honor given from the Mexican government to a Mexican descendent for her work assisting Mexican immigrants. She has served on the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and the League for United Latin American Citizens and was one of the founders of the National Black and Brown Forum. Campos, who turned 90 in November, is still serving her community in various capacities.

Ms. Campos received an honorary nursing degree from the Des Moines Area Community College. At Exito, a catalyst for the empowerment of Latino youth in Iowa, conducted the third annual Mary E. Campos Luncheon where DMACC President, Rob Denson, presented the honorary degree. At Exito started the Mary E. Campos Scholarship to help honor Campos' dream of seeing young people, especially students of color, earn higher education degrees and fill positions of leadership within their communities.

It is an honor to celebrate the outstanding achievements of Ms. Campos and celebrate the determination and hard work that she and other activists like her have put into Iowa. I have great respect and admiration for folks who stand up for people who can't always stand up for themselves, and I am humbled by Ms. Campos' decades and decades of bravery and compassion.

I applaud Ms. Mary Campos for her unwavering dedication. Let us be of service this Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and remember the important work of Dr. King that lives on in people like Mary Campos.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LARRY J.
RAVEN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Larry J. Raven, who passed away on January 6, 2020. Larry was an appointee to the City of Fresno Parks Commission, the blue-ribbon Zoo Commission and the General Plan Commission for over 40 years.

Larry J. Raven was born on January 25, 1939 in Selma, California to Isabel and Phil Raven and was a lifelong Fresno County resident. He and his older brother, Jerry W. Raven started a dairy on their parent's ranch when Larry was just 13. Larry was active in Future Farmers of America at Selma Union High School, serving as president in 1957. He earned the title of California Farmer and in 1958 achieved the highest honor of American Farmer. In 1961, he and his brother opened a drive-thru grocery store in Selma and sold their own brand of milk, Roselane.

In June of 1963, Larry married the love of his life Penny Nichelini. Two years later, Penny and Larry opened the first R Pantry Market, a drive-thru grocery market. In a few short years they had 9 convenience stores and an additional 3 old fashioned meat markets called, Holy Cow Meat Markets. Always ahead of his time, the R Pantry Markets, Inc. was the first franchised convenience market chain in the state of California and the first business in the state to offer self-service gasoline pumps.

In the 1970s, Larry and Penny purchased an old winery in Selma, renamed it Raven Alcohol Distillery, and converted it to California's first fuel alcohol distillery, producing thousands of gallons of product daily. He became a national expert on the conversion of molasses to fuel alcohol and obtained a U.S. Patent in 2002 for his "Process and Apparatus for Conversion of Biodegradable Organic Material into Product Gas".

In the 1970s, both Larry and Penny became licensed California Real Estate brokers and founded The Raven Company. Shortly after, Larry became a licensed California Contractor and built his first subdivision in Selma, eventually building over 1,000 family homes and neighborhoods. For the America's Bicentennial, Larry spearheaded the idea of planting thousands of red, white and blue petunias along the old boulevard and it was designated "America's Largest, Private Bicentennial Display". Larry was an outspoken supporter of

the completion of Highways 41, 180 and 168 and invited the California Highway Commission to meet in Fresno; at his urging the Commission voted to allocate the funds to build Highway 41.

In the 1980s, Larry and his sons began the yuletide tradition of "Candlelight Christmas on Huntington Boulevard" with over 100 homeowners decorating their homes which delighted tens of thousands of visitors annually and continued for 21 years. Larry also organized an effort to paint the 52 classic lampposts in the historic mile, becoming the largest private improvement ever made to city property and featured in Sunset Magazine. Between 2010–2015, the couple acquired several ranches with plans to build subdivisions. As a result, Larry went back to his roots and became a successful farmer, devoting most of his time to a 120-acre ranch in Sanger with oranges and almonds.

Larry is survived by his wife, Penny and their sons Tagge and Corbyn; Corbyn's wife Stephanie Raven and their four children, Bella, Carsyn, Audrey Grace and Declyn Raven; his brother Jerry W. Raven and wife LaVerne Raven and many nephews and a niece.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Larry J. Raven. His commitment and dedication to the Central Valley community left an impact on many. We join his family and friends in honoring his great life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on January 9, 2020 during roll call no. 5, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 83, directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to terminate the use of United States Armed Forces to engage in hostilities in or against Iran. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 6, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 83, directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to terminate the use of United States Armed Forces to engage in hostilities in or against Iran. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING JONAS SALK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED A 2019 NATIONAL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA) DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jonas Salk Elementary School of Bolingbrook, Illinois as a 2019 ESEA Distinguished School.

Since its formation, Jonas Salk Elementary has prided itself on providing academically rigorous instruction in a welcoming and safe environment. As one of only two Illinois schools granted this distinction, Jonas Salk Elementary has been recognized for exceptional student performance and academic growth for two or more consecutive years.

I want to congratulate the students, teachers, and parents of Jonas Salk Elementary School on this truly impressive achievement. This recognition reflects no small amount of time and effort, and I look forward to the continued success of this distinguished institution.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
KATHLEEN WEBER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Kathleen Weber, who passed away on January 18, 2020, at the age of 75 after a lifetime of public service to her community.

Born in Santa Rosa on August 27, 1944, Kathleen was raised by her father who worked in the insurance industry and her mother who designed costumes for the Santa Rosa Junior College theater program. She met and fell in love with Ed Weber at in the theater program at Santa Rosa Junior College and married him in 1964. Kathleen worked in the medical field and the former Mattei Brothers clothing store, before embarking on what became an outstanding and renowned baking career.

Kathleen's father-in-law introduced her to baking bread on his personal wood-burning oven. This quickly became a full-time hobby for Kathleen, which blossomed into a profession through study under renowned brick-oven baker Alan Scott. The Webers fashioned their own oven based on Mr. Scott's design, and proceeded to launch a business that has since been credited with renewing the appeal of slow-rise bread regionally. Their biggest break came when they became the bread supplier to Thomas Keller, world famous chef and owner of French Laundry restaurant. Mr. Keller later became a close friend and collaborator with the Webers.

In 2004, the Webers opened Della Fattoria as a breakfast, lunch, and weekend brunch restaurant where Kathleen worked tirelessly to welcome patrons and give back to her hometown community. Around 2016, the Webers' son, Chef Aaron, started a prix-fixe dinner menu focusing on the farm-to-table method Kathleen had started with Della Breads, and in 2018, added to it a full dinner menu. In 2019, Della Fattoria undertook a large dining hall expansion onto two adjacent properties, and their daughter, Elisa, oversaw the interior design and fabrication of the furniture, making the business venture another full family effort.

One of the first on the West Coast to commercially produce bread using the brick oven process, Kathleen and her family took local door-to-door offerings into a regional and high demand delicacy. She became a published author with "Della Fattoria Bread," a recipe book seeking to make high-quality baking more accessible to the home cook. In addition to her culinary contributions to the community

and support of the local food movement and local business chamber, Kathleen's public service expanded to include providing meals to first responders in Petaluma during the Sonoma County wildfires. She is credited for always looking for new ways to get Petaluma on the map.

Kathleen is survived by her husband Ed, her two children Aaron and Elisa, and her two grandsons Jakob and Samuel. While she will be greatly missed by many, Kathleen Weber's legacy will live on through the indelible positive impact she had on this community and beyond.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES A. LINDBERGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS IT IS NAMED A 2019 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary School as it is named a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. The school's impact on the children of our community is worthy of commendation.

Located in Dearborn, Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary School is a cornerstone of our Michigan community. The school is dedicated to helping students reach their full potential as empathetic, balanced, and goal-oriented leaders who strive to effect change and make meaningful contributions to their communities. With a focus on cultivating strong relationships, Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary builds a positive and supportive school culture that helps students gain the confidence they need to embrace academics and accomplish anything they set out to achieve.

The National Blue Ribbon Award is a prestigious honor, only bestowed upon the most outstanding schools. By inspiring children to achieve greatness by learning and leading every day, Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary School is a deserving recipient of this great honor. Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary has made a difference in our community and continues to be a place where students, educators, and families work together to create a safe, welcoming, and academically rigorous program that promotes success.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary School as it is named a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School. The award is a testament to the exceptional guidance of its teachers and staff who work every day to ensure quality educational experiences, achievement outcomes, and success for each and every student. I am grateful for the school's profound impact on our community and wish it continued success in the years ahead.

IN HONOR OF DONNETTE PETERSEN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Green River resident Donnette Petersen on celebrating her 100th birthday.

Donnette has been a Green River resident for much of her life. She has been a staple of the Green River community and was known as quite the cook when she was younger and would host large dinner parties with friends. Donnette has been an example to her community and that was evidenced by the outpouring of support at her birthday parties. This is a wonderful time to celebrate Donnette and thank her for her contributions to Green River and the great state of Wyoming.

Again, Madam Speaker, I extend my congratulations to Donnette Petersen on celebrating her 100th birthday.

HONORING THE CAREER OF BILL FREY

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the heroes of the fight for decent housing and meaningful opportunity for every American—my role model, my former boss, and my friend, Bill Frey. Bill will attempt to retire from Enterprise Community Partners at the end of January after three decades of shaping that institution, mentoring generations of committed leaders and improving the lives of countless Americans. I say attempt, because Bill's soul-deep commitment to fighting the world's fight and to servant leadership will not fade with the passage of time.

Enterprise's need, and the respect Bill commands in the world of community development, may conspire to make Bill's attempt at retirement a rare failure for a man who has achieved everything, and always for others.

Bill's deep commitment to selfless service, his unusual humility, and his intuitive sense for gentle leadership is leavened by an impish humor that makes Bill irresistible to all, from the formerly homeless new renter to the senior banking executive, to the faith and community leaders that he empowered and supported across a lifetime.

Madam Speaker, the years in which I worked for Bill Frey were years of inspiration, learning and always laughter. I grew immeasurably watching Bill's steady hand, his courageous personal fights, and the example he set for so many of us.

I'm not going to say I will miss him, because as I said, I suspect he's not really going anywhere. And even if he does manage to spend more time with his wonderful family and growing collection of grandchildren, his legacy touched so many of us forever. Thank you, Bill.

RECOGNIZING ELIZABETH RINK AND MONICA SKEWES OF BOZEMAN AND ADRIANN RICKER OF FORT PECK

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Elizabeth Rink and Monica Skewes of Bozeman, and Adriann Ricker of Fort Peck for their dedication to and pursuit of finding solutions to public health issues confronting Montana.

Rink, Skewes, and Ricker, an enrolled member of the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, have spent years working with members and leaders of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation community on public health issues it faces. Through community-based research, they are helping develop trauma-informed policies for reservation agencies. All three are working vigorously alongside tribal members to find solutions. Montana State University faculty members Rink and Skewes as well as Ricker from Fort Peck Community College were recently selected for the Interdisciplinary Research Leaders Program, which is supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The fellowship allows them to continue this important work.

Their goal is to equip Fort Peck's leaders with data that can guide their policymaking. Their research supports a more compassionate, community-centered approach to address the long-term needs of those seeking help. The three researchers say if a person never heals from tragic circumstances like substance abuse or addiction then the harmful cycles don't end.

Rink, Skewes, and Ricker empower Fort Peck leaders with data. As a result of their work and collaboration, tribal leaders have more information to better understand these complex public health issues. Their research and work are making a difference: many of members of the community are more accepting of and sensitive to these challenges and hardships than they were before.

Madam Speaker, for their community collaboration and tireless work to promote positive community change, I recognize Elizabeth Rink and Monica Skewes of Bozeman, and Adriann Ricker of Fort Peck for their Spirit of Montana.

IN HONOR OF HELEN ZIGMOND

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Cheyenne resident Helen Zigmond.

Born in Czechoslovakia on October 27, 1927, Helen and her family were abducted and taken to Auschwitz during the Nazi occupation in WWII. In 1954 Helen and her husband, Eugene, moved to Cheyenne where they stayed for the rest of their lives. Helen took pride in her music store and was active in the local synagogue and the community.

Helen was the last known Holocaust survivor in Wyoming and her presence in the Cheyenne community will be greatly missed. Her story, and those of other survivors, must serve as a reminder to future generations that we all have an obligation to pledge "Never Again."

Again, Madam Speaker, I want to honor and celebrate the life of Helen Zigmond and extend my condolences to her friends and family.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF BILLIE AUBRY HITT

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Billie Aubry Hitt, who passed away on January 21st at the age of 81.

Billie, a lifelong resident of Calhoun County, Mississippi, answered the call to serve our great nation with the National Guard and later enlisted in the United States Air Force. His career took him all over the world, then brought him back home to Mississippi at the Columbus Air Force Base. Billie later retired and returned to Calhoun County, where he served as both Justice Court Judge and as Sheriff.

Billie, a member of Lewis Memorial United Methodist Church, set an example of faith for his family to follow. He was an active member in his community with the Post 50 American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, National Order of Trench Rats, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mississippi Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Calhoun City Rotary Club, the Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1969 and the Calhoun County Republican Party.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Geneise Winters Hitt, as well as many friends and family members. Billie Hitt's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

HONORING MARGARET TATE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community servant Margaret Tate. Margaret has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and the desire to serve others.

Mrs. Tate and her husband, Nelson, are Yazoo City residents who make invaluable contributions to their community. Margaret volunteers at the Baptist Medical Center in Yazoo where she was named "Volunteer of the Year" in 2017.

Margaret is a retired speech-language therapist of 32 years with the Holmes County School District. She is an active, dedicated member of King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church where she serves with Mother's Ministry. She is a lifetime member of the Mississippi Valley State University National Alumni Chapter where she serves as secretary.

She is also a member of the MS Association of Retired Educators. Mrs. Tate volunteers at the Manna House helping to sort clothes and serve meals to the people in the community.

Margaret enjoys reading, traveling and serving others. Her joining the hospital auxiliary volunteers provided this opportunity that has proven to be a rewarding experience.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Margaret Tate for her dedication and tenacity to serving her community and desire to be an example for all.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE CYNTHIA GRAY HATHAWAY FOR A DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Cynthia Gray Hathaway on her retirement and recognize her years of distinguished service with the Third Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan. Her contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Cynthia Gray Hathaway received her bachelor's degree in business administration from Wayne State University and earned her master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Detroit. While working toward her master's, Hathaway simultaneously was employed by the Detroit Recorder's Court Probation Department where she became intrigued about law. Later, Hathaway pursued this interest and received her law degree from the Detroit College of Law.

Cynthia Gray Hathaway has become a cornerstone of our Michigan community. As a judge of the Third Circuit Court in Wayne County, Hathaway's commitment to justice and the residents of Michigan has made a difference. Beyond her work in a professional capacity, Hathaway has also been a dedicated community member who is active in the NAACP, Detroit Urban League, the Women's Economic Club, and the Reggie McKenzie Foundation, among many others. Hathaway is known for her high degree of professionalism, kind demeanor, and passion for helping everyone she encounters. She has demonstrated her commitment to the entire Michigan community, and it my honor and privilege to recognize her distinguished work today.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Cynthia Gray Hathaway as she retires from the Third Circuit Court. We thank her for her many years of service and leadership and wish her the best of luck in all future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion Auxiliary, the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization.

The American Legion Auxiliary is a premier service organization that has been a vital asset to our community. By providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families, the American Legion Auxiliary shapes a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, and peace.

Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary boasts almost one million members from a range of different backgrounds. This past year, the organization oversaw more than 40 million volunteer hours and raised \$37 million for charities across the U.S.

Specifically, the American Legion Auxiliary's Gilbert D. Karsten Post 33, has been a pillar in our community through their support of veterans, sponsorship of local events, and extensive youth development programs. Their tireless work has dramatically increased the quality of life for veterans and their families across West Michigan.

The post gets their name from the late Gilbert Dean Karsten, an American army corporal who was killed on the battlefields of France on August 2, 1917. Gilbert D. Karsten was born in Zeeland, MI, on April 20, 1898, and joined the U.S. Army just days after the U.S. declared war on Germany. His death made him the first World War I casualty from Zeeland, and the community has continued to honor his sacrifice by using his name to help further their commitment to serving local veterans and their families.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the American Legion Auxiliary and the Gilbert D. Karsten Post 33 for their 100 years of dedicated service to veterans throughout our country and in West Michigan.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF CHARLES PENNINGTON

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of my friend, Charles Pennington, Junior, who was a true American patriot and an economic development engine for London, Kentucky.

Charlie was a thriving work horse every day that he had the ability to serve others. He dedicated 26 years to law enforcement, first as a Kentucky State Trooper, until he was drafted for the Korean War. He honorably served this great Nation in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1959. When he returned home to American soil, he was sworn in as a Laurel County Sheriff's Deputy. One year later, he became a Deputy U.S. Marshal and participated in some of the nation's most historic moments in time. In fact, he escorted the first African American student into an integrated school and was featured in Norman Rockwell's captivating painting of that fateful day. During my first year in office, representing Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District, I was honored to recommend Charlie's promotion to U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky. President Ronald Reagan appointed him to the role, serving 67 Kentucky counties, until his retirement.

During what could have been long restful years of retirement, Charlie invested his time and energy to recruiting businesses and cre-

ating new jobs in Laurel County through the London Planning and Zoning Commission and the London Laurel County Industrial Authority—and he wasn't just good at it, he was great. Charlie helped transform Laurel County into an industrial hub for our entire region. He was instrumental in developing a desperately needed new industrial park, which now rightfully bears his name. Thanks to his tireless efforts to lay a healthy economic foundation and landscape in Laurel County, the I-75 corridor will continue to progress for generations to follow.

Aside from his official duties, Charlie volunteered countless hours to the Laurel County Fire Department and other civic organizations. He made a difference in our region and we can already see the growth made possible by his dedication. I am forever grateful for his friendship and partnership on economic development projects over the years. My wife, Cynthia, and I extend our heartfelt condolences to Charlie's entire family and his countless friends across the state.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND RETIREMENT OF KEVIN J. BRADY

HON. CAROL D. MILLER

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. MILLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kevin J. Brady, who is retiring from his position as Executive Director over the Greater Huntington Park & Recreation District. Mr. Brady has been involved in various public service roles, both inside and outside the hills of Appalachia, for well over 32 years.

Mr. Brady is truly a dedicated civil servant whose work has sought to significantly benefit the quality of life of Southern West Virginia and the Tri-State Region surrounding Huntington.

In 1989, Mr. Brady started his life of service by becoming a Landscape Coordinator for Hamilton County, Tennessee. During this time, Mr. Brady pioneered several projects that oversaw the management of the Tennessee Riverwalk, Tennessee Riverpark, and the Chester Frost Park. Excelling in his duties, Mr. Brady would later become the Director of Parks for the City of Chattanooga. He served in these roles for a total of 20 years until 2009 when he moved to Juneau, Alaska to serve as their Superintendent of Parks and Landscape; however, when the Greater Huntington Park & Recreation District needed an Executive Director in 2010, he answered the call to return to the heart of Appalachia.

Over the last ten years, Mr. Brady has proven time and time again that he is a true asset to Huntington and the Mountain State. His passion project, St. Cloud Commons all-inclusive playground, has already brought happiness to countless children in Huntington. It is because of people like Mr. Brady that make me proud to represent West Virginia's Third Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Mr. Brady for this momentous achievement. I ask you and my colleagues to join me in sending him, his wife Suzanne, his daughter Rhiannon, and their three grandchildren, gratitude and well wishes upon his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD MCEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on January 7, 2020 during roll call no. 1, Quorum, Call of the House. Had I been present, I would have been recorded as "present."

ELIAS "LOUIE" HORIATES

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the Pennsauken, New Jersey resident Elias "Louie" Horiates, a Camden County Town Hall Honoree.

Elias Horiates was born in Greece in 1933, he was the oldest of nine brothers and sisters. At the age of fourteen, his family immigrated to the land of opportunity, the United States of America, to start a new life in the Township of Pennsauken, New Jersey.

In 1956, at the age of 23 he was drafted into the United States Army and defended our great nation overseas. Mr. Horiates completed basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and began his first two years of service overseas in Germany. After his return to the United States he continued his service at Fort Campbell and at the Armory on 42nd and Federal Street. During his service Mr. Horiates requested a special discharge to return home for temporary leave to elope with his childhood sweetheart, Hrisoula. Mr. Horiates was lucky enough to receive a generous 60-day leave to return home, one that was rarely granted.

In 1962, Mr. Horiates completed his service in the United States Army as a sergeant after 6 years of valiant service. When he returned home from his military service, Mr. and Mrs. Horiates bought their first home in Pennsauken, New Jersey along the road of West River Drive where they would raise their family of three sons and one daughter.

Back in his hometown, Mr. Horiates went on to work for Hutchinson Plumbing for 45 years. Mr. Horiates served two terms as the President of Saint Thomas Greek Orthodox Church and served as the President of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association of South Jersey.

Mr. Horiates is a proud and patriotic American, he values the time he spent in the United States Army and cherishes his life and the opportunities he was given in our great country. In their retirement, Louie and Hrisoula have continued to live in their home in Pennsauken, New Jersey for fifty-five years as active members in their community and country. Their legacy continues with their four children, seven grandchildren and their four great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Mr. Elias "Louie" Horiates, of Pennsauken, New Jersey, a resident dedicated to his community and who served his country valiantly.

IN RECOGNITION OF RORY GAMBLE AS HE RECEIVES THE LET FREEDOM RING AWARD

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rory Gamble's distinguished career and honor his remarkable work as he receives the Rainbow PUSH Let Freedom Ring Award. Gamble's contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

In 1974, Rory Gamble joined the UAW after he was hired at the Ford Motor Co. Dearborn Frame Plant. He quickly became active in UAW Local 600 and has since become a cornerstone of the labor union. Throughout his tenure, Gamble has served in numerous elected and appointed positions including plant trustee, alternate benefit representative, bargaining committee chair, and director, to name a few. Gamble's leadership and ability to work through difficult challenges were recognized by many, leading him to be elected a vice president of the UAW in June 2018. Most recently, Gamble was named President of the UAW by the UAW International Executive Board on December 5, 2019.

As the UAW's first black president, Rory Gamble is recognized as a humble, compassionate, and honest leader who strives to effect meaningful change throughout all his work. Gamble took over the reins of the UAW at a critical moment in the union's history and has spent his first weeks instituting a series of ethics reforms and policy changes to set the UAW back on course. Despite the hardships, Gamble has remained optimistic and is dedicated to working together to navigate through the challenges. Gamble's work has truly made a difference, and his guidance will be imperative in the UAW's future success.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Rory Gamble. Gamble's tenacity for change and commitment to improving the lives of UAW members, their families, and the communities in which they live makes him a deserving recipient of the Let Freedom Ring Award. I am grateful for his impact on our community and wish him continued success in the years ahead.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF KEVIN ANDREW GALLAGHER

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of my friend Kevin Andrew Gallagher, who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness. I had the opportunity to attend a service "celebrating the life and antics of Kevin Gallagher" at the National Ornamental Metal Museum last Sunday at which my friend was honored by his many friends, relatives and colleagues. It was his opportunity to see, and for his children to see, how he will be remembered. Kevin, 48, a masterful public relations and government relations consultant, was my campaign manager and put together

a great team for my election victory for Congress in 2006, one of the first elections in which we were able to get beyond race and gender. Kevin also worked on A C Wharton's first campaign for Shelby County Mayor and later served as his director of public affairs. He also worked on Jim Strickland's first run for the Memphis City Council. He was appointed to the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth by Governor Don Sundquist and was involved in reforming the juvenile justice system. He served on the Center City Commission and on the boards of the Memphis Redbirds, the Riverfront Development Corporation and the National Ornamental Metal Museum. In fact, Kevin is a blacksmith and bladesmith who said that when he got tired of talking to people, "I go beat on metal." The museum where the service was held has created a scholarship program in his name to support the development of emerging blacksmiths and metalsmiths. At the service, one friend recalled that he was "fueled by a sense of humor," but never punched down; he targeted political authority and had a funny way of speaking truth to power. Another recalled the work he did to get the criminal records of past offenders expunged so they could find work and how he helped struggling artisans through addictions and hard times. Kevin also liked to cook and catered dinners for various groups. He had a food blog and recently published *Always Have A Chicken: A Cookbook For My Kids* with 75 family recipes. Kevin's wife, Stacy, and his three children, Clayton Stone, Molly Gallagher and Spencer Gallagher, attended Sunday's service to express their love and saw that love returned. Kevin has led a wonderful life and has made a difference in the lives of so many others. He will be forever remembered.

HONORING DR. RONALD D. MOORE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Ronald D. Moore of Chowchilla, California, who passed away on January 14, 2020. Dr. Moore leaves behind a legacy of steadfast service to his country, community, and family.

Dr. Moore was born in Madera, California on October 16, 1939 and graduated from Chowchilla High School in 1957. Later that year, he joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve and later went on to graduate from Fresno State. In 1961, he married Shirley Marie Pacheco at St. Joachim's Catholic Church in Madera. Dr. Moore attended Officer Candidate School in 1966 and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant after graduating as the honor man of his platoon. Dr. Moore then began a distinguished career as a Marine.

Dr. Moore served in Vietnam as a platoon leader, executive officer, and company commander from 1967 to 1968 and upon his return, was promoted to Captain. He then served with the Fifth Marine Division, Third Regiment until he retired in 1969. During his service, he was awarded many medals, including the Navy Commendation Medal with a bronze "V", the National Service Defense Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Re-

public of Vietnam Gallantry Cross—Foreign with a bronze service star, among others.

After his retirement from the Marines Corps, Dr. Moore returned to Chowchilla with his family and began his career in education as a teacher and coach of football and track at Chowchilla Union High School. Dr. Moore later became the Superintendent of Schools and held that position for 23 years until his retirement in 1999.

Throughout his life, Dr. Moore remained involved in his community and committed to making it a better place. He was a member of many organizations including VFW Post 9886, the Third Marine Division Association, the Marines Memorial Club of San Francisco, Rotary International, and the Fresno State Bulldog Foundation, where he was honored as "Hero of the Game" at a Fresno State football game in 2017.

Dr. Moore enjoyed spending time with his family and traveling with his wife Shirley. Together, they traveled to a variety of countries, including a return to Vietnam in 2006 and particularly enjoyed their annual Caribbean cruises. As a lifelong student of history, Dr. Moore published two novels in retirement, "Chopper Caper" and "Dragon Force: The Last Salute."

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring a man whose service to our country and his community have undoubtedly made the world a better place. It is both fitting and appropriate we honor him as many gather to celebrate his legacy. I wish Dr. Moore's family and friends the best as they celebrate his life.

IN MEMORY OF ED WALDHEIM

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible life of Ed Waldheim, who passed away on December 9, 2019 at the age of 81. Mr. Waldheim was a lifelong off-road enthusiast who spent decades advocating passionately for expanding access to public lands.

Ed Waldheim was born in San Francisco in 1938. After growing up in Argentina, he joined the United States Army when he became an adult and later settled in Southern California. In the 1970s California deserts, Ed learned to ride motorcycles and developed his passion for recreating on public lands. He helped off-roaders band together to advocate for continued access to public lands and was an early supporter of the California Off Road Vehicle Association (CORVA). Over his career of public advocacy, he served as President of CORVA, and saw membership triple as he fought to keep areas of the California desert open to off-roaders. Ed received Golden Helmet Award from the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division of California's Department of Parks and Recreation, CORVA's Off-Roader of the Year award, and the Bureau of Land Management's Volunteer of the Year Award. However, Ed was probably best known for his work as founder of the nonprofit Friends of Jawbone, which promotes better riding in the Jawbone Canyon OHV area.

Ed Waldheim's dedication to our public lands was unrivaled, and his spirit will live on

in the places he fought for or improved during his career. His work touched innumerable lives, and he is a model for all those who recreate in California.

IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND
JESSE L. JACKSON

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. for his lifelong commitment to the betterment of society. His contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

As an undergraduate, Rev. Jackson became involved in the civil rights movement. In 1965, he went to Selma, Alabama to march with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and became a worker in King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference. On April 4, 1968, Jackson was in Memphis, Tennessee when the civil rights leader was assassinated and has been committed to furthering Dr. King's mission ever since. Today, Rev. Jackson has established his own legacy and continues to be one of America's foremost civil rights, religious, and political figures. He is a passionate activist committed to making the world a better place and has been hailed by many for his work in human and civil rights and non-violent social change. Rev. Jackson has received over forty honorary doctorate degrees and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill Clinton in 2000, to name a few of his numerous accolades.

In 1971, Rev. Jackson founded Operation PUSH and later established the National Rainbow Coalition. In 1996, the two organizations merged to form Rainbow PUSH, a nonprofit organization dedicated to pursuing social justice, civil rights, and political activism. Over twenty years later, Rainbow PUSH continues to be a multi-racial, multi-issue, and progressive international organization committed to fighting for social change. With a mission to protect, defend, and gain civil rights by promoting economic and educational equality, Rainbow PUSH is a critical resource. The organization uplifts our community's most vulnerable, helping to employ the unemployed, educate children, provide healthcare, and promote peace and justice around the globe.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. His lifetime of dedicated service has made our world a better place and furthers the great legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Like Dr. King, Rev. Jesse Jackson continues to inspire others to work toward freedom, social justice and equality.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. KEVIN
CHRISTENSEN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Kevin Christensen who is retiring from an extensive, noteworthy

career in public service. As the Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation in the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Kevin oversaw a plethora of projects and managed a sizable, dedicated team that ensured that public funds were judiciously and efficiently employed.

Kevin graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University with degrees in biology and chemistry. Soon after, Kevin chose to serve his country as a U.S. Navy officer of which he devoted nine honorable years. Even after his service, Kevin dedicated more of his time working as a manager for the Naval Audit Service where he artfully juggled a multitude of assignments that ensured that our Navy was handling its programs effectively. However, Kevin could not stop there, he joined the EPA in 2008 where he provided his technical expertise and leveraged his skills in management and oversight. While at the EPA, Kevin's hard work earned him a top leadership position as the Deputy Assistant Inspector General, then later to his current position as Assistant Inspector General.

Kevin's remarkable career is worthy of distinction and his retirement from the EPA is both a solemn, yet joyful moment. His passion for both public service and the environment, highlights the vibrant culture at the EPA.

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

HONORING ERICA GEE-BRADLEY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker and fellow colleagues I rise today to honor a worthy member of our society, Dr. Erica Gee-Bradley.

Dr. Gee-Bradley brings over 25 years of experience working in the Jackson Public School District. She has served generations of scholars and parents in the capacity of a classroom teacher, Assistant Principal, and Principal. After 13 years of dedicated leaderships and principal of Galloway Elementary School, she proudly accepted the invitation to leap into secondary leadership at the high school level. Dr. Gee-Bradley currently serves as Assistant Principal and 9th Grade Academy Instructional Administrator at Provine High School.

Dr. Bradley received her Doctor of Philosophy in Education Administration and Supervision from Jackson State University. She received her Master of Science in Education Administration and Supervision from Jackson State University.

Dr. Gee-Bradley graduated with honors from Tougaloo College with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Erica Gee-Bradley.

LUNAR NEW YEAR 2020

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year in 2020, the Year of the Rat.

As you may know, Asian Americans are the fastest growing ethnic group in the United States. With the continued expansion of Asian diaspora, Lunar New Year is now observed by millions of Asian Americans and by many non-Asian Americans in the United States. This tradition that began in China more than 4,000 years ago, is now widely celebrated across the world.

Lunar New Year, often referred to as Spring Festival in various Asian countries, is celebrated with family reunions, community activities and cultural performances. This is traditionally a time to wish upon others good fortune, health, prosperity, and happiness. Beginning on the second new moon following the winter solstice, or the first day of the new year according to the lunisolar calendar, Lunar New Year extends into the full moon 15 days later. According to the lunisolar calendar, the 15th day of the new year is called the Lantern Festival. This year, Lunar New Year officially begins on January 25th.

Lunar New Year is a special time for families to come together and celebrate the occasion, which is why, when I was a state legislator, I proposed making Lunar New Year a New York City school holiday. I later worked with the mayor and successfully established Lunar New Year as an official school holiday for all public schools in the city, and this year marks the fifth anniversary of this tradition. Students, including my two boys, are now able to fully celebrate with their families on Lunar New Year without facing any consequences for missing school should the holiday fall on a school day. This designation recognizes and appreciates the important immigrant story of AAPIs.

Additionally, as the first Asian American elected to Congress from New York, I am proud to introduce today a resolution to recognize the significance of this holiday. I am also grateful to the 68 Representatives who are joining me in introducing this resolution to recognize the cultural and historical significance of the holiday in 2020.

Madam Speaker, I believe Lunar New Year is not only about recognizing the many contributions the Asian American community has made, and continues to make, but it is about honoring and acknowledging that our nation's strength lies in its diversity. Happy Lunar New Year to everyone celebrating in my district in Queens and across the United States.

CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE
AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1158 ON DE-
CEMBER 17, 2019

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, when the Committee on Rules filed its report (H.

Rept. 116–353) to accompany House Resolution 765, the Committee was unaware that the waiver of all points of order against consideration of the motion to concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1158 included a waiver of Clause 10 of rule XXI, which prohibits consideration of a measure that has a net effect of increasing the deficit or reducing the surplus over the five- or 10-year period.

HONORING LYONS FILMER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Ms. Lyons Filmer on the occasion of her retirement as radio station KWMMR's long-standing program director. Ms. Filmer has been associated with KWMMR, a nonprofit radio station located in Point Reyes, California, for nearly two decades and is a cherished and vital voice of the community.

A native of San Francisco, Ms. Filmer is a graduate of Middlebury College in Vermont, where she studied sociology and worked on the college radio station. Upon graduation, she returned to the San Francisco Bay Area and worked as a volunteer programmer at KPFA in Berkeley.

Ms. Filmer joined KWMMR in 1999. She was quickly promoted to Program Manager as the station undertook technical upgrades, gained its FM broadcast license from the Federal Communications Commission, and expanded its reach and signal into other parts of West Marin. During her tenure at KWMMR, she has featured countless local luminaries, activists, and artists on the station, and has ably hosted the local news segment Epicenter and KWMMR's on-air literacy program, Turning Pages. She was part of a leadership team that now finds KWMMR on three different FM signals in Marin County, and a station whose signal can now be heard deep into Sonoma County. The station's role as emergency-services beacon for the region has extended in recent years as the region has been beset by floods, fires, droughts, and earthquakes.

In her capacity as Program Director, Ms. Filmer has trained numerous on-air hosts as part of the station's mandate to be a community resource for all. As a DJ, her confident and mellifluous voice sets the standard for a top-tier radio personality. Ms. Filmer can be heard, by turns, informing her audience about a local news event, reading from non-fiction books about nature, and celebrating a new album of contemporary music. Known around the KWMMR offices for her good humor, attention to detail, and tenacious loyalty to her beloved KWMMR, Ms. Filmer's successful career may be most notable for her zeal for forging lasting connections in her community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Lyons Filmer for her many years of incomparable leadership at KWMMR. While Ms. Filmer is stepping down as Program Director, she has pledged to continue to be an on-air presence at the station. Her leadership will be missed, but I join with her many listeners who look forward to hearing from Ms. Filmer in her new role and wishing her well on her future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF JONATHAN WOLMAN AS HE RECEIVES THE LET FREEDOM RING AWARD

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jonathan Wolman's distinguished life and career as he receives the Rainbow PUSH Let Freedom Ring Award. Wolman's contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Jonathan Wolman was the editor and publisher of The Detroit News for twelve years. Wolman's years at The Detroit News capped a career spanning five decades serving in newsrooms from Denver to Washington, DC. Before serving as a top executive at The Detroit News, Wolman previously worked as a reporter and as Washington bureau chief and executive editor at the Associated Press. Throughout his tenure, Wolman covered some of the biggest and most consequential stories of his time and was regarded as a compassionate, effective, and dedicated leader.

After a long battle with pancreatic cancer, Jonathan Wolman died on April 15, 2019 in Detroit. His passing is a loss for our entire community, but his legacy will be remembered for generations to come. Johnathan Wolman is—and will continue to be—recognized as one of the most outstanding and impactful journalists of the last century. He championed hard news coverage that was fair, transparent, and balanced and was instrumental in keeping the Detroit News among the best regional newspapers in the country. Beyond his work in journalism, Wolman applied his skills to lend support to civil rights issues, particularly the Fannie Lou Hammer's voting rights campaign in Mississippi that compelled thousands of African Americans to become registered voters.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the distinguished life of Jonathan Wolman. Wolman embodied all the characteristics of a dedicated journalist. He demonstrated a profound commitment not only to fairness, accuracy, and objectivity, but to tackling some of our nation's most difficult questions regarding race and economic equality. His work provides a lasting example for what we should all endeavor to accomplish—to effect change, speak the truth, and not sit idly by.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I could not attend the vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 14, and YEA on Roll Call No. 15.

IN APPRECIATION OF DR. DAVID PATE'S SERVICE TO IDAHO AND ST. LUKE'S HEALTH SYSTEM

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Dr. David C. Pate for his service to the great state of Idaho as he retires from St. Luke's Health System following a decade of achievement and success there.

I'm proud to say one of the best health care systems in the United States is in my home state of Idaho, thanks in large part to Dr. Pate's transformative leadership. Dr. Pate has served as president and CEO of St. Luke's Health System for the past 10-plus years.

When Dr. Pate came to St. Luke's in 2009, he pledged to turn the health-care system into a national leader in quality. He has done exactly that. Under his leadership, St. Luke's has earned the distinction of being a Top 15 Health System in the U.S. for six years in a row; it is one of only four in the entire nation to have achieved this objective level of excellence, ranking it with the Mayo Clinic.

His academic background is equally impressive. Dr. Pate received his bachelor's degree from Rice University, his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine and his law degree cum laude from the University of Houston Law Center. He completed his residency training at Baylor College of Medicine and is board-certified in internal medicine. A physician and a lawyer, Dr. Pate has been a wealth of knowledge regarding health-care policy and law and a sought-after speaker throughout his career.

As noteworthy as Dr. Pate's career and accolades are, what has struck me the most about him is how he treats everyone he meets. He is an ethical, approachable and personable man, and his warm and genuine demeanor, coupled with his remarkable expertise, has made him an inspiring leader to medical professionals in Idaho and across the country.

He has mentored many young professionals and mid-career executives, and gone out of his way to meet with and advise leaders and executives in health care, education and other industries. At St. Luke's, Dr. Pate has been known to surprise hardworking employees with cards, gifts, pop-up pizza parties, and other gestures of appreciation and respect. He has touched the lives of nurses, physicians, support staff members, and patients. He has shaved his head to support children with pediatric cancer, donned a pink mullet to bring awareness to breast cancer—and regularly, without fanfare, has given blood to support all those in need through the American Red Cross.

In addition to his medical career, Dr. Pate is an author, lecturer, teacher, volunteer and active member of various professional boards and committees. A father of two adult daughters and a proud grandfather, Dr. Pate and his wife, Lynette, call the Treasure Valley of Idaho home.

I am proud to honor Dr. Pate for his service to health care in Idaho, and would like to congratulate him on a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING DR. HILLIARD
LAWRENCE LACKEY III

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Dr. Hilliard Lawrence Lackey, III.

Hilliard Lawrence Lackey, III, was born to the late Hilliard Lawrence, Jr. and Cora Lackey on October 9, 1942.

Dr. Lackey earned three degrees from Jackson State University: Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science, Master of Science Degree in Education Administration/Supervision and an Education Specialist Degree in Educational Administration. Dr. Lackey also earned a Master of Arts in Historical Geography at the University of Arkansas and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Higher Education Administration at the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Hilliard L. Lackey was an Assistant Professor of History and Alumni President (2004 to 2010) before he became Assistant to the Executive Vice President for External Affairs at Jackson State University (1967 to 2002). He also taught at LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis in 2003 and 2004, and parts of 2005 and 2006.

Dr. Lackey's talent and hobbies include: being a football referee and baseball umpire; a columnist for the Mississippi Link, St. Louis American, Clarksdale Press Register, and The Scoop; and a television program host for Scope and radio news director of the WMPR radio station.

Dr. Lackey is married to the love of his life, former Lillian Troupe, a math teacher at Powell Middle School. They have four beautiful children: Dr. Katrina Lackey Davis, a Medical Doctor at the University of Tennessee Medical School; Hilliard L. Lackey, IV, a recipient of a bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas; Tahirih Charyse Lackey, a Ph.D. candidate at Georgia Tech; and Darryl William Lackey, an undergraduate student at Jackson State University who retired from Jackson State in 2010.

Dr. Lackey became a writer at an early age and published a book, "Marks, Martin and the Mule Train" in 1998 because there was no written information about the events of the Mule Train and the Poor People's Campaign during 1968 from Marks, MS to Washington, D.C.

Another major accomplishment is that Dr. Lackey was the First Black Park Ranger at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, Carlsbad, New Mexico during the summers of 1964, 1965, 1966.

Dr. Lackey felt it was his appointed duty to answer the call of President Lyndon Baines Johnson and help integrate the National Park Service. Although he was terrified as a young man being so far away from the cotton fields of Marks, his birthplace, he conquered his fear.

Dr. Lackey survived three summers, mastered his job and paved the way for others. One of his encouraging encounters was when a black custodian working at the site put down his broom and became a Park Ranger during the time of his last year working there.

Dr. Lackey also an unpublished book about being the First Black Park Ranger at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, New Mexico.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Hilliard Lawrence Lackey for his successes and accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAUREEN
TAYLOR AS SHE RECEIVES THE
LET FREEDOM RING AWARD

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Maureen Taylor's distinguished career and honor her remarkable work as she receives the Rainbow PUSH Let Freedom Ring Award. Taylor's contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

In 1983, Maureen Taylor received her Bachelor of Social Work from Marygrove College, where she was the distinguished valedictorian of her graduating class. After graduation, Taylor quickly immersed herself in social causes and became a dedicated community activist for poor and low-income families. In 1993, Taylor became the State Chair of the Michigan Welfare Rights Organization, the union for public assistance recipients and low-income people and was elected Treasurer of the National Welfare Rights Union in 1994.

Maureen Taylor makes a difference in our community. She has worked with countless people, residents, and community organizations to stop water, gas, and electricity shut offs for thousands of low-income families. Beyond this, Taylor has testified on the local, state, and federal level about the plight of poor people and continues to work with administrators and public officials to draft policies that protect poor and low-income families. Taylor's work has a profound impact on our community and reflects many of the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by selflessly giving a voice to those who are silenced, powerless, or suppressed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Maureen Taylor. Taylor's tenacity for change and commitment to improving the lives of our community's most vulnerable makes her a deserving recipient of the Let Freedom Ring Award. I am grateful for her impact on our community and wish her continued success in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD MCEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on January 8, 2020 during roll call no. 2, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 535) to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably

detained during roll call no. 3, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 535) to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 4, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Secure 5G and Beyond Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

CELEBRATING RALPH OWENS' 30
YEARS OF SERVICE AS MAYOR
OF LAVONIA

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ralph Owens for his retirement as Mayor of the City of Lavonia. Mayor Owens retired on December 31, 2019, after serving the people of Lavonia as Mayor for over 30 years.

Since first being elected to the Lavonia City Council in 1987 and, two years later, being elected Mayor in 1989, Mayor Owens has dedicated over 30 years to serving the people of Lavonia. During his tenure as mayor, Mr. Owens oversaw dramatic changes to the city's departments and emergency services. When Mayor Owens took office, the city's police department had only six officers and two police cruisers at their disposal. His expansion of the city's police department and their capabilities resulted in the construction of a new complex, hiring of an additional eight officers, and providing each officer with their own vehicle.

Throughout his 30 years of service, Mr. Owens remained focused on Lavonia's economic and industrial growth. As chair of the Franklin County Industrial Building Authority, he worked to successfully bring new businesses to the community, such as the AutoZone Distribution Center and St. Mary's Sacred Heart Hospital, who now employ hundreds of people in and around the area.

In 2012, Owens was honored for his leadership by being named the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission's (GMRC) Elected Official of the Year Award. The GMRC focuses on advancing economic and administrative cooperation amongst the various Northeast Georgia communities. As mayor of Lavonia, Mr. Owens made considerable efforts to do his part in representing the interests of the people of Lavonia.

In addition to being named Georgia Mountains Regional Commission's Elected Official of the Year 2012, Mayor Owens was also recently named Lavonia Chamber of Commerce's Good Citizen of the Year and was honored with the Margaret Ayers Award for Civic Health.

For over three decades, Mayor Owens has made great sacrifices to serve the people of Lavonia. I want to congratulate him and his wife, Judy, on his retirement. But most of all, I want to thank him for dedicating his life to the betterment of the people of Lavonia.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND
OPENING OF MALEK AL-KABOB'S
DEARBORN LOCATION

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the grand opening of Malek Al-Kabob in Dearborn. The restaurant is a beloved institution in our community and the opening of its new location is cause for celebration.

Malek Al-Kabob was founded by chefs Abu-Fahd and Abu-Snan whose culinary careers began at an early age. After growing up in the Republic of Yemen, both migrated separately to the United States seeking the American Dream. After beginning their careers in the food industry, the two met as sous chefs and developed a close friendship due to their shared backgrounds and love for Middle Eastern cuisine. After working side by side for years, Abu-Fahd and Abu-Snan decided to open an enterprise of their own. In the years that followed, the two opened several restaurants that have quickly become favorites in the communities in which they operate.

In January of 2006, Malek Al-Kabob first opened its doors in Taylor. The location became a popular destination in the Downriver community and was quickly recognized as one of the best Middle Eastern restaurants throughout the entire Metro Detroit region. Today, I am proud to celebrate Malek Al-Kabob as it expands. The opening of its new location in Dearborn not only exemplifies the restaurants continued success, but is a testament to the hard work of its staff and the pride its chefs put in to each and every dish.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the grand opening of Malek Al-Kabob's Dearborn location. The expansion represents a big step forward for the restaurant and will offer our community a new opportunity to come together to celebrate Middle Eastern cuisine.

HONORING MICHAEL A. GATER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Michael A. Gater, a native of Jackson, Mississippi. He is a proud 1984 honors' graduate of Jackson State University and holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Management.

In July 2019 Mr. Gater was named the Director of Human Resources for the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA), which is the governing entity for the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN) and Hawkins Field (General Aviation) Airport (HKS). He is responsible for managing and integrating broad, comprehensive human resource management programs and safety for the Authority at JAN and HKS.

For over twenty-one years, Mr. Gater dedicated his career to enhancing the management of resources related to employees. Prior

to joining the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority, he served as the Regional Site Human Resources Manager at Faurecia Automotive Seating for its Madison and Cleveland, Mississippi plants. His experience spans several industries (Auto Manufacturing, Cable and Entertainment, Waste Services and Retailing), where he has held corporate, division, and regional/field HR leadership roles.

Committed to giving back to the HR industry and to his community, Mr. Gater is a life-long member and Past President of the Rho Xi Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. He is the former Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated Director of National Programs for the District of Mississippi and serves on the Mississippi Alpha Network Executive Board as the Area Director for Jackson, Brookhaven, and Canton. Mr. Gater also serves on the March of Dimes Central Mississippi Board of Directors.

Mr. Gater has held previous board positions with Anderson United Methodist Church, Capital Area HR Association, and United Way of the Capital Area, Jackson Council PTA, Mississippi PTA and Mississippi Children's Home Services (Canopy Children's Solutions).

He resides in Jackson, Mississippi with his wife, Mrs. Ada Gater.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Michael A. Gater.

RECOGNIZING THE 2020 MARCH
FOR LIFE

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam Speaker, I proudly recognize the 47th annual March for Life.

I am incredibly proud of the thousands of Americans, especially those from Wisconsin, who have traveled to Washington this week to defend the sanctity of life and protect the rights of the unborn. Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have been a staunch advocate for pro-life issues and have always supported efforts to preserve human life at every stage of development. As Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, I shepherded the partial-birth abortion ban through Congress. It was one of my greatest honors to watch President George W. Bush sign it into law. I have also fully supported every effort in Congress to stop federally funded abortions, both in the United States and abroad.

I want to thank everyone who participated in this year's march and am grateful for all who stand for the unborn, but were unable to make it to Washington. We still have much work ahead of us to advance pro-life protections and your voices must be heard.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF SOS COMMUNITY
SERVICES

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of SOS Community Services.

SOS Community Services was founded on the campus of Eastern Michigan University in 1970. Seeing a need for drug-related crisis intervention in Washtenaw County, student and faculty volunteers came together to establish the organization to offer food, shelter, and emergency services to their struggling neighbors and peers. As the organization grew, SOS Community Services began to take a more central role in directing services toward families and individuals with housing hardships, establishing numerous assistance programs and opening several shelters to help people in need.

Half a century later, SOS Community Services continues to be an important resource for many in the Washtenaw County community. Every year, SOS provides assistance and housing services to nearly 7,000 people and particularly strives to help parents become self-sufficient by connecting them with employment opportunities, local resources, and stable housing options. Through their comprehensive work in Washtenaw County, SOS Community Services has improved our community and transformed thousands of lives. Their critical services enable people to regain hope, confidence, and dignity.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 50th anniversary of SOS Community Services. For five decades, SOS Community Services has been a valuable resource to many in Washtenaw County. The organization's commitment to our community sets an example we all should strive to emulate.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote last week due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 14; NAY on Roll Call No. 16; NAY on Roll Call No. 17; NAY on Roll Call No. 18; YEA on Roll Call No. 19; YEA on Roll Call No. 20; NAY on Roll Call No. 21; and NAY on Roll Call No. 22.

HONORING SYLVIA NEWMAN-
GREEN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and ambitious woman, Mrs. Sylvia Newman-Green. Sylvia has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Sylvia was born in Louise, Mississippi and attended school in the Humphreys County School district. She graduated from high school in 1995 and went on to attend MS Valley State University where she earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science. Sylvia later earned her Master of Science Degree in Technology Education from Jackson State University, where she was a

member of the Epsilon Pi tau Technology Honor Society.

Sylvia Newman-Green worked for Bank Plus for three years and worked over nine years for the Mississippi Department of Employment Security as an employment interviewer and for the Internet Technology Department at their Yazoo City office. She began working for the Yazoo County School District on July 1, 2011, as an IT Professional. Over the years, Sylvia's duties grew and soon her job titles changed. She is currently the Director of Publicity and Technology Specialist. Sylvia is also the owner of Premier Designs Jewelry and SassyDesignz08 T-Shirt Boutique.

Sylvia and her husband Nakia, Sr. are the parents of two boys: Dontrell and Donavin. She is heavily involved in school activities as a parent, but also volunteer in various capacities. She is the Co-Sponsor for the Yazoo County National Beta Club Society and is certified as an athletic Coach through the MS High School Activities Association.

Outside of her volunteer efforts with Yazoo County Schools, she is involved with the Youth Department at Peter Rock Church of God in Christ, Junior Auxiliary of Yazoo City, Elite Club of Yazoo City and Mentors and educate local youth and senior citizens on technology. Sylvia is a Charter Member of the Omega Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. of Yazoo City. Sylvia has served as chapter Treasurer for seven years and Budget and Finance Chair and has served on several other committees.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Sylvia Newman-Green for her passion and dedication to serving Yazoo County, and her desire to make a difference in the community and preparing children for the future.

HONORING EDWARD "BOONE"
GREEN

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Edward "Boone" Green, who passed away on September 30, 2019, at the age of 74 after a lifetime of exemplary service to his community.

Born in 1945 in Monroe, Louisiana, Mr. Green's family migrated to California in search of well-paying factory jobs and settled in Marin City when he was ten years old. His parents found employment with Marinship Corporation. As a young man, Mr. Green attended Tamalpais High School, and he developed what became a lifelong passion for boxing.

In 1989, he became a boxing coach and established the only boxing club in Marin City. The Marin Boxing Club quickly grew from a small outdoor training program into a full-scale training facility at the Marin City Recreation Center. He also established the non-profit One Kid at a Time. Mr. Green used boxing as vehicle to teach important life skills, including health and nutrition and the importance of a strong work ethic. Eventually, Mr. Green went on to teach fitness and boxing classes for adults at College of Marin.

Mr. Green was known as a tough coach, always expecting the best from his fighters, and

he was regarded for his kindness and generosity. Mr. Green discreetly offered financial assistance to single mothers throughout the community and opened his home to young men in need of support.

Mr. Green was a well-respected member of the community who will be remembered for his generous spirit, passion for boxing, and commitment to religion. He is survived by his wife Ida Green, his children Apollo and Grace Green, a grandson, as well as his large extended family. While he will be greatly missed, Mr. Green's legacy will live on through the indelible positive impact he had on his many friends, family, and the community at large.

IN RECOGNITION OF CONGRESS-
MAN JOHN CONYERS, JR. AS HE
RECEIVES THE LEGACY AWARD

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Congressman John Conyers' distinguished life as he receives the inaugural Legacy Award from Rainbow PUSH. After a remarkable political career, Congressman Conyers died on October 27, 2019. His passing is a loss for our entire community, but his legacy will be remembered for generations to come.

John James Conyers, Jr. was born in Detroit on May 16, 1929. After enlisting in the army in 1950 and serving in Korea as a second lieutenant, Conyers returned home to Michigan and enrolled in Wayne State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1957 and a law degree in 1958. Upon graduation, Conyers began his political career as a legislative aide to Representative John D. Dingell, Jr. and continued working in state government and as a lawyer until running for Congress himself.

Representative John Conyers, Jr. was the longest-serving African American in the history of Congress. Elected in 1964, Conyers represented Michigan in Congress for more than five decades. Throughout his tenure, Conyers was a fierce champion for civil rights, social justice, and economic equality. Conyers was an outspoken leader who took strong stands on some of our nation's most challenging issues. Days after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Conyers became the leading voice in the fight to enshrine Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday as a national holiday. On April 8, 1968, Conyers first introduced the legislation, but the bill stalled. Yet, thanks to Conyers' unrelenting persistence and painstaking efforts to recognize the civil rights icon, Congress passed the bill nearly twenty years later. On November 3, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed the bill, formally designating the third Monday of January as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Congressman John Conyers. Conyers will forever be remembered as a trailblazer on issues of equality, civil rights, and social justice. He passionately worked to make his Michigan community a better place, and his legacy provides a lasting example of what we all should strive to accomplish.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, due to a family emergency, I have been unable to travel to Washington, D.C., and missed votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall vote No. 14, I would have voted aye; Rollcall vote No. 15, I would have voted aye; Rollcall vote No. 16, I would have voted nay; Rollcall vote No. 17, I would have voted nay; Rollcall vote No. 18, I would have voted nay; Rollcall vote No. 19, I would have voted nay; Rollcall vote No. 20, I would have voted aye; Rollcall vote No. 21, I would have voted nay; and Rollcall vote No. 22, I would have voted nay.

HONORING FIRE CHIEF TROY S.
JACKSON

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a fallen Colorado hero. On December 16, our community mourned the passing of South Metro Fire Rescue's Operations Chief Troy Jackson. In 2013, Chief Jackson was diagnosed with a rare, job-related terminal cancer which ultimately took his life. Despite the physical and emotional challenges of his illness, Chief Jackson triumphed as a phenomenal leader and mentor during his battle with cancer.

Chief Jackson began his professional firefighting career in 1990. In his three-decade career he rose through the ranks, ultimately reaching the rank of Assistant Chief. Throughout his career, Chief Jackson excelled at each level he served. His passion for training and safety is evidenced by his numerous awards and commendations for exceptional service.

Chief Jackson worked diligently to help forever change the culture of South Metro Fire and the American fire service. Jackson was a pioneer in reducing exposure and protecting firefighters. Specifically, Jackson initiated policy changes and equipment upgrades to promote aggressive firefighter decontamination following fires—and these policies have since spread across the United States. His programs, leadership, and vision help keep other firefighters from suffering from health problems like the one that took his life. There's no doubt that Chief Jackson's legacy lives on in our community, the fire service, and our country. His passion to protect and improve the health and safety of our emergency responders is of the greatest testament to his selfless leadership.

Chief Jackson leaves behind his supportive family including his loving wife, Lori, and children Covey and Carley. Along with the entire South Metro Fire Family, they mourn our loss and commit to continuing his legacy. I am honored to recognize this American Hero in this chamber, the U.S. House of Representatives.

It is impossible to count the number of lives Chief Jackson touched as a firefighter, but we

know it was many. His legacy lives on and his vision continues to save lives. We thank Chief Jackson for his leadership and unwavering commitment to our citizens and community. May we never forget his ultimate sacrifice.

94TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH
NATIONAL FUND-USA

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, on January 26, 1926, Jewish National Fund was established in the United States, starting a uniquely American effort to support non-profit development in Israel. Its six action areas include ecology and afforestation; water; community development; research and development; tourism and recreation; and education.

Jewish National Fund-USA remains the oldest tree-planting organization in the world, and February 10, 2020, marks the Jewish Festival of Tu B'Shvat, the New Year for trees.

The Jewish National Fund has planted over 250 million trees that cleanse the air and provide a habitat for birds and other wildlife. Israel is the only country in the world that has a higher number of trees in the 21st century than in the previous century.

Today, we pay tribute to Jewish National Fund-USA, an organization that brings the United States and Israel closer together. I commend the organization's lay leadership and partners on this 94th anniversary, who continue to work tirelessly to make this earth a better place.

HONORING MR. MICHAEL ANTHONY
MARTIN

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Anthony Martin, a Weslaco, Texas native who became a national champion on Monday, January 13, 2020, as a member of Louisiana State University's National Championship football team.

Martin, a freshman wide receiver for the LSU Tigers helped his team beat the Clemson Tigers with a final score of 42–25 to claim the College Football National Championship at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana. The game was an exhilarating battle that went back and forth between the two teams until LSU pulled away in the second half.

Michael Martin is the son of Randy and Mari Fuentes-Martin who raised their three children in the Rio Grande Valley, before moving to Louisiana. There Michael joined the LSU Tiger

football team as a walk-on in 2018 and was redshirted his true freshman year. Prior to Michael's first year with the LSU Tigers, he played his senior season at the University Laboratory School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he was a standout baseball and football player. Michael transferred to University Laboratory from Weslaco High School after his junior year, where he grew up learning the ins and outs of the sport.

While attending University Laboratory as a senior, Michael lead his team to a perfect 13–0 record, which helped them to capture the 2017 Louisiana Division-II State Championship. During the state title game against De La Salle High School, Michael returned a 54-yard punt for a touchdown, helping University Laboratory clinch the state championship against De La Salle. Throughout the 2017 football season at University Laboratory, Michael scored four touchdowns for the team and led the team with four interceptions.

I know that Michael is just getting his life going, but I want to pause and honor the accomplishments he has reached at such a young age. I look forward to what is ahead for him, both on and off the field. I wish him the best of luck as he continues his studies and football career at LSU, and I know that he will continue to make our community in the Rio Grande Valley proud.

I thank his family for instilling in him the values and morals needed to be a National Football Champion and know they have been supportive of him since birth.

Today, it is with great honor, admiration, and respect that I recognize the achievements of a young outstanding individual, Michael Anthony Martin, who is now a Division I college football champion.

HONORING DEJUAN WATTS, SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. DeJuan Watts, Sr., a remarkable individual with phenomenal communal involvement impacting the lives of others through service and outreach in the community.

As a lifelong resident of the Mississippi Delta, DeJuan Watts, Sr. exemplifies the necessary intangible characteristics of perseverance, selflessness, integrity, and resilience. While every human should exemplify these qualities, there are certain individuals who epitomize those assets and adopt standards far beyond those as essential peculiarities. It takes special mentorship and unwavering commitment to become one of those individuals. DeJuan Watts, Sr. embeds this into individuals who have been heartened by his numerous services positively affecting communities, careers, and ultimately lives.

Mr. Watts has proven to be a socially and academically incisive individual. A graduate of Quitman County High School, COGIC Seminary, and a current student of Liberty University working untiring hours within our communities and beyond, he continually expresses adoration for being involved in encouraging the well-being of others. Though willingly helping each person possible is important, he has a partiality for helping young men. Over the last 30 years, Mr. Watts has worked alongside Boyz to Men Mentoring, Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Quitman County School District, Quitman County Development Organization, M. S. Palmer Performing Arts, and most recently Tougaloo College's Delta Health Partners Healthy Start Initiative. Through the latter mentioned, Mr. Watts utilizes social work services aimed to empower and encourage young men to be present and active fathers to grow and sustain healthy family relationships. Completing countless hours of community service and volunteerism he continually seeks opportunities to serve, illustrating his work ethic, generosity, and leadership.

DeJuan Watts whole heartedly shows the importance of family in the community: as husband of Pearl Gordon Watts; father of two sons: DeJuan, Jr. and Torian Watts; two daughters in love: Nakisha and Jalisa Watts; and two very special grandchildren: Harlem and Kingston. He also serves as clergy in the community, appointed by the Northern Mississippi Jurisdiction Presiding Bishop and as Pastor of Rose Chapel Church of God In Christ in Crenshaw, MS.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. DeJuan Watts, Sr. as an unwittingly committed member of our community. Given his devotion to continual improvement of youth, health, and wellness DeJuan Watts, Sr. upholds moral and ethical standards of remarkable caliber.

CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 76
ON JANUARY 14, 2020

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, when the Committee on Rules filed its report (H. Rept. 116–377) to accompany House Resolution 790, the Committee was unaware that the waiver of all points of order against consideration of H.J. Res. 76 included a waiver of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act, which prohibits consideration of legislation that would cause the level of total new budget authority for the first fiscal year to be exceeded, or would cause revenues to be less than the level of total revenues for the first fiscal year or for the total of that first fiscal year and the ensuing fiscal years for which allocations are provided.