

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.