

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. TERRY GEILING UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE AMERICAN GOLD STAR MANOR

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the leadership and accomplishments of Mr. Terry Geiling, who has, after 12 years serving as President and CEO of the American Gold Star Manor, announced his retirement.

Located in Long Beach, California, the Gold Star Manor is a one-of-a-kind 25-acre retirement community providing affordable housing for 400 Gold Star Mothers, fathers, veterans, and other eligible seniors.

During Mr. Geiling's leadership tenure, he oversaw a major expansion and renovation of the facility, marshalling the resources of state, federal, county, and city agencies through his tireless efforts.

He showed unparalleled determination in building important partnerships and developing the necessary financial plans to ensure the completion of the \$55 million rehabilitation project. By the completion of the work, Mr. Geiling had built the Gold Star Manor into a nationally recognized housing facility for veterans and their families.

In the midst of the Gold Star Manor rehabilitation project, Mr. Geiling also played a key role in the development and construction of a Fisher House at the Tibor Rubin Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Long Beach.

While his leadership at American Gold Star Manor will be dearly missed, he will continue to support the organization as a consultant for another major expansion project that will develop 150 additional housing units at the manor.

Mr. Geiling is a pillar of the Long Beach community, a tireless advocate for our veterans and their families, and his name is synonymous with honorable public service.

I want to offer my deepest appreciation to Mr. Geiling for his service to our country, his dedication to our veterans and their families, and his deep commitment to the Long Beach community.

I wish him the very best of luck in future.

CELEBRATING OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE UPWARD BOUND'S 55TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Upward Bound at Occidental College as it celebrates its 55th anniversary. As one of the country's oldest and most success-

ful Upward Bound programs, Oxy Upward Bound has been assisting low-income, underserved, and first-generation students from central and northeast Los Angeles achieve success both in their pre-college achievement and their higher education pursuits.

Through one-on-one academic advisement, weekly academic enrichment services, workshops, cultural activities, and a summer residential experience, Oxy Upward Bound's programs helps students develop key skill sets that positively impact their academic performances in high school while also exposing and guiding them through the rigors of the college experience.

Oxy Upward Bound works to ensure scholars graduate from high school with a solid post-secondary plan—both academic and financial—and those students can graduate from a 4-year college or university in 6 years or less.

Over the past five years, 99 percent of Oxy Upward Bound students have advanced a grade level or graduated from high school, with 90 percent of those graduating from high school going on to enroll in college.

Among college access programs, Oxy Upward Bound stands out in that its chief goal is not to produce applicants to Occidental—although some participants have ended up enrolling at and graduating from the College—but to contribute to higher education nationwide and empower students to triumph over systematic, institutional barriers to opportunity and progress.

As Oxy Upward Bound celebrates 55 years of success, I am confident it will continue to inspire and serve students for even more years to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Upward Bound at Occidental College on their anniversary for their excellent work on behalf of students in Los Angeles.

TIM HORNE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tim Horne who is retiring after 27 years of public service.

Tim began his career with the General Services Administration in 1993 in the Rocky Mountain Region. He worked his way up and is retiring as the Regional Commissioner for the Rocky Mountain Region of GSA's Public Buildings Service based out of the Denver Federal Center, located in the heart of my district. The Denver Federal Center is an important asset with the highest concentration of federal agencies located outside of Washington, D.C. comprised of approximately 28 federal agencies and more than 6,000 federal employees.

Tim also served as the Acting GSA Administrator in 2017 leading GSA's staff of 12,000

nationwide, overseeing more than 375 million square feet of property, and approximately \$50 billion in annual contracts. These positions reflect his leadership abilities, passion for public service, and a true talent for bringing people together to get things done and improve local communities.

In his years of service, he has worked with me and my staff on a number of important issues and projects that impact federal agencies and federal employees in my district and the state. Tim always held the mission of GSA and the agencies and employees he served in high regard and worked to find innovative solutions on behalf of those he served.

I want to congratulate Tim Horne on a long and distinguished career, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MIKE PERSON OF GLENDIVA

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today, ahead of the Super Bowl, to honor Mike Person of Glendive for his resiliency and determination and for serving as an example of never giving up on your dreams.

Two weeks ago, Person helped the San Francisco 49ers beat the Green Bay Packers to earn a spot in Super Bowl LIV. As an offensive lineman, he helped the 49ers rack up 287 rushing yards and set a new franchise record for rushing yards from one running back in a game.

Person's story starts in Glendive where he was born and raised. In high school, he was a three-time all-conference selection in Montana's Eastern A division. He earned offensive lineman of the year honors twice while playing for the Red Devils. For his junior and senior seasons, he was all-state and selected for Montana's East-West Shrine Game as well as the Knights of Columbus Badlands Bowl.

Person then went to play for Montana State University where he became a first-team all-conference selection, first-team all-American, and a Big Sky Conference champion.

Person's story, however, is about more than statistics and honors. It's about Person's challenging journey to get to where he is today.

In 2011, Person was a seventh-round draft pick for San Francisco. Nothing is guaranteed in the National Football League, especially for a seventh-round pick.

For the first part of his career, Person was a journeyman, playing for six different teams. He was released midseason from three different teams which eventually made it to the Super Bowl. For some players, that much adversity would lead to an early retirement, but Person stood strong and kept moving forward until he eventually returned to the 49ers.

In May 2018, Person's hard work and dedication paid off, and he signed a contract to

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play with the 49ers. Then in March 2019, San Francisco gave him a three-year extension, and now he'll play in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

Madam Speaker, for his tenacity and resiliency, I recognize Mike Person of Glendive for his Spirit of Montana.

ROBERT ERPELDING

HON. PAUL MITCHELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Robert Franklin Erpelding, a loving father, husband, and grandfather of Michigan. Bob moved to Detroit as a child and enlisted in the Navy in 1951 during the Korean War. He served as a radarman on the USS *Watts*, a Navy destroyer. Following his service in the armed forces, he worked for over 30 years on computers at the Burroughs Corporation.

After his long and admirable career, he began his next phase of life as a vintner, model plane designer, and craft brew enthusiast.

Bob was an upstanding man who led by example and encouraged his friends and family to appreciate the little things in life. He will be missed dearly by his wife, Marguerite, his two children Laura Cox and Robert Erpelding, as well as his grandchildren and great-granddaughters.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize School Choice Week.

As a father of two, I am well-versed with the parental drive to give your child the best opportunities possible in life. Each student deserves a rich, challenging curriculum to prepare them for success, and I believe parents have the right to select the best school that will provide them with the best education.

Millions of American students are trapped in schools that do not meet their aptitudes and needs, and as a nation, we face a tragically high dropout rate. In Arkansas, one in every twenty high school students will drop out before graduation, and this statistic mirrors the national rate. School choice most benefits students from low-income families, whose parents cannot buy a new home in a zip code with a better-performing public school.

I support school vouchers and other innovative educational options, such as magnet and charter schools, because they give parents the flexibility to place their child in the school that best meets their educational needs. As lawmakers, we owe families the right to access a high-quality education, unrestricted by zip code or income.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE VICTIMS
OF THE BAKU AND SUMGAI T
POGROMS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 32nd Anniversary of the Sumgait pogrom and the 30th Anniversary of the Baku pogrom.

On February 27, 1988, hundreds of Armenian civilians living in the city of Sumgait in Azerbaijan were indiscriminately killed, raped, maimed, and even burned alive for no reason other than their ethnicity. This senseless violence was instigated by hostile, anti-Armenian rhetoric from Azerbaijani citizens and officials.

Similarly, on January 12, 1990, a seven-day pogrom broke out against the Armenian population in Baku during which Armenians were beaten, murdered, and expelled from the city. Over 90 Armenian civilians were killed, over 700 were injured, and countless others were permanently displaced by the ethnic violence that ensued.

For over three decades, Azerbaijan has taken steps to cover up these crimes against humanity and dismiss the atrocities at Sumgait and Baku. Even more disturbing is that the perpetrators of this event and similar violent attacks have been lauded as national heroes by the Azeri government.

It is critical for the United States government to recognize and denounce violent assaults against any civilians. I continue to stand with the Armenian people in condemning this horrific massacre. Tragically, the Azerbaijani government's approach toward the Armenian people has changed little since the pogroms were initiated. We still hear the same violent rhetoric and witness intimidation tactics aimed at the people of the Republic of Artsakh.

If we do not condemn crimes against humanity and allow them to go unpunished and unrecognized, we only strengthen the resolve of those seeking to perpetrate these crimes in the future. It is especially critical to consider this as we prepare to commemorate the 105th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide in April.

I will continue to work with my colleagues on the Congressional Armenian Issues Caucus to remember the victims of the pogroms at Sumgait and Baku and condemn all acts of violence against people who are targeted simply because of their existence. I hope my colleagues will join me in rejecting violent rhetoric and intimidation. In doing so, we renew our commitment to achieving a lasting peace and more humane way of living in the Caucasus.

HONORING BUDDY BAKER'S INDUCTION INTO THE 2020 NASCAR HALL OF FAME

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of racing legend Buddy Baker upon his induction into the eleventh class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

A native of Charlotte, Buddy Baker was a towering figure in the world of NASCAR and in 1980, won the Daytona 500 with an average race speed of 177.602 MPH—a track record that stands today. During his 33-year career, he accumulated 19 premier series wins, back-to-back Coca-Cola 600 titles, and a Southern 500 victory where he lapped the rest of the field.

Buddy Baker retired in 1992 and transitioned to television and radio, where he was a successful commentator for The Nashville Network and CBS and radio co-host on Late Shift and Tradin' Paint for SiriusXM NASCAR Radio. He passed away in 2015 and left behind a legacy of racing excellence and remains one of the sport's fastest drivers.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, competitors, members of the media, industry leaders, a nationwide fan vote, and the reigning Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR legends in the Hall of Fame. Buddy Baker is especially deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his remarkable contributions to racing.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring the legacy of Buddy Baker on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

CONGRATULATING MAX FISHER
FOR BEING NAMED
MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY'S
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of my constituents, Max Fisher of Moorestown, New Jersey, for being named as his town's 2020 Citizen of the Year.

Each year, the Citizen of the Year Award is presented by the Moorestown Service Council to a resident who through service activities has significantly contributed to improving the quality of life of the community and their fellow citizens. This year's recipient has not just been contributing to his community in the last year, but has been an institution of service and volunteerism in Moorestown for decades.

Max Fisher moved onto Main Street in Moorestown when he was just four years old, and he and his wife Beth have lived and raised their children here since. Max has been an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Moorestown, organizing and participating in over 25 church mission trips in New Jersey and around the nation, helping to rebuild in communities devastated by Hurricanes Charlie, Katrina and Sandy. He been a mainstay on the Moorestown Ecumenical Neighborhood Development Committee (MEND) for 20+ years, and has been Chairman for the past 12 years. He was an original member of the YMCA's Men's Service Club, and has been a member of the Moorestown Volunteer Fire Department since 1971.

Max has also run the Taylor Rental Center in Moorestown for the last 30 years. His generosity has been legendary around Moorestown: Max was always quick to lend a hand and say "yes" when a service organization needed to borrow some of his equipment

for a project. To all that know him, Max is quiet and unassuming; but behind the scenes he has been a powerful force for good in Moorestown and the surrounding community for years.

It is a privilege to be able to congratulate Max Fisher as the Moorestown Service Council's 2020 Citizen of the Year. I thank Max for all the work he has done to improve the lives of those in need, and appreciate his relentless dedication to the people of Burlington County.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, on January 30, 2020, I was absent from the House chamber due to my presence at my mother-in-law's funeral. Had I been present and voting, I would have opposed both amendments to H.R. 550.

As a 20-year Navy veteran who served in the Middle East and is currently serving a district in Hampton Roads, where one in five residents is active duty, a veteran, or an immediate family member, I took this decision very seriously and personally. From our district, the Harry S. Truman Canier Shike Group, the Bataan Amphibious Readiness group, and approximately ten thousand sailors and marines are deployed to the Middle East defending our national security interests.

The use of military force must be a last resort after all other options are exhausted. However, a strong presence in the Middle East is necessary to send the message that America is committed to ending Iran's malicious activities and to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear capabilities.

Under the Constitution, only Congress has the authority and power to declare war. Unfortunately, the pieces of legislation that we are debating do not address the underlying problem: that we are operating under a nearly two decade-old Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF).

Issues of life and death or war and peace should not be made on party lines using a procedural rule to silence the other side. We owe it to our troops to define their mission and take on the hard task of uniting as a governing body to replace the outdated AUMFs.

Today, I would like to submit my opposition into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD because if we must send more Americans to war, Congress has the responsibility to debate a new AUMF that will shape war and peace for decades to come.

RECOGNITION OF EDWARD WANG, 2019 CONGRESSIONAL APP WINNER

HON. ANDY BIGGS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward Wang, winner of the Congressional App Challenge for Arizona's Fifth District. This competition is offered to middle and high school students nationwide in search for

an original app that is programmed to provide a service beneficial to society.

Mr. Wang's app, ProAssign, embraces the App Challenge's mission: Inspire, Include, Innovate. ProAssign inspires students to improve their math and problem-solving skills by using a modern resource. Mr. Wang's submission includes each student's understanding of mathematics by assigning additional practice problems to strengthen their skills. His app enables teachers to innovate their teaching methods by modernizing the learning environment to better relate to today's students.

I have no doubt that Mr. Wang will continue to inspire our nation's youth to imagine bold solutions to the educational challenges of the twenty-first century. I am honored to have such talent and leadership in my district.

HONORING 2020 NASCAR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE JOE GIBBS

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate my friend and racing legend Joe Gibbs upon his induction into the eleventh class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

A titan of NASCAR, Joe Gibbs ranks third all-time with over 160 premier series owner wins. After starting Joe Gibbs Racing in 1992, he saw his organization accumulate three Daytona 500 victories, five Brickyard 400 championships, five Xfinity Series titles, and four premier series championships with drivers Bobby Lobonte, Tony Stewart, and Kyle Busch.

Referred to by colleagues as "Coach," Joe Gibbs is a three-time Super Bowl champion football coach who was enshrined into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1996. Since then, he has become the heart and soul of racing and I am proud that he has taken his place among the greats in the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, competitors, members of the media, industry leaders, a nationwide fan vote, and the reigning Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR legends in the Hall of Fame. Joe Gibbs is especially deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his remarkable contributions to racing.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Joe Gibbs on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, had I been present for the vote on H.R. 3621—the Student Borrower Credit Improvement Act (Roll Call No. 32), I would have voted in favor of the measure.

HONORING LAURA SMITH ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered to celebrate with our dear friend, Laura Smith, who is retiring from Yale University after thirty-nine years of dedicated service. In a career that has spanned four decades, Laura has become a fixture at the University, earning a respected reputation for her dedication as well as her commitment to her colleagues.

Laura's career at Yale began in the Bursar's Office where she served as a Collection Correspondent in the Student Loan Collection Department. In the decade that she spent there, she built lasting memories—many of which include calls made using a rotary phone as well as tracking collections with microfiche and pinned spreadsheets. Those of us who can remember using those technology trends can appreciate the humor with which she recalls those years. Laura's second decade with Yale began as an Editorial Assistant in the Alumni Records Department where she was tasked with maintaining the class reunion directories. Shortly after beginning this new role, the Department was merged with the Office of Development which has been Laura's professional home ever since. Over the course of her tenure in the Office of Development, Laura has held a myriad of positions and taken on a variety of responsibilities—all in support of alumni activities and communications.

In addition to her years of service within Development, Laura has been involved with the Local 34 union as an active member and leader throughout her career. In 1994, Laura was elected President of Local 34, a position in which she served for sixteen years. It was in her role with Local 34 that I had the opportunity to work closely with Laura. Her leadership, vision, compassion, and commitment not only inspired her members, but in all of us who support the labor movement. She proudly stood shoulder to shoulder with her hard-working colleagues, fighting to ensure that they were receiving a living wage, working in a safe environment, and were secure in their health and retirement. Laura was and is a passionate advocate for workers' rights and has long been a pillar of support for her union colleagues. Her tireless advocacy and unwavering support for her union brothers and sisters will most certainly be missed, though I have no doubt that she will continue to find ways to contribute to the cause.

Today, as Laura marks the end of her professional career, I hope that she knows how many lives she has touched and what a difference she has made. I am proud to stand today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Laura Smith as she celebrates her retirement. I wish her all the best for many more years of health and happiness.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANTHONY GONZALEZ

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I was in the Chamber but was unable to execute my vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 32.

HONORING 2020 NASCAR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE BOBBY LABONTE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate racing legend Bobby Labonte upon his induction into the eleventh class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

Bobby Labonte perfectly embodies the NASCAR spirit. Before becoming a premier series driver in 1993, he was known to race any car he could find. His persistence paid off when he became the first of four drivers to win both the Xfinity Series and a premier series championship.

During his exceptional career, Bobby Labonte accumulated 21 premier series wins, four Brickyard 400 championships, and a Southern 500 victory. Along with his brother, Terry Labonte, Bobby represents a pair of just two racing brothers who each claim a premier series championship.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, competitors, members of the media, industry leaders, a nationwide fan vote, and the reigning Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR legends in the Hall of Fame. Bobby Labonte is especially deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his remarkable contributions to racing.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Bobby Labonte on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF STEPHANIE WINSTEAD

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephanie Winstead for her extraordinary service as the Chair of the Board for the Laguna Niguel Chamber of Commerce.

A graduate of Chapman University College of Law, Ms. Winstead has diligently worked to represent her clients' interests while continuing to give back to the Laguna Niguel community. Further, her leadership skills have enabled her to create and implement new programs that have improved the quality of life of our friends and neighbors.

Under Ms. Winstead's leadership, she empowered local business leaders to enhance

their impact on the community. She also played a key role in expediting the Holiday Shop Laguna Niguel Program to keep sales tax dollars in the city as well as encouraged Board members and staff to seek professional development through programs offered by the California Chamber of Commerce.

I ask all Members to join me in recognizing the outstanding work of Stephanie Winstead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I was traveling on official business with the Vice President to my home state. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 25, Previous Question; NAY on Roll Call No. 26, H. Res. 811 (Rule); and YEA on Roll Call No. 27 H.R. 4331.

TEMPORARY REAUTHORIZATION AND STUDY OF THE EMERGENCY SCHEDULING OF FENTANYL ANALOGUES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 3201—the Temporary Reauthorization and Study of the Emergency Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues Act, although I have reservations about the impact of the bill on African American men.

I am concerned that provisions in this bill will have an unintended impact on African Americans being disproportionately charged and sentenced to prison. In 2018, 77 percent of individuals prosecuted for fentanyl related substances were people of color. This is not acceptable. The average sentence for fentanyl trafficking offenders was 74 months; 97.4 percent were sentenced to prison.

In 2018, the DEA issued a temporary order which placed 17 fentanyl related substances on Schedule I of the list of controlled substances. The order expires on Thursday, February 6, 2020, and could not be extended without congressional action, which extends the order until May 6, 2021.

While I understand the need to combat fentanyl abuse, we cannot allow our solutions to disproportionately hurt our community. Since this is a temporary reauthorization, I will continue to work to ensure that the issue of mandatory minimums, as it relates to fentanyl, does not disproportionately affect African American. This temporary extension will give us time to work on long term solutions that do not have the potential to negatively impact our communities of color.

HONORING 2020 NASCAR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE TONY STEWART

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate my friend and racing legend Tony Stewart upon his induction into the eleventh class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

Known for his grit and blue-collar style of competition, Tony Stewart captivated America with three victories in his debut season. With a nickname like "Smoke," he understandably ran away with the 1999 Winston Cup Rookie of the Year award.

Throughout his 17-year career, Tony Stewart won three premier series championships and was one of the most versatile drivers in NASCAR. He accumulated 49 premier series wins, two Brickyard 400 championships in his home state, and tallied victories on every style of track. After forming Stewart-Haas Racing in 2009, he saw his organization post 51 wins and mount one of the most memorable championship pursuits in history.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, competitors, members of the media, industry leaders, a nationwide fan vote, and the reigning Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR legends in the Hall of Fame. Tony Stewart is especially deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his remarkable contributions to racing.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Tony Stewart on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes on January 29, 2020 due to the death of a family member. Had I been present, on roll no. 28, On Agreeing to the Clay Amendment, I would have voted "aye;" on roll no. 29, On Agreeing to the Brown Amendment, I would have voted "aye;" on roll no. 30, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, I would have voted "aye;" on roll no. 31, On Passage of H.R. 3621, I would have voted "aye;" and on roll no. 32, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 3201, I would have voted "aye."

REPORT ON WORKPLACE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TRAINING

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, under House Resolution 30 and Committee on House Administration Resolution 116-10, all

Members, Officers and employees of the House are required to complete a program of training in workplace rights and responsibilities applicable to offices and employees of the House. The Chief Administrative Officer has informed the Committee that all current Members, Officers and employees of the House have completed the required training for 2019.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. LEWIS. Madam Speaker, earlier this month, I was unable to cast roll call votes from January 10th–16th and on January 27th and 29th. Had I been present, I would have cast the following votes: on roll call 9, I would have voted No; on roll call 10, I would have voted No; on roll call 11, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 12, I would have voted No; on roll call 13, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 14, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 15, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 16, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 17, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 18, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 19, I would have voted Nay; on roll call 20, I would have voted Nay; on roll call 21, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 22, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 23, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 24, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 28, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 29, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 30, I would have voted Nay; on roll call 31, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 32, I would have voted Nay.

HONORING 2020 NASCAR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE WADDELL WILSON

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate racing legend Waddell Wilson upon his induction into the eleventh class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

As an engine builder and crew chief, Waddell Wilson helped power some of racing's greatest drivers, including fellow NASCAR Hall of Famers David Pearson, Glenn Roberts, Bobby Allison, Cale Yarborough, and Darrell Waltrip. Combined, his engines boast a total of 109 wins and 123 poles.

Waddell Wilson's engine is responsible for a Southern 500 victory and as crew chief, he guided three drivers to Daytona 500 titles. He won "The Great American Race" with Buddy Baker and Cale Yarborough and in 1980, was responsible for assembling the engine that snapped the track's record with an average race speed of 177.602 MPH.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, competitors, members of the media, industry leaders, a nationwide fan vote, and the reigning Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR

legends in the Hall of Fame. Waddell Wilson is especially deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his remarkable contributions to racing.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Waddell Wilson on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO BRIAN WHEELER FROM THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will soon bid farewell to its Senior Advisor for Congressional Appropriations, Mr. Brian Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler has been the TSA's liaison to the House Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee for the past 17 years, and will be retiring from the federal government after nearly 30 years of dedicated service. He will be greatly missed by his TSA colleagues, as well as by the members and professional staff of the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee.

As chairwoman of this subcommittee, and as a member of the subcommittee since its creation, I am grateful to Mr. Wheeler for his diligent and reliable work to relay key financial and security matters to our subcommittee. He has accurately addressed our requests, and consistently met tight timelines. The information he has provided to us has been invaluable in our subcommittee's efforts to mitigate future threats to our nation's transportation systems, including our work to fund such TSA needs as more advanced detection equipment and crucial increases in personnel at airport checkpoints across the nation.

Our Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee has greatly benefited from Mr. Wheeler's commitment, dependability, and experience. He has provided invaluable insights into the operations of a complex transportation security system managed by a large domestic agency sourced with both appropriated funds and mandatory fee revenue. He also has a keen awareness of the kinds of information appropriators need as we make informed judgments and decisions about the TSA.

Mr. Wheeler's superb analytical skills, including his graphic and chartmaking talents, have been essential to our subcommittee's review of the TSA's annual budget requests, which now exceed \$8 billion worth of budget authority. He translates several hundred pages of budget submissions into concise summaries. He has built detailed spreadsheets that have synthesized funding issues into easily understood programmatic rationales, which has put the subcommittee in a position to optimize our use of taxpayer dollars by ensuring that only critical requirements are funded.

Mr. Wheeler has given outstanding service to our subcommittee, the House, the TSA, and the nation. His professionalism, perception, superb analytic focus, and technical skills have been invaluable to us. On behalf of all of us at the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, I wish him all the best as he moves into retirement and the next phase of his life's journey.

THE RETIREMENT OF U.S. BORDER PATROL CHIEF CARLA PROVOST

HON. ANDY BIGGS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of U.S. Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost. After serving our nation for 25 years, she is retiring this Friday.

A native of rural Kansas, Chief Provost first joined the U.S. Border Patrol on January 8, 1995, and was assigned to Douglas, Arizona. Despite the significant culture shock, Chief Provost remained in southeast Arizona another ten years. In 2006, she was transferred to Yuma, where she served for an additional five years. As an Arizona resident, I am grateful for the 15 years she spent keeping our border secure and our communities safe.

Chief Provost went on to hold several leadership roles throughout her career, serving the El Paso and El Centro Sectors, the Office of Professional Responsibility, and was appointed Chief of U.S. Border Patrol in April 2017.

Every American should be grateful for the men and women who serve in the U.S. Border Patrol. Safeguarding our nation's border can be dangerous and grueling work. But I hear time and again from border-region residents that their work is vital. Chief Provost describes her background as "pride-in-country and service-to-country." She is a great example of and for the men and women of the U.S. Border Patrol.

I thank Chief Provost for her many years of service and leadership of the agency, and I wish her well in her retirement.

HONORING WELDON DAVIS

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Arkansan Weldon Davis, who passed away on December 17, 2019.

Weldon, a native of Mount Vernon, Arkansas, graduated from Mount Vernon high school in 1944, and attended college at Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway.

He later attended the University of Arkansas Law School, taking classes at night after a full day's work, from which he received his law degree in 1964.

He began his career at Arkansas Farm Bureau Insurance Company in 1954, where he helped guide it to its success today.

The Arkansas Farm Bureau even presents an outstanding adjuster award presented in his honor at the Farm Bureau's claims conference.

During his career with the Farm Bureau he continued to maintain his 640-acre cattle farm in Mount Vernon.

According to his family, he will be remembered as a man of character, honesty, directness, integrity, and fairness.

Weldon's life is a testament to the hard work embraced by Central Arkansans.