

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We owe it to our troops to define their mission and take on the hard task of uniting as a governing body to replace the outdated AUMFs.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.