

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SERGEANT MICHAEL DELVISCIO

### HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2020*

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the valiant service of Magnolia, New Jersey resident Sergeant Michael DelViscio, Camden County Town Hall Honoree.

Sergeant Michael DelViscio was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1949 and two years later he and his family relocated to Barrington, New Jersey. In 1964 the DelViscios moved to Stratford, New Jersey and in 1967 Sergeant DelViscio graduated from Sterling High School. Following his graduation at the age of 19, Mr. DelViscio enlisted in the United States Army.

As a third-generation member of the United States Army, Sergeant DelViscio proudly followed in the footsteps of his grandfather and namesake Mike DelViscio who served in World War I, and his father Frank DelViscio who served in World War II. Sergeant Michael DelViscio honorably enlisted in the United States Army and was deployed during the height of the Vietnam War to South Vietnam on September 1, 1969. He served with the 361st Signal Battalion located in Phu Bai.

Upon returning from his one-year tour of duty, in 1970 Mr. DelViscio married his wife Fran and was reassigned to Fort Huachuca, Arizona. There he served out the remainder of his three-year enlistment in Arizona and was discharged on November 3, 1971 with the rank of Sergeant E-5. He received the Army Commendation Medal for his consistent acts of meritorious service during his time in the United States Army.

Thereafter, Michael began his Police career with the Borough of Magnolia in March 1973 and was promoted to Sergeant in 1976. In 1991 Michael and two other officers were awarded the Departmental Gallantry Star ribbon and a citation for apprehending an armed suspect that committed a robbery at a local service station. After more than two decades of service to his community on July 1, 2001 Michael retired from his distinguished career with the Magnolia Police Department.

On September 19, 2020 Michael and Fran will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They are proud parents of three daughters: Andrea, Karen, and Chrisy, who have all graduated from Sterling High School. He and his wife are the proud grandparents of Mandy, Johnny, Danny, Joey, Jacob, Ryan, Conner, Tyler, Katie, Michael, Ethan, and Sarah. Johnny is currently serving in the United States Marine Corps and has just completed his first year of active duty. Katie, Jacob, and Danny are volunteers at the Magnolia Fire Department.

Madam Speaker, Sergeant DelViscio is a great American who exemplifies the true meaning of a patriot. I ask you to join me in honoring the truly exceptional service of Mr. Michael DelViscio, of Magnolia, New Jersey.

TRIBUTE TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE MICHAEL "MIKE" MOORE

### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2020*

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great friend of America and a great leader of New Zealand. Former Prime Minister Michael "Mike" Moore has been called "a force of nature" and was a dedicated defender of working people. The Right Honorable Moore transitioned on February 2, 2020, but his legacy will live on.

Prime Minister Moore was born in Whakatane, New Zealand. He was educated at Bay of Islands College and Dilworth School, but left school at the age of 14. While working as a laborer and a printer, he became very active in the trade union movement and was elected to the Auckland Trades Council at the age of 17. Through his union work, he became active in politics and became the first youth representative on the Labour Party executive. He also served as vice president of the International Union of Socialist Youth for two terms.

In 1972, at the age of 23, he became the youngest person elected to the New Zealand Parliament. During his years of public service, he held various ministries in the Labour government, including Overseas Trade Minister, Minister of External Relations, and Deputy Minister of Finance. He served as Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1984 to 1990, when he won the post of Prime Minister after the resignation of Geoffrey Palmer. Yet his service as New Zealand's political leader lasted only eight weeks, ending when the Labour Party lost control of Parliament in the general election of 1990. He was defeated as the Labour Party leader three years later.

From 1999 to 2002, Moore served as director-general of the World Trade Organization, where his service was marked by his efforts to help poor countries effectively participate in multilateral trade. He then served as New Zealand's Ambassador to the United States from 2010 to 2015, where I was fortunate to get to know him. He was an avid supporter of my annual golf tournament and Scholarship Banquet in Santee, South Carolina, always sending a New Zealand team to participate.

Although he didn't have much formal education, Moore claimed, "the Labour Party has been my training college, Parliament my university." His keen intellect was well known and he was awarded honorary doctorates from Lincoln University, the Auckland University of Technology and the University of Canterbury, the People's University of China, and La Trobe University in Australia. He was also a prolific reader and wrote books on economics, politics and New Zealand history.

Moore was married to Yvonne Dereany, a teacher and host of the children's television program Romper Room, for 45 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of

New Zealand's Prime Minister Mike Moore. He was a distinguished public servant, who had a heart for the people and a love of history. He said in his final speech as a Member of Parliament that "a nation is the sum total of its history, its memories, and experiences. A nation without history is like a man without a memory." May we all remember this sentiment and honor his legacy.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on February 10, 2020, I was unavoidably detained due to a flight delay and missed the first vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 55.

### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

#### HON. ALBIO SIRES

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2020*

Mr. SIRES. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize and congratulate Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New Jersey on its 150th anniversary.

Stevens Institute of Technology was founded as the United States' first college of mechanical engineering on February 15, 1870 with a bequest from Edwin A. Stevens, a member of one of America's great families of inventors. Over the past 150 years, the university has expanded to include all engineering and science disciplines, an accredited School of Business, and a College of Arts and Letters.

From its earliest days, Stevens has honored its mission to inspire, nurture, and educate leaders in tomorrow's technology driven environment while contributing to the solutions for the most challenging problems of our time. Today, Stevens is among the fastest-growing universities in the nation, attracting top students and faculty from New Jersey, the nation, and across the world.

Stevens is one of the largest producers of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) degree recipients in New Jersey and ranks first in New Jersey and fifteenth in the nation in the production of engineering graduate degrees. Students at Stevens benefit from the university's technology-centric education, which provides a unique, problem-solving, and entrepreneurial approach to learning and is a passport to success. Stevens has an outstanding 96 percent placement rate for its graduates and its alumni have launched

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and led numerous companies and organizations.

Stevens faculty, students, and alumni have pioneered research and innovations in many diverse fields, including transportation, telecommunications, resiliency, sustainability, artificial intelligence, machine learning, health care, biomedicine, cybersecurity, maritime security, and systems engineering. It is not an exaggeration to say that Stevens has changed and improved the way we live, work, and communicate. Stevens has also contributed significantly to the community as well as the local, state, and national economy.

It is my great honor to recognize Stevens for this significant milestone in the history of the university and to thank its leadership, faculty, students, and alumni for their contributions to Hoboken, Hudson County, the State of New Jersey, and the United States.

GLoucester TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2020*

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Gloucester Township, New Jersey, First Place in the Nation—2019 National Night Out.

Gloucester Township is a community in the heart of Camden County, home to nearly 70,000 residents. In 2016, Gloucester Township won eighth nationally for National Night Out and in 2018 the town won seventh place in the nation. Each year the town's National Night Out event continues to grow more popular. This year, for the thirty seventh annual National Night Out, Gloucester Township won first place in the nation for their community event for a town with 50,000 to 100,000 residents.

National Night Out is an event focused on crime and drug prevention in coordination with building stronger police-community relations. Through strengthening community spirit and developing stronger programs like crime watch, Gloucester Township is being recognized on both a state and national scale for their safe and caring environment.

Gloucester Township is protected by the dedicated Gloucester Township Police Department which responds to nearly 60,000 calls for service each year, with an average of 5,000 calls per month. The department consists of over 133 full-time sworn law enforcement officers, 35 special law enforcement officers, 17 telecommunicators, and 16 civilian employees and we extend the sincerest appreciation for Gloucester Township Police Department and all law enforcement.

In rediscovering our own communities, it is no surprise that we see more people moving to Gloucester Township and "joining the excitement." During Mayor David Mayer's administration, the township has substantially expanded economically and grown as a community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and congratulating Gloucester Township, as well as the Gloucester Township Police Department, on their achievement of earning first place in the United States of America for their 2019 National Night Out community celebration.

HONORING BONNIE LOWENTHAL'S CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2020*

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bonnie Lowenthal and her career of public service.

Ms. Lowenthal began her public service to the Long Beach, California community nearly five decades ago, serving as a licensed family counselor, mental health consultant, and as an educator.

Her work in the Long Beach community began a life-long focus on affordable housing and the problem of homelessness. She was appointed as Vice Chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness in 1987 and worked to find mechanisms to house people and prevent homelessness.

Her community work also led Ms. Lowenthal to a deep involvement with the Long Beach Cambodian community and in 1989 she was named Director of Planning for the United Cambodian Community organization while also serving as the Arts Manager representing a group of Cambodian musicians and founding the Cambodian Children's Orchestra. In 1991, Ms. Lowenthal traveled to Cambodia with a national Red Cross group to investigate the proliferation of landmines left behind during the decades of war that had engulfed the country. She also helped initiate a sister-city relationship between Long Beach and Phnom Penh and would go on to be an official observer during Cambodia's first municipal elections in more than 40 years. Ms. Lowenthal has also served as Clinical Director for the Cambodian Association of America and as a participant on the Cambodiatown Advisory Board.

In 1994, Ms. Lowenthal was elected to the first of two terms on the Long Beach Unified School District Board. Her dedication and commitment to students helped Long Beach earn a national reputation as one of the country's best urban school districts.

After winning a 2001 special election for the 1st District of the Long Beach City Council, Ms. Lowenthal would go on to win two full terms for the seat in 2002 and 2006. Selected by her colleagues as Vice Mayor in 2006, she was also elected by 27 regional cities to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board. She has stated that her mission on the Long Beach City Council was to make sure that the residents of her working-class district were as well represented at City Hall as residents of the city's wealthiest neighborhoods.

In 2008, Ms. Lowenthal was elected to her first of three terms in the California State Assembly. Her district, encompassing what is now the 70th Assembly District, remains one of the most ethnically diverse populations in the state.

During her three terms in the State Assembly, Ms. Lowenthal's district included the Long Beach/Los Angeles port complex—the busiest container complex in the Western Hemisphere. As an Assemblymember, she was instrumental in helping create more than 18,000 transportation-related jobs, while also protecting the employment rights of thousands of other port workers.

In addition to transportation issues, during her tenure in the State Assembly she focused on standing up for children, seniors, and the environment. She authored laws that protected coastal waters from invasive species; made it easier for older adults to stay in their homes; encouraged state workers to blow the whistle on wrongdoing; and made it easier for school districts to provide children with a safe ride to school. She also authored important legislation that brought additional federal funds to foster youth, protected injured workers from unjust medical bills, and reduced the cost of prison healthcare by millions of dollars a year.

Her leadership positions in the State Assembly included chairing the Legislative Women's Caucus, the Assembly Committee on Transportation, the Joint Committee on Emergency Management, and the Select Committee on Ports. She served as a member of the committees on Accountability and Administrative Review, Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials, Health, and other select committees.

For her service in the State Legislature, Ms. Lowenthal was named Legislator of the Year by the California Assisted Living Association, the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, and the California Chiropractic Association, among many others.

In 2017, Ms. Lowenthal was named to the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners by Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, and elected President of the Board in July 2019, following a year of service as Vice President of the board.

As a member of the five-member board, Ms. Lowenthal is responsible for the management and oversight of City's Harbor Department which operates the Port of Long Beach, the nation's second-busiest port. She was unanimously confirmed by the City Council as the 68th appointee to the Board since the current Commission was established in 1925. Her appointment made her the seventh woman to serve on the Commission and marked the first time in the port's history that the five-member Board had four female members at the same time.

Besides serving on various Commission sub-committees, Ms. Lowenthal also represents the port on national and international trade missions and serves as the board representative or alternate to a variety of port-related leadership organizations.

In addition to her work on the Board of Harbor Commissioners, Ms. Lowenthal serves her community on the St. Mary's Medical Center Governing Board, the U.S. Vets Advisory Board, the Children Today Board of Directors, the LINC Housing Board of Directors, and the Jewish Family and Children's Service Board of Directors.

I want to thank Ms. Lowenthal for her nearly five decades of commitment to her community and for the dedication to public service that has allowed her to give so much to that community.

HONORING DR. WILLIAM CATON

**HON. JUDY CHU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2020*

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr.

William Caton, who passed away on February 6, 2020 at the age of 74. Dr. Caton was a life-long leader in the field of neurosurgery and led a distinguished career that had lasting impacts on my district in the San Gabriel Valley and throughout California.

Dr. Caton was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on July 7, 1945 and spent his childhood in Georgia and Massachusetts. He received his bachelor's degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and then moved to California to attend medical school at the University of Southern California (USC) School of Medicine. He received his M.D. in 1971 and completed his residency in Neurosurgery at the Los Angeles County—USC Medical Center in 1977. After completing his residency, Dr. Caton began his practice in Pasadena, a community he would serve for the next forty years.

Dr. Caton's dedication to his patients earned him the reputation as one of the top neurosurgeons in California. He was a representative for the California Association of Neurological Surgery (CANS) at National State Council meetings for twenty-five years and served as President from 2009 to 2010. He also represented CANS in meetings with LA County that resulted in developing a county-wide system of trauma care centers in 1983. He was appointed to serve as Chairman of Neurosurgery at Huntington Memorial Hospital, the leading trauma center within the San Gabriel Valley, a position he would hold for over twenty years. His work was also well known around the globe. He collaborated on a project in Bangalore, India, where he advised the development of a brain cancer treatment center, and he created an international symposium on healthcare, also located in India.

He was a strong advocate for higher education and passed his knowledge on to multiple generations of students. For almost forty years, he was a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Neurological Surgery Department at USC. He was also a long-time faculty member at California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in the Department of Biology and Bioengineering. While there, he founded the Caltech Students Medical Mentor Program, served as director of the Caltech M.D.-Ph.D. Clinical Outreach Program, and became director of the Pasadena Neuroscience Fellowship. Because of his distinguished service and contributions to higher education, Dr. Caton received an honorary graduate degree from the Caltech Alumni Association in 2008. Additionally, he was a strong advocate for the education of women and served on the Board of Trustees for Mayfield Senior High School, an all-girls college preparatory high school, from 1986 to 1997.

Dr. Caton leaves behind an enduring legacy of service, patient advocacy, and leadership to the San Gabriel Valley, Los Angeles County, and California. He is an inspiration to all who knew him, and it is my distinct honor to commemorate his life.

HOMELAND SECURITY FOR  
CHILDREN ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 10, 2020*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a senior Member of Congress, I rise in support of

H.R. 2932, the "Homeland Security for Children Act," which would direct the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to identify and integrate the needs of children into activities to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against the risk of natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters.

The "Homeland Security for Children Act" would make children's needs a priority throughout the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), by directing the DHS Undersecretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans to incorporate feedback from children's organizations into Department-wide activities.

This legislation would require DHS to submit a report to Congress on the Department's efforts to integrate the needs of children into the policies, programs, and activities at DHS.

DHS will authorize a Children's Technical Expert position, ensuring that the Agency will adequately incorporate the needs of children into its emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities.

Due to their general incapacity to protect and advocate for themselves, children are more likely to succumb to the negative outcomes associated with disasters and acts of terrorism.

FEMA has consistently missed the mark when it comes to acknowledging and prioritizing the unique needs of children in its disaster-related activities.

When disaster strikes, whether natural or manmade, the country has historically struggled to adequately prepare for children's unique needs.

For example, in Houston Hurricane Harvey made land fall in 2017 and proceeded to affect 13 million people, cause \$125 billion dollars in damages, and take the lives of 94 individuals.

Nearly 3 million children in Harris County alone were impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Six months after the storm approximately 4,000 childcare programs, afterschool programs, and schools closed for weeks in the Greater Houston area.

Hurricane Harvey resulted in an increase to the number of economically disadvantaged children, cases of mental health issues and student homelessness.

The shortage of childcare throughout the impacted regions prevented many families from returning to their "normal" lives.

Traumatic experiences, such as a natural disaster, can negatively impact a child's mental health, cause an increase in irritability, aggression, anger, and physical ailments, such as headaches and stomach aches.

It is vital that FEMA makes it a priority to integrate the needs of children into their activities to prepare for, protect against and mitigate against the risk of natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters.

I ask all Members to join me in voting to pass H.R. 2932, the "Homeland Security for Children Act."

CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF MONITEAU COUN-  
TY, MISSOURI

**HON. VICKY HARTZLER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2020*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Moniteau County, in

Missouri's Fourth Congressional District, on the 175th anniversary of its founding.

The territory that now makes up Moniteau County was originally part of the 1803 Louisiana Purchase. It was organized on February 14, 1845, carved out of territory from Cole and Morgan counties. The name of this county, taken from Moniteau Creek, is the French spelling of an Indian word meaning "spirit of God" or "Country of the Great Spirit." The county epitomizes its name as evidenced by the many vibrant churches today in the community.

Agriculture is our state's leading industry, and Moniteau County is one of our state's leading producers of agricultural goods, known particularly for its beef, ham, and turkey products.

Moniteau County is a wonderful place in which to live, work, and raise a family. As this historic anniversary is celebrated, I wish the county and its citizens well and many more years of peace and prosperity.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I was regrettably absent for votes on February 7, 2020.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 52, YEA on Roll Call No. 53 and NAY on Roll Call No. 54.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE STRONG  
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BE-  
TWEEN THE UNITED STATES  
AND INDIA

**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2020*

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the strong strategic partnership between the United States and India. A relationship that is based on shared values of democracy. Our cooperation extends across many sectors including financial, defense and counterterrorism. The region of Kashmir has long been subjected to conflict and instability. I support Prime Minister Modi in his efforts to bring stability to the region.

RECOGNIZING MARINE FORCES  
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

**HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2020*

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the heroic Marine Forces Special Operations Command (or MARSOC) which will celebrate its 14th anniversary on February 24th. MARSOC was activated in 2006 at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina and initially consisted of a small staff and the Foreign Military Training Unit which had

been formed to conduct foreign internal defense. MARSOC deployed its first units in August 2006, six months after initial activation, and since that time has deployed continuously. MARSOC's current missions include counterterrorism, counterinsurgency, foreign internal defense and security force assistance.

Since its inception, MARSOC has received numerous unit awards including: Meritorious Unit Commendation Streamer, Afghanistan Campaign Streamer with One Bronze Star, National Defense Service Streamer, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Streamer as well as Global War on Terrorism Service Streamer.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the legacy of this brave and patriotic unit and their standard of *Spiritus Invictus*, an Unconquerable Spirit. May we always keep our dedicated service members treasured in our hearts and constantly in our prayers for their service to God and country.

MS. JEAN WILEY, CIVIL RIGHTS  
LEADER AND ACTIVIST

**HON. JOHN LEWIS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2020*

Mr. LEWIS. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ms. Jean Wiley, who transitioned from the world that she tirelessly fought to improve, on December 9, 2019.

Born on June 11, 1942 to Elizabeth Thelma Holland Boyer Wiley and Joseph Alphonsus Wiley, Jean Wiley was a proud daughter of Baltimore, Maryland, where she completed her undergraduate degree at Morgan State University. As a testament to her work and legacy, many parts of our country—Michigan, Alabama, California, Washington, D.C., and Georgia to name a few—claim this amazing woman.

In 1953, the Supreme Court integrated Washington, D.C., but a few miles up the road, Ms. Wiley grew up surrounded by the oppressive stench of segregation in Baltimore. In 1963, she and other students took matters into their own hands; police arrested Jean and her friends as they conducted a sit-in to desegregate Baltimore's theaters. Upon hearing that Howard University students were heading up the highway to reinforce their protest, Baltimore's Mayor released these brave young activists and integrated the facilities.

Madam Speaker, I believe that taste of success fueled Ms. Wiley's life-long passion for civil and human rights. A few years later, Jean completed graduate studies at Michigan State University and began to teach at Alabama's Tuskegee Institute (now University). Professor Wiley challenged her students to expand their minds and inspired many to join the national movement for civil rights.

I will forever cherish my memories from this period of our lives, when young people from all different walks of life became nonviolent foot soldiers in the fight for our freedom. After Hosea Williams and I attempted to lead a march from Selma to Montgomery on a day that became known as Bloody Sunday, Ms. Wiley and more than 500 Tuskegee students caravanned from Macon County to Montgomery, Alabama to protest in solidarity for our right to vote. At the end of the summer, Con-

gress passed, and President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act into law on August 6, 1965.

Madam Speaker, for many of us in the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), Jean was and will always remain a sister. Time and time again, she put her life and livelihood on the line in her pursuit of truth and justice. Jean taught volunteers to canvass, offered her home as a refuge, and even became the voice and face of SNCC during the summer of 1965, when she served as our national media relations coordinator. In this role, Ms. Wiley played the integral, critical role of sharing our work in the Deep South with the nation and the world. Whether we were boycotting, protesting, or testing voter registration procedures, Jean made sure that our work was not ignored.

After serving on the front lines of the Civil Rights Movement, Ms. Wiley made her way to Washington, D.C. where she helped create the Center for Black Education. Throughout her life, Jean was committed to the betterment of the African Diaspora and refused to wait for oppressive forces to see the light on their own. Over the years, she shared her expertise with Howard University's WHUR radio station, Essence Magazine, and the Institute for the Black World, an Atlanta-based think-tank.

As a devoted educator, Jean also continued to teach at the University of the District of Columbia and the University of California at Berkeley. Whether in the classroom or in her home, Professor Wiley shared the lessons and tactics of the Civil Rights Movement with new generations—including her cousin, Ms. Kimberly W. Ross, who works closely with me and my office on Capitol Hill.

As loved ones gather to reflect upon Ms. Jean Wiley's good and great work, I would like to pay tribute to the unbreakable bond of her adoring family—son, Cabral Stuckey Wiley; granddaughter, Brejaneey Wiley; great-granddaughters, Shariyah Harris and Narii Parker; sisters, Joyce Dyson and Lois Wiley Benjamin; nieces, Shiree Dyson and Ayisha Dyson; and nephews, Keith Dyson, Touré Dyson, and Malcolm Wiley.

Madam Speaker, the record should be clear: Ms. Wiley dedicated every ounce of her energy to the fight for justice. For these reasons, I proudly join all who knew, loved, learned from, and cared for this great leader in celebrating her life's work to transform the face and soul of our nation.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 10, 2020*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a senior member of Congress, I rise in support of H.R. 4737, the "Department of Homeland Security Climate Change Research Act," which requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to evaluate existing federal research regarding approaches to mitigate climate change on homeland security, to identify areas for further research within the Department, and to research and develop approaches to mitigate

the consequences of climate change on homeland security.

This legislation directs DHS to assess and potentially expand existing federal research projects that examine ways to mitigate the effects of climate change on homeland security programs.

The development in research from DHS will explore the connection, if any, between climate change and homeland security, including how the resulting competition for resources, economic distress, and social discontent can contribute to acts of terrorism.

Climate change poses a direct threat to U.S. national security through its effects on critical infrastructure, the lives of citizens, the economy, and energy security.

The scarcer resources become, the more power is given to those who control them, especially in regions where people are particularly reliant on natural resources for their livelihoods.

Terrorist groups will exploit the natural disasters and water and food shortages expected to result from climate change and allow them to recruit more easily, operate more freely and control civilian populations.

H.R. 4737 will ensure that DHS is adequately structured to meet the demands of responding to and recovering from acts of terrorism and natural disasters that are aggravated by climate change.

Climate change is not just a global problem, but also a threat to domestic security.

More than 60 percent of the country has faced moderate to extreme drought conditions and massive heat waves which devastated corn crops, put pressure on food prices, and caused deaths around the country.

Climate change poses costly threats to our domestic installations and potentially destabilizing threats to our international installations that hold strategic importance to the United States.

The extreme weather events that we have witnessed in the past 5 years illustrate the impact of climate change in the U.S. is much more complicated than a simple rise in temperatures.

Each region of this country will be impacted differently; understanding these regional consequences is important to policymakers because it will allow planning for response and adaptation.

Studies show that Texas is among a string of "Deep South" states that will experience the worst effects of climate change.

For example, Hurricane Harvey was a 1,000 year storm that has to date claimed the lives of at least 30 persons.

Before it was finished, Hurricane Harvey dropped 21 trillion gallons of rainfall on Texas and Louisiana, most of it on the Houston Metroplex.

A record 4,323 days, which is nearly 12 years, elapsed since a major hurricane (Category 3 or above) made landfall in the United States prior to Hurricane Harvey; the last Category 3 hurricane to hit the United States was Hurricane Wilma in 2005, the same year Hurricane Katrina destroyed much of New Orleans.

To put in perspective the devastation wrought by Hurricane Harvey, the volume of water that fell on Houston and other affected areas of Texas and Louisiana could fill more than 24,000 Astrodomes or supply the water for the raging Niagara Falls for 15 days.

In the first three days of the storm, more than 49,000 homes that had suffered flood

damage and more than 1,000 homes were completely destroyed in the storm.

Local authorities closed major freeways, airports, and schools.

In the first three days of the storm, more than 49,000 homes that had suffered flood damage and more than 1,000 homes were completely destroyed in the storm.

More than 30,000 persons were forced out of their homes due to the storm.

Presently, Houston experiences about five days each year over 100° Fahrenheit and by 2100, the city could expect some 70 days over 100° Fahrenheit.

The major weather and climate disasters that Texas experienced each produced at least a billion dollars in losses.

As the climate continues to warm, more multi-year droughts are expected with devastating impacts to the state's agriculture sector and drinking water.

As climate change affects food security and the availability of water and land, affected people will become more vulnerable not only to negative climate impacts but also to recruitment by terrorist groups offering alternative livelihoods and economic incentives.

Climate change will directly affect America's homeland and the security of its citizens.

I ask all Members to join me in voting to pass H.R. 4737, the "Department of Homeland Security Climate Change Research Act."

#### STANDING IN SUPPORT OF SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE

### HON. CHARLIE CRIST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2020*

Mr. CRIST. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of Social Security and Medicare, programs that literally save the lives of millions of Americans every day and serve nearly 200,000 veterans, children, seniors, and persons with disabilities in my district, and over 69 million across the country. I was deeply disappointed this week to see that the President's budget included steep cuts to these life-sustaining programs. Cutting \$35 billion from Social Security and \$500 billion from Medicare, not only puts Pinellas families and their loved ones at risk of losing their healthcare and benefits but also places a huge undue burden on some of the most vulnerable in our communities. We should be lending a helping hand to those in need, not turning them away. These cuts and broken promises will hurt people. And we cannot stand idly by. Let's protect Social Security and Medicare, now and always.

#### HONORING JUDGE ROMONDA D. BELCHER AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

### HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Judge Romonda D. Belcher, a District Associate Judge at the Polk County Justice Center in Des Moines, Iowa as the

lowan of the Week. Judge Belcher is the first African American female judge to serve in the state of Iowa. She was appointed to the bench on August 20, 2010 and serves our community with distinction.

Like many young girls across this country, she set her goals high at a young age. She grew up in North Carolina and moved to Iowa to attempt Drake Law School. Before she was selected to be a judge, she worked in the Polk County Attorney's Office for 15 years, serving in multiple different capacities including important work in juvenile justice. She's been a mentor to women and attorneys across Iowa—including mentoring those who move here from out of state about how to handle our winter.

As District Associate Judge, she continues to exemplify justice and equality by treating those who come before her fairly, with compassion and respect. The late Iowa Supreme Court Justice Mark Cady believed it was these qualities in Judge Belcher that makes her so valuable to our community. He said that Judge Belcher's "presence and her approach and the kindness she displays is very needed" by the those who come before her courtroom.

I have great respect and admiration for folks who stand up for people who can't always stand up for themselves. Judge Belcher has made it her mission to help and had a dedicated life of public service, and Iowans are better because of it. It is an honor to commemorate the outstanding achievements of Judge Belcher and celebrate her as our lowan of the Week.

#### RECOGNIZING JOHN C. DORTCH FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

### HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2020*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who has held many titles throughout his life; scholar athlete, Howard University graduate, U.S. Army officer, decorated Vietnam veteran, professor, attorney, pastor, and—for fifteen years—inmate.

John C. Dortch was born in Beaufort, South Carolina, the son of a Baptist minister. He was a gifted musician at a young age, an impressive student athlete, and a distinguished Military Graduate from Howard University who volunteered to serve in Vietnam at the age of 22.

After returning home from war, a series of bad decisions led John to participate in a bank robbery where a police officer was killed. John took full responsibility of his past, enrolling in law school after he was released from prison and leading programs for first-time juvenile offenders and anti-violence initiatives.

John turned his biggest regret into a mission of servitude, founding the Circle of Hope Ministries for the homeless in the Lowcountry. Every day he asks himself, "Did I help someone today?" John's life of service is a testament to the truth that every person is more than the worst thing they have done. It is an honor to know him.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MOLLY DOBSON AS SHE IS NAMED WOMAN OF THE YEAR

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2020*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Molly Dobson as she is named Woman of the Year by the United Way of Washtenaw County's Women United group. Dobson's lifetime of community service and philanthropy is worthy of commendation, and we are proud to recognize her achievements today.

Molly Dobson is a pillar of Washtenaw County. After graduating from the University of Michigan in 1944, Dobson enlisted in the U.S. Navy where she worked in communications throughout World War II. After returning home to Ann Arbor, Michigan, Dobson embarked on a new era defined by giving, philanthropy, and community service. In the 1960s, Dobson began working with United Way and has been completely dedicated to furthering its community-building mission ever since. Throughout the years, Dobson has assisted the organization in several capacities, serving as a fundraiser, a member of the Budget Priorities Committee, and later sitting on the Board. Alongside numerous other achievements, Dobson will particularly be remembered for her efforts to develop the D-SIP internship program with the University of Michigan. Thanks to her work and generosity, 313 undergraduate students have completed the program since its inception.

Today, we celebrate Molly Dobson for her lifetime of service to her community, her state, and her country. Her years of philanthropy have impacted the lives of many, and her continued dedication provides a lasting example for what we should all endeavor to accomplish—to effect change, be compassionate community members, and do all we can to make a difference in the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Molly Dobson. Her decades of selfless service make her a deserving recipient of the Woman of the Year award. I am grateful for her lasting impact and wish her continued success in the years ahead.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT FIRST CLASS ANTONIO R. RODRIGUEZ

### HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2020*

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Sergeant First Class Antonio R. Rodriguez, who gave his life on February 8, 2020 while serving our nation in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan.

Sergeant First Class Rodriguez of A Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group out of Eglin Air Force Base in Florida is a true American hero, one that honorably served the United States for over a decade as an elite Army Ranger. Sergeant First Class Rodriguez deployed ten times to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

During his tenure in the Army, Sergeant First Class Rodriguez received several awards and commendations. In addition to his Ranger tab, Combat Infantry badge, and Parachutist badge, Sergeant First Class Rodriguez earned the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and NATO Medal.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in commemorating the life of Sergeant First Class Antonio R. Rodriguez and in offering our condolences and prayers to his wife, Sergeant Ronaleen H. Omega, and to the many family, friends, and comrades as they mourn the loss of this brave hero.

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CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2020*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 100th

birthday of the League of Women Voters. For the past century, this non-partisan, women-led civic organization has worked diligently to promote citizens' active participation in our democracy by educating and informing the public about their government.

I am proud to recount that on February 14, 1920, shortly before the ratification of the 19th Amendment granted women their long sought-after right to vote, the National League of Women Voters was organized at the national convention held in Chicago, Illinois. The League merged the National Council of Women Voters and the National American Woman Suffrage Association, establishing one umbrella organization to encourage and assist women to exercise their newly-established right to vote. The organization considers Carrie Chapman Catt its founder, and Maud Wood Park served as the League's first President.

While the League's mission was initially focused upon engaging with and promoting the participation of women in our republic, the organization's scope has dramatically expanded over the years. Today, the League is hard at work expanding civic participation and promoting good government. The organization is heavily involved in voter registration efforts and sponsors candidate debates and forums across the country each election cycle, pro-

viding communities the opportunity to hear from candidates before they head to the ballot box.

While the League is non-partisan, the organization is not apolitical. The League of Women Voters has a long history of taking a stand on important issues. The League supported the creation of the United Nations, the passage of the National Voter Registration Act, and regularly stands up for what is fair and just. The organization supports efforts addressing climate change, counteracting gun violence in our communities, establishing humane immigration policies, and ensuring that all Americans have access to affordable health care, among other important issues.

In 1973 the League modified its charter and allowed men into its ranks. Today, men and women alike make up its over 500,000 members and supporters at over 700 state and local leagues. The organization is represented in all 50 states as well as Washington, DC, the Virgin Islands, and Hong Kong.

On behalf of the residents of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois, I wish a happy 100th birthday to the League of Women Voters. We are grateful for their service to the nation, and I hope the League will continue its efforts for the next century and beyond as they work to educate and promote civic participation.