

coronavirus bill vote. Had I been present, I would have voted for H.R. 6074, which I strongly support. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 86.

HONORING THE BALLSTON SPA  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
POST 358 ON THEIR CENTENNIAL  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 5, 2020*

Ms. STEFANK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Ballston Spa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 358 on their 100th anniversary.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) is a nonprofit veterans service organization that traces its roots back to the Spanish-American War of 1898. Veterans returning home following the war in 1902 found themselves with little or no support from the government, even those with severe wounds and permanent disabilities. From this vacuum emerged the VFW, whose membership now stands at more than 1.6 million. The VFW made significant contributions to the establishment of the Veterans Administration and continues to advocate strongly for veterans to this day. At the local level, each post makes a positive impact on the broader community. Post 358 sponsors and contributes to many local charitable events and organizations including elementary school literacy programs, Memorial Day Parades, junior baseball leagues and the Brookside Museum. They maintain strong friendships with annual barbeques and outings for members, while supporting each other in times of need.

The VFW's vision is to ensure "veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country." I echo this sentiment and will continue to work with all veterans' groups to realize that vision. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate President Karen Shea and all the members of VFW Post 358 on this milestone and thank them for their century-long tradition of service to North Country veterans.

TRIBUTE TO CONSTANCE  
SEYMOUR ULRICH

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 5, 2020*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an outstanding individual, Constance Seymour Ulrich, who passed away at the age of 87 on February 29, 2020. Connie, as she was known, was a loving wife and mother and she will be deeply missed.

Connie was born in Eugene, Oregon on March 22, 1932, the first daughter of Darle and Vada Belle Seymour. Her parents owned the iconic Seymour's Cafe in downtown Eugene by the University of Oregon Campus. She grew up in Eugene, attending grade

school near the MacKenzie River in Vida, Oregon where her father owned Heavens Gate Cabins. After the war, she and her family moved back to Eugene and she attended Roosevelt Junior High and then Eugene High School, graduating with the Class of 1950. Connie attended the University of Oregon, majoring in Music and was a proud member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority.

After college, she moved down to San Francisco where she ultimately joined American Airlines as a Stewardess. It was while working for the airlines that she met her future husband, Edward "Duke" Ulrich. They soon married and immediately transferred to Kansas City, Missouri and subsequently to Chicago, Illinois. She was then excited to return to California where they settled in Sunnysvale, the heart of Silicon Valley. They raised their two children, Gregory and Linda and resided there for 47 years.

Connie, blessed with a beautiful soprano voice, loved music and would frequently burst into an operatic solo. She enjoyed horseback riding as a young girl, and loved all animals, especially cats and dogs. I had the good fortune of getting to know Connie through Linda who was an integral part of my DC staff for many years. I can tell you that Connie had an infectious zest for life and a sparkle that drew people to her. I will long remember her sense of fun and humor which so clearly live on through her daughter.

Connie's husband, Duke, predeceased her in death, as did her son Gregory, and more recently her sister, Kathryn Seymour of Eugene. Connie is survived by Linda and son-in-law John "JY" Yeagley of Vienna, Virginia. A celebration of her life will be held in McLean, Virginia. She will make Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto her final resting place and will join her husband and son. I extend my heartfelt condolences to my dear friend Linda and to all those who knew Connie. Although she may no longer be with us, she will continue to have a lasting impact on the lives of her family and community.

RECOGNIZING THE PLEASANT  
PLAINS GIRLS BASKETBALL  
TEAM ON WINNING THE ILLINOIS  
2A STATE TITLE

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 5, 2020*

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, today, I would like to recognize the Pleasant Plains High School girls' basketball team on winning the 2020 Class 2A state title.

Last Saturday, at Redbird Arena in Normal, Illinois, the Pleasant Plains Cardinals defeated the two-time defending champion Chicago Marshall Commandos in a performance dominated by Pleasant Plain's defensive efforts. The Cardinals held Chicago Marshall to 32 percent shooting and forced 12 turnovers in the game, winning by a final score of 43-37. The Cardinals victory was not without drama, as the Cardinal's allowed a 13-point fourth-quarter lead dwindle to just 1-point, but on the strength of strong senior leadership, the Cardinals were able to seal the game and bring a state championship home to Pleasant Plains.

For the first time in program history, Pleasant Plains girls' basketball won the IHSA state championship. Pleasant Plains' newfound success on the hardwood is a testament to the leadership of Coach TJ Fraase and the determination of the young women he coaches.

The Pleasant Plains girls' basketball team has made all of central Illinois proud with their accomplishments this season, finishing with a 28-3 record. Each girl's commitment to their team and their community is truly inspiring. Congratulations to Coach Fraase and the Pleasant Plain's Cardinals for their remarkable state championship win.

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY AS-  
SISTANCE ACT

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO  
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 5, 2020*

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Northern Mariana Islands Coronavirus Emergency Assistance Act which would provide \$100 million to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to respond to the severe loss of revenues for government operations resulting from the coronavirus' impact to our tourism industry. The funds will help avert the disruption of essential health and other public services to the people of my isolated district.

The coronavirus outbreak has resulted in the loss of thousands of lives and disrupted commerce worldwide but its impact has hit tourism-dependent jurisdictions like the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands particularly hard. Major hotels have less than 30 percent occupancy. Airlines serving our islands have cut routes. As a result, less funds will be available to provide health and other public services for the people of my district. Our Commonwealth's governor, Ralph Torres, declared a state of significant emergency on January 29 and implemented across-the-board budget cuts and austerity measures including a 20 percent cut to teachers' salaries and a 4-day school week. Last week, Acting Governor Arnold Palacios extended the state of emergency for another 30 days. Today, Governor Torres declared a price freeze on food, water, clothing, emergency supplies as well as fuel. Due to forces beyond our control, the people of my district are facing an emergency that requires me as their sole representative in Congress to act now and provide emergency assistance measures to ensure their health and safety.

Yesterday, the House passed an \$8 billion emergency supplemental funding bill that will help every part of our country respond to the coronavirus. However, these funds cannot be used to support general government operations such as public education. This is why I am introducing the Northern Mariana Islands Coronavirus Emergency Assistance Act to provide \$100 million in fiscal support to ensure all members of my community, especially our seniors and children, can continue to access the care and education essential to their health, safety and families' well-being.

The bill is fully paid for using sales from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve which was valued at an estimated \$42 billion according to the Government Accountability Office.

I urge my colleagues to support Northern Mariana Islands Coronavirus Emergency Assistance Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DEREK KILMER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 5, 2020*

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, on March 5, 2020, I was unable to be present for Roll Call vote number 87 on agreeing to the amendment offered by Rep. CISNEROS of California to the “Rights for Transportation Security Officers Act of 2020” (H.R. 1140). Had I been present, I would have voted “YEA.”

I was also unable to be present for Roll Call vote number 88 on agreeing to the amendment offered by Rep. MUCARSEL-POWELL of Florida [on behalf of Rep. SCHRIER of Washington] to H.R. 1140. Had I been present, I would have voted “YEA.”

Additionally, I was unable to be present for Roll Call vote number 89 regarding the Motion to Recommit on H.R. 1140. Had I been present, I would have voted “NAY.”

Finally, I was unable to be present for Roll Call vote number 90 on agreeing to final passage of H.R. 1140, “Rights for Transportation Security Officers Act of 2020.” Had I been present, I would have voted “YEA.”

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF  
ATTORNEY STEVE FARBER

**HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 5, 2020*

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with Congressman Ed PERLMUTTER, Congressman JASON CROW, and Congressman JOE NEGUSE, to recognize the life and achievements of Steve Farber who passed away on Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

Steve’s life was the quintessential example of the American dream. Raised in North Denver, he overcame humble beginnings in order to found one of the city’s most renowned law firms, along with the help of his childhood best friends Norm Brownstein and Jack Hyatt. Steve’s influence is seen everywhere in Denver, from helping negotiate with the City of Denver to make Denver International Airport a hub for United Airlines to securing funds for major highway projects. Steve represented some of the city’s most popular sports teams, and was the key influencer who secured a new stadium for the Denver Broncos.

However, even as Steve built a successful business, he never forgot the importance of helping others. He supported innumerable charitable organizations and philanthropic work. In fact, one of his special causes was educating the public about the life-saving benefits of organ donation. Many years ago, when Mr. Farber was diagnosed with kidney disease that required him to undergo an organ trans-

plant, he realized the devastating toll that patients faced while waiting on transplant lists. With the kind of single-minded grit and determination that he was well known for, Mr. Farber started the American Transplant Foundation in Denver to help save lives and support transplant patients and their families. A decade later, the organization is credited with bringing together almost 500 organ donors and recipients.

Steve was an open and accessible friend to all. An active Democrat, he was an integral force in the party for years. But countless Republicans also called him friend. On a personal note, Steve was one of the first political activists to support me in my career, and has been a trusted friend and confidant throughout my career.

Steve was a one-of-a-kind Denverite; everyone knew him and respected him. He worked alongside national leaders, local mayors, corporate executives and everyday citizens just the same. His friends and colleagues remember him as a “legend” and a “giant.” He was all that and more. He was a beloved husband for 48 years as well as a devoted father to 3 sons and grandfather to 6 precious grandchildren.

Steve Farber’s hands have left an indelible imprint on the state, and his legacy will live on. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family, his friends and colleagues in Denver’s legal community and all Coloradans who mourn this terrible loss.