

students in my district. You may ask, why is a Congressman from Arizona recognizing a group from Utah? Well, it just speaks to its generosity and the great impact this organization is having in my district.

This great organization is providing art supplies for 85 sixth-grade students in the communities of Beaver Dam and Colorado City, Arizona. These communities are located in the geographically isolated Arizona Strip, which is north of the Grand Canyon, near the Utah border. For context, to travel to almost any other part of Arizona takes hours because you cannot drive over the Grand Canyon, Madam Speaker.

The intent of this program is to stimulate creativity in these young people and give them activities to keep their minds active once the school day is over. Each student is provided with items such as coloring books, markers, and colored pencils and are given creative license to create whatever they like.

In addition to the art program, the Assistance League also organizes an annual campaign called Operation School Bell. This program provides clothing to disadvantaged students and this year will include a literacy program to greater enrich the minds of these students.

I would sincerely like to thank the Assistance League's President Gail Neumann and Vice President Kay Minor for being willing to serve their neighboring state and their immeasurable impact on the Beaver Dam and Colorado City communities.

RABBI ZOBERMAN'S REFLECTIONS ON PASSOVER

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD, at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman, of Temple Lev Tikvah and is a reflection of his views:

"At the heart of the Passover Seder is the haunting probing of 'Ma Nishtana . . . How different is this night from all other nights?' This historical Rabbinic quest is designed to grasp Passover's meaning throughout the generational chain in the context of changing and always challenging times. It is traditionally sung by the youngest attending child, to mitigate the seriousness of the inquiry surrounding the complex poles of enslavement and freedom in the Jewish consciousness as well as human experience. Surely at this beclouded Passover Festival, the plague of the Coronavirus is casting ominous darkness not only on one people as with the punitive Ten Plagues upon Pharaoh's Egypt for freedom's sake and slavery's denouncement. Pharaoh was forewarned time and again to let Moses' people go. Now we face a global attack by a stealthy adversary exposing the entire interdependent human family to the Angel of Death's whims. All that in the midst of a complacent post-modern high technology society. We are tempted by the hubris of false invincibility, plunging us to a debilitating sense of primeval vulnerability, threatening our accustomed and enviable American way of life and its underlying essential democracy.

Ultimately the Passover celebration is a poignant reminder that enslavement in its

destructive variety—physically, spiritually and psychologically—is bound to be overcome by the light of deliverance, replacing virus with virtue, pain with promise and violence with vision.

At this season's Seder table, those who are fortunate to safely conduct it, should diminish from the cup of joyful salvation in addition to the ten drops for the ten plagues upon ancient Egypt for the sin of Hebrew enslavement, one drop for the current heavy human losses and intense suffering. The inspiring Exodus journey from servitude to an oppressor to service of The Most High, became a model of liberation for the human family, culminating in the Messianic vision of a world transformed.

We have chosen to convert the bitter herbs of our exile into the sweet charoset of homecoming for all. It is the symbolic hovering presence at the Seder table of the prophet Elijah for whom we open the door and set aside a special cup of wine, which provides for the eternal flame of universal shalom's healing, hope and harmony. It is the peace we have kept alive as a flickering light in history's darkness.

Passover's promise by a compassionate heritage is ultimately rooted in its revolutionary view of the infinite worth of each of the Creator's children, recalling that God silenced the heavenly angels when jubilant at the drowning of Pharaoh's troops. Passover's soaring spirit of renewal of a people as well as an individual, also applies to the natural order of springtime's reassuring return with the beauty of the Earth's budding and recovery that we are pledged to forever secure."

CONGRATULATING BRYAN CAVES FOR HIS WIN AT CLASS 1A STATE FINALS FOR WRESTLING AT THE IHSA STATE TOURNAMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bryan Caves, a junior from Riverdale High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Wrestling Tournament in the 220 pound weight class.

Bryan was the aggressor and rode on top for most of the six-minute match. After coming in underweight, he had to rely on his conditioning and training to win the match. In the end, Bryan won the state title by a 4-2 decision. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Bryan displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his efforts and attitude. Bryan is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic, and I am proud to see him represent Port Byron so well throughout the state with his talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Bryan Caves that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Bryan Caves on his Class 1A State Finals title in Wrestling.

IN HONOR OF DR. JOE ALLEN
MANN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bid farewell to my dear friend, Dr. Joe Allen Mann who passed away on February 21st. Joe demonstrated what it meant to be an American, through his actions and his words. He galvanized many Republican fellows in the Commonwealth and reminded them that they had a voice too. He valued both his family and community, and for that I rise to honor his life and achievements.

Joe was born in the tiny, bustling city of Ronceverte, West Virginia in 1941. He later graduated from West Virginia University, and later obtained his doctorate in chemistry from Georgia Tech. As a scientist, Dr. Mann began his career at Dow Badische, working his way from an entry-level employee to a manager in just a few years. Joe then advanced to Corporate Director for Research and Development for Burlington Industries, where he met his wife, Carol Mann. Joe's ambition, however, compelled him to start a business, beginning with The Mann Group, then earned enough capital to start Mann Industries in Williamsburg, VA.

Joe had a knack for resilience and persevered through the ebbs and flows of his life. After years in his industry, Joe decided to get involved in politics where he knew he could do the greatest amount of good. He was a member of the Colonial Republican Men's Association where he championed conservative thought and revitalized the conservative community. Also, he served as a trustee at the Leadership Historic Triangle, where he could directly impact his community. Joe is survived by his wife, Carol, and two daughters, Mary and Susan. I offer my prayers and condolences that his family overcomes their grief and celebrates the great life that Joe lived.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of Joe Mann and applauding his contributions to the Commonwealth and our Nation. His sacrifices, hardships, and devotion to others are worthy of reverence. On behalf of America's First District, we say thank you.

RECOGNIZING TERESA WEST

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (Central Arkansas VA) nurse Teresa West for recently being awarded the VA Secretary's Award for Excellence in Nursing.

The VA Secretary's Award for Excellence in Nursing program was established in 1984 and is given only once to an individual.

Teresa is the nurse manager for the VISN 16 Clinical Resource Hub, which combines in-person care and telehealth to support underserved medical facilities.

Her work is crucial in allowing rural veterans to get the care they need, when they need it, regardless of location.