

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF OVERLAND PARK POLICE OFFICER MIKE MOSHER

### HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2020*

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Officer Mike Mosher who was killed in the line of duty on May 3, 2020. Officer Mosher served with the Overland Park Police Department for 14 years and was the President of the Overland Park Fraternal Order of Police.

Officer Mosher was passionate about his job and served valiantly in our community. He is described by colleagues, friends, and family as a dedicated father and a true gentleman. In 2018, Officer Mosher was one of two officers to stop an active shooter. He earned the Gold Valor Award and was named Officer of the Year at the Metro Chiefs Awards for Valor. Officer Mosher also loved bringing the community together. He organized events like Shop with a Cop, served as a field training officer, and played a major role in starting the Shoot for the Gold fundraiser, which raised tens of thousands of dollars for the Special Olympics.

My thoughts are with Officer Mosher's wife and daughter during this difficult time. I join the Overland Park community in expressing my deep gratitude for Officer Mosher's service as we mourn his passing.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF EARL G. GRAVES, SR.

### HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2020*

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and legacy of Earl G. Graves, Sr., a business icon, civil rights legend, and close friend to my grandfather.

Born in Brooklyn in 1935, Mr. Graves was the child of hardworking immigrants from Barbados and Trinidad. After graduating with a business degree from Morgan State University and spending time in the United States Army, he moved back home to the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood and immediately began serving his community.

As part of his organizing work, Mr. Graves helped organize a rally for my grandfather, Robert F. Kennedy in the mid-1960s. My grandfather was so impressed that he offered Mr. Graves a job almost immediately as an administrative assistant in his Senate office. From there, he used his business acumen to launch a newsletter to support the Black business community, which eventually evolved into Black Enterprise.

More than just a conventional publication, Black Enterprise lifted up the successes of

Black businessmen and women. Within its pages, Mr. Graves empowered his community and gave voice to minority-owned businesses across the country. He led by example, and our nation is better for the course he set.

Beyond his professional career, Earl was a devoted husband to Barbara Kydd and a loving, proud father of three sons, Earl Jr., John, and Michael.

As they mourn his loss and as this Nation that he helped build celebrates his memory, our hearts are with every single person whose life he touched.

HONORING IOWA'S VOLUNTEERS AS IOWANS OF THE WEEK

### HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2020*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Iowans making a difference during National Volunteer Week by helping local families keep food on the table during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. The efforts of each individual working to support our most vulnerable populations are commendable, and for that I am naming these volunteers Iowan of the Week.

National Volunteer Week, observed April 19–25 this year, provides an opportunity to reflect on the importance of giving back to our communities. Volunteerism, even in its simplest forms, has the power to be transformative; this is something Iowans know to be true. Our values of hard work, selflessness, and contributing to build a stronger community are reflected in the way Iowans lead their daily lives. While we may shine a light on volunteerism this week, Iowans engage in giving back year-round.

As communities across my district face the devastating impacts of COVID–19, we've seen a significant rise in the number of individuals turning to food banks for support. In the past few weeks, the pandemic has caused an historic leap in unemployment. Families' budgets have become more strained and those who were already food-insecure have been pushed to their limits. And while schools remain closed, we've faced growing concerns for children who rely on their school meals for their daily nutritional needs.

In the last two weeks of March alone, the DMARC Food Pantry Network saw more than 1,000 people make their first-ever visit to the pantry. That is quadruple the number of first-time users DMARC recorded during the first half of March.

Amidst those sobering statistics, we've also seen men and women step up in droves to lend their time, talent, and resources to keep others from going hungry. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the workers and volunteers at food banks and school meal distribution sites in central and southwest Iowa.

Time and again in recent weeks, I've seen Iowans take action to make sure their neighbors have safe access to essential nutrition. Volunteers are not only donating food at increased rates, but are also putting on masks and gloves and showing up at their local food banks to assemble thousands of meals for delivery to those who need support or can't risk leaving their homes. Food Bank of Iowa had 570 volunteers dedicate just shy of 3,000 hours last month even with the new restrictions on how many volunteers can be in the facilities at one time.

Volunteers have donated hundreds of masks to be used by drivers and others working in the pantries. One group of 15 volunteers turned 3,000 tee shirts into totes that Food Bank of Iowa now uses to distribute food. And the organization's Backpack sacks and bags that are distributed to children across its service area have been filled with inspirational cards made by families at home.

Our schools have also worked tirelessly to continue to provide meals for their students now learning at home. Des Moines Public Schools, the largest school district in Iowa, has successfully banded together district employees and dedicated volunteers to distribute 18,000 meals Monday through Thursday, plus 54,000 meals on Fridays, to ensure its students aren't trying to learn on an empty stomach.

I stand before you today humbled, yet again, at the perseverance of my constituents in Iowa's Third District in the face of this pandemic. Iowans have continued to rise to the occasion and support those in need, even at the risk of their own health. I started Iowan of the Week knowing we would never face a shortage of incredible people to highlight, and this pandemic has brought out even more everyday heroes who deserve recognition. It is my privilege to honor the workers and volunteers of Iowa's food banks and school meal distribution sites as Iowans of the Week.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF DONALD KENNEDY

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2020*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and work of an extraordinary American, Donald Kennedy.

Donald Kennedy was born in New York City to Barbara Bean and William Dorsey Kennedy, on August 18, 1931, and died in Redwood City, California on April 21, 2020.

Donald Kennedy's career was long, productive and illustrious. He received his BA, MS and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University. He began as a biology teacher at Syracuse University, then became an Assistant Professor at Stanford University in 1960, earning tenure in 1962, and he was made Chair of the Department of Biology in the School of Humanities and Sciences in 1967. In 1976 he

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was awarded the Dinkelspiel Award for Outstanding Service to Undergraduate Education, one of Stanford's highest honors, and served as a trustee of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. During the Carter Administration he served as Commissioner of the FDA, where he dealt with many controversies, earning the praise of consumers and industry alike for his leadership. He returned to Stanford in 1979 and became its eighth president in 1980. During his distinguished tenure he grew the University's endowment to \$2 billion, inaugurated overseas campuses in Japan and England, established the Haas Center for Public Service and the Stanford-in-Washington campus. In 1992 he resigned from the presidency, and remained at Stanford. In 2000 he became Editor-in-Chief of *Science*, a post he held until 2008. He received the Carl Sagan Prize for Science Popularization, and was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Academy of Sciences. He was the author of several books including his memoir, *A Place in the Sun*.

No list of Donald Kennedy's extraordinary accomplishments can describe the man he was. Proud yet humble, erudite and playful, and beloved by his students. I was privileged to call him my friend, and I'm exceedingly grateful to have benefitted from his wise counsel.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our condolences to Donald Kennedy's wife Robin, and his children Page Kennedy Rochon (Mark); Julia Kennedy Tussing (Ted); Cameron Kennedy (Rick Desimone); and Jamie Hamill (Rosario), and nine grandchildren. Donald Kennedy made our country stronger and made our world a better place. He will always be missed by all those who had the good fortune to know him, and he will be a lasting source of inspiration to the generations he helped shape.

#### AMERICA'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP DURING COVID-19

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2020*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise with deep concern regarding the state of U.S. leadership during the global COVID-19 pandemic. Tragically, over 200,000 people have died worldwide, with more than 3 million confirmed cases. This likely represents just the tip of the viral iceberg.

The Coronavirus pandemic has caused the worst global health crisis since the 1918 Spanish flu epidemic.

Real leadership could have contained this devastation. Instead of leading the global response though, the Administration ignored repeated warnings from his intelligence experts and undermined the seriousness of the threat. Those at the very top called it a hoax, squabbled over the name of the virus, undermined G-7 unity, closed the U.S. border with Europe without consulting our closest allies, and significantly delayed the opportunity to slow the spread of the disease both globally and domestically.

Worse yet, despite warnings during the administration transition of the possible security

threats of a viral pandemic, they hollowed out and eliminated the National Security Council's Directorate for Global Health Security and Bio-defense at Home. Now, we face the highest number of reported infections in the world, with more than 970,000 cases, and an alarming risk of spread rates because we still lack adequate testing capabilities.

In the absence of American leadership, malign actors including China, Russia and Cuba have filled the void. They provided and pledged humanitarian assistance to Italy, the Philippines, and other nations in desperate need of assistance. Authoritarian governments have used the ensuing chaos to consolidate their rule. Take Russian President Putin's constitutional referendum to extend presidential term limits or Hungarian Prime Minister Orbán's recent parliamentary moves to rule by decree. But worse yet, also to spread misinformation about the disease and democratic response. Threatening further the domestic political divisions already ripe with tension.

What makes our nation great is not only the American people's ingenuity to solve problems at home, but also our generosity and creativity to lead with our values when the world faces crisis. Six years ago, the U.S. led the fight against the Ebola crisis from the beginning. We developed, coordinated, and led a worldwide response to the Ebola outbreak, as well as strengthened our preparedness at home. As a result, we stopped the outbreak and kept the homeland safe.

It is long past time for the Administration to play a leading role in the global pandemic coordination response. As the richest nation on earth with leading global health experts, real leadership would coordinate and contain the virus domestically then turn to aid the international community. Real leadership would not cast blame and withhold international aid to organizations leading the global fight. Real leadership would be fully supporting critical, independent news outlets like Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and Voice of America who are providing credible news services and countering Russian and Chinese disinformation.

Americans are at risk of further waves of infection back in the homeland. The most vulnerable around the world are suffering. Global coordination and collaboration is vital, not only to keep Americans safe, but also to maintain the U.S.'s position as the leader of the free world and to maintain democratic values in countries across the globe.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SACOMANI FAMILY

### HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2020*

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael and Tonya Sacomani and their kids for turning the difficulties of social distancing and confinement into a positive.

The Sacomani's had to quickly adapt after their family trip, a cruise for the kids' spring break, was canceled due to COVID-19.

During these long days of social distancing and isolation, the Sacomani's turned to a camping staycation in their own backyard, which backs up to the Saline River.

The Sacomani's made it their family mission to clean up as much of the Saline River as they can during the quarantine.

Their list of cleaned up trash is incredible, so far including refrigerators, stoves, ski boats lodged in trees, a hot tub lodged in a tree, and hundreds of tires.

I would like to extend a hand of gratitude to the Sacomani's for their worthwhile commitment to hard work, our environment and natural resources.

#### HONORING OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2020*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor our law enforcement officers from across our nation. This year National Police Week kicks off on May 10, which we dedicate time on the calendar to honor, remember, and celebrate American Law Enforcement.

Since 1962, National Police Week continues to pay special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

Each year, hundreds of American law enforcement officers are killed in the line of duty. In respect, honor, and remembrance their names are added to the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. This year, 307 names are being engraved on those walls, adding to the nearly 22,000 killed in the line of duty already memorialized there.

Our law enforcement officers protect our communities by keeping us safe from harm, and even putting their own lives in jeopardy to save ours. Throughout my district, I've seen firsthand how committed our local officers are in keeping our communities safe and striving to protect our families by acting courageously when they come across harm.

Given the unprecedented health threat of COVID-19, our law enforcement officers remain committed to serving our people. I would like to take this time to thank our brave men and women for risking their lives every single day.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring our brave men and women who serve in our front lines and for all our fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF ISAAC ROBINSON

### HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2020*

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Isaac Robinson, a public servant from the State of Michigan, who tragically lost his life to illness, suspected COVID-19.

Born and raised in Michigan, Isaac Robinson grew up with a strong interest in politics. His mother, former Michigan State Representative Rose Mary Robinson, was among the

first women elected to serve as a Wayne County Commissioner. Isaac looked to his mother's example and pursued a career in public service. After earning his Juris Doctorate degree from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, Isaac went on to work for the United Automobile Workers as well as Michigan Teamsters Joint Council No. 43 before founding his own law firm.

Isaac's work on behalf of laborers only galvanized his resolve to work on behalf of the public. In 2018, he was elected to serve as State Representative to Michigan's Fourth District. Isaac was a ferocious advocate for the people he served, championing environmental justice issues, disability rights, and housing rights. Isaac Robinson was a big-hearted and passionate advocate for the people he served, and he will be sorely missed.

I therefore ask you to please join me in honoring the memory of State Representative Isaac Robinson.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
STARBASE PROGRAM

**HON. GREGORIO KILIL CAMACHO  
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2020*

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce legislation to include the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa in the Department of Defense STARBASE Program.

STARBASE is a grant program aimed at improving math and science skills through partnerships between military installations and schools with high proportions of economically and educationally disadvantaged students. STARBASE students participate in hands-on activities and real-world applications of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) led by military personnel in these career fields. The program primarily focuses on fifth graders including those historically underrepresented in STEM fields to attract and prepare them at an early age to pursue and succeed in related coursework and careers. STARBASE 2.0 focuses on middle school students in an after-school, mentor program format.

Such a beneficial educational experience should be available to all students in our country including the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa. The law establishing the STARBASE program currently defines "state" to include the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam. My legislation would ensure all U.S. territories are included in this definition.

The gentlewoman from American Samoa, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, is an original cosponsor of the bill.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation.

HONORING IOWA'S BLOOD BANKS  
AND VOLUNTEERS AS IOWANS  
OF THE WEEK

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2020*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the men and women working and volunteering across Iowa to maintain a critical component of our health care system: blood donation. Whether they're blood center employees or volunteer blood donors, these individuals are quite literally rolling up their sleeves to make a difference in their communities during the coronavirus outbreak. For that commitment, it is my honor to celebrate each and every one of them as Iowan of the Week.

The Surgeon General of the United States, Jerome Adams, recently called upon the public, especially Millennials and Gen Z, to consider donating blood during this crisis. He and the FDA reiterated that blood donation is safe and blood centers have been taking extra precautions to adhere to new CDC guidelines by spacing beds at least six feet apart, disinfecting surfaces between patient visits, temperature checking the staff, conducting additional screening of donors, and encouraging advance scheduling of appointments.

I join the Surgeon General and FDA in calling upon healthy, eligible Iowans to continue donating blood to maintain a safe, stable, and adequate community blood supply. Since COVID-19 began to spread in our country, thousands of blood drives have been cancelled and blood center donations have slowed significantly, resulting in several hundred thousand fewer blood donations nationwide. Without increased donor turnout, the United States will soon face a serious blood shortage.

When disaster strikes or we find ourselves in the midst of a public health crisis like the coronavirus outbreak, it is the blood on the shelves that saves lives. It's part of our nation's readiness to face this challenge head on. Not only are health care professionals caring for those affected by COVID-19, but they're also still working 24/7 caring for cancer patients, trauma victims, and those in need of surgery. The need for blood is constant. One standard donation—an act that takes a few minutes—can save up to three lives and helps maintain the community blood supply.

Donated blood is an essential part of caring for patients, and every blood center in the country is affected by this pandemic. I encourage every healthy, eligible Iowan to make an appointment to donate blood at their local blood center in the coming weeks. Remember: it is safe to donate blood; blood centers are taking every precaution to protect workers and donors; there have been no reported or suspected cases of transfusion-transmitted COVID-19; and donating blood will not lower your immune system. It's normal to feel fear during this time of uncertainty, but Iowans can be sure their blood donation will make a positive impact in our fight against this disease.

I applaud our local blood center employees at places like LifeServe who are putting their community first by still going into work each day; their dedication and bravery in the face of coronavirus is inspiring. I also applaud local

blood donors who, by no exaggeration, are saving the lives of their neighbors in need. Both are nothing short of heroic, and it is my honor to recognize them as Iowans of the Week.

CORONAVIRUS FRONTLINE WORKERS FAIR PAY ACT OF 2020, H.R. 6709

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2020*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, during the COVID-19 public health and economic crisis, essential workers are confronting significant risks to their health and the safety of their families in order to provide our communities with life-sustaining services. Health care workers, grocery store personnel, first responders, and other brave workers deserve hazard pay for the risks they are taking to provide critical services during this unprecedented national crisis.

On May 5, 2020 I was proud to introduce H.R. 6709, the Coronavirus Frontline Workers Fair Pay Act of 2020, which would establish a dedicated fund in the U.S. Treasury to provide employers with coronavirus hazard pay funds to be passed on to high-risk health care workers and other essential workers on the frontlines of the fight against this virus. This hazard pay would be an important step in recognizing the sacrifices and contributions of countless Americans, including those health care workers that are in high risk positions.

H.R. 6709 would guarantee hazard pay for individuals working in high-risk health care roles between January 27, 2020 and December 31, 2020. For the purposes of H.R. 6709, the definition of "high-risk health care worker" is intended to include, at minimum, individuals in the following occupations, as specified under major group 29 or 31 in the 2018 Standard Occupational Classification System:

Pharmacists; Physician Assistants; Podiatrists; Respiratory Therapists; Registered Nurses; Nurse Anesthetists; Nurse Midwives; Nurse Practitioners; Anesthesiologists; Cardiologists; Dermatologists; Emergency Medicine Physicians; Family Medicine Physicians; General Internal Medicine Physicians; Neurologists.

Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Pediatricians, General; Physicians, Pathologists; Psychiatrists; Radiologists; Physicians, All Other; Ophthalmologists, Except Pediatric; Orthopedic Surgeons, Except Pediatric; Pediatric Surgeons; Surgeons, All Other; Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists; Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians; Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians; Diagnostic Medical Sonographers; Nuclear Medicine Technologists.

Radiologic Technologists and Technicians; Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists; Medical Dosimetrists; Emergency Medical Technicians; Paramedics; Pharmacy Technicians; Psychiatric Technicians; Surgical Technologists; Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses; Surgical Assistants; Home Health Aides; Personal Care Aides; Nursing Assistants; Orderlies; Psychiatric Aides.

This list is not exhaustive; but is illustrative of the many health care workers that are facing extraordinary risks to keep Americans safe

during this pandemic. As a nation, it is imperative that we ensure essential workers are provided the pay they deserve for the risks they take on behalf of us all.

CONGRATULATING RICHARD  
BOYER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2020*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard Boyer on celebrating his 100th birthday on Wednesday, May 6, 2020. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Mr. Boyer on reaching this momentous milestone.

A proud World War II veteran, a dedicated member of our community, and a former small business owner, Mr. Boyer is a true hero in Franklin County. Earlier this year, it was my privilege to present Mr. Boyer with several medals honoring his service in the U.S. Navy, and to hear him recount some of the stories of his youth.

After completing basic training, Mr. Boyer's company was assigned to a new destroyer and sent to Cuba in the fall of 1940 and then to Europe. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Boyer's ship was sent to Norfolk, Virginia, to add implements of war to the ship before traveling to Pearl Harbor. Once in Pearl Harbor, Marines boarded the ship and they departed for Midway Island. Boyer also served aboard the USS *Gwin* DD-433 during the Doolittle Raid.

After nearly eight years of military service, Mr. Boyer returned to Franklin County with his wife, Mary Jane. Longtime residents of South Mountain, Mr. and Mrs. Boyer operated the Big Dipper Restaurant and Dance Hall, a popular location in the Rouzerville area, until it closed in 1970.

It is my sincere pleasure and privilege to honor Richard Boyer for his many years of service to our Franklin County community and to the United States of America. Over the past century, he has lived a remarkable life. I wish Mr. Boyer a very happy 100th birthday and every continued happiness.

THANKING HOMETOWN HERO  
KELLI MARTIN FOR OPENING  
THE FREE FOOD PORCH PANTRY  
DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2020*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kelli Martin, who opened a food pantry on her front porch to feed the hungry during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since opening the "Free Food Porch Pantry," her operation has tripled from one to three tables.

Ms. Martin is a Certified Nursing Assistant who saw a need in her neighborhood once the coronavirus pandemic hit. The West Bluff

Neighborhood in Peoria sits amid a food desert in the area, where residents have to make a long trek just to get to a grocery store. The state's stay-at-home order has caused many of the neighborhood's residents to lose their jobs. News spread in the neighborhood and on Facebook about the food pantry porch and more and more people began to rely on this generous service to feed their families or donate their own supplies. Ms. Martin is a Hometown Hero who cares about her neighbors and community. I commend Ms. Martin for taking immediate action so her neighbors do not go hungry.

It is because of leaders such as Ms. Martin that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally thank Ms. Kelli Martin for her actions amidst a global pandemic to keep her neighbors from going hungry.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTH-  
DAY OF KATHERINE BOYD  
BROWN

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2020*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ms. Katherine Boyd Brown, a resident of Highland Park, Michigan, as she celebrates her one hundredth birthday.

Born one hundred years ago, Ms. Boyd Brown lives life to the fullest. The beloved matriarch of her family, Ms. Boyd Brown counts her children, grandchildren, and her many family members as blessings in her life. Her strength, grace, and love for life has had a tremendous positive impact on all who know her. Though separated by miles from her family, Ms. Boyd Brown is surrounded by the constant love and warmth of her family who holds her in their prayers and warm wishes as she celebrates this milestone.

Please join me in celebrating Katherine Boyd Brown's birthday as we wish her well in the years to come.

HONORING OUR LAW ENFORCE-  
MENT DURING NATIONAL POLICE  
WEEK

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2020*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the great sacrifice of our Nation's men and women in law enforcement. May 10th is the beginning of National Police Week. This week is a time for all Americans to pause and pay tribute to those who serve in law enforcement, and to remember those who have fallen.

Everyday our nation's law enforcement officers leave their homes and families to make sure that our communities are safe. During these uncertain times, law enforcement offi-

cers play a vital role on the front lines to reduce the spread of COVID-19. I have always been amazed at the willingness of our law enforcement officers to put themselves in harms way for their neighbors, friends, family, and strangers.

During this National Police Week, take a moment and say thank you to your local law enforcement officers and continue to be grateful that there are those among us who are willing to risk their lives to keep our communities safe.

I thank the Law Enforcement Agencies of the Florida 12th Congressional District. We are eternally grateful for their sacrifice.

LEGISLATION TO SECURE AMER-  
ICAN SPACE LAUNCH PRE-  
EMINENCE

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2020*

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, I, along with my colleague, Representative CHARLIE CRIST, feel our nation's robust commercial space launch industry is threatened by increased subsidies from foreign government entities. This threat does not only adversely impact U.S. space launch providers, but it will adversely impact our ability to have affordable and assured ability to launch critical U.S. national security payloads.

There are unfair practices coming from China, India, Russia and Europe.

These countries have taken notice of U.S. market growth and are funding their own launch vehicle development and providing direct subsidies to compete with and take market share from the U.S. commercial launch companies.

To level the playing field, the American Space Commerce Act extends existing space launch tax incentives for an additional ten years for companies that launch their payloads from the United States.

The 2019 Report to Congress of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission states that "China is taking steps to establish a commanding position in the commercial launch and satellite sectors relying in part on aggressive state-backed financing that foreign market-driven companies cannot match."

The report further adds, "China has already succeeded in undercutting some U.S. and other foreign launch and satellite providers in the international market, threatening to hollow out these countries' space industrial bases."

A strong domestic space launch industry is in the national security interest of the United States. Foreign launch providers are heavily subsidized by their governments and use these subsidies to intentionally price below the cost to undercut American competition, materially harming the American industrial base.

The American Space Commerce Act will help our domestic space launch industry and keep the United States a leader in space.