

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 KILILI 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 on 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.