

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.