

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, this is a special week for the more than 32 million Americans living with potentially life-threatening food allergies. Food Allergy Awareness Week, May 10 through 16, is dedicated to raising awareness about the challenges our food allergy families and friends face each and every day.

Of course, this year's Food Allergy Awareness Week comes at a critical time. Our country is grappling with its greatest public health threat in over a century. The COVID-19 pandemic has made life even more challenging for most Americans, including our food allergy families. The New York Times recently reported on the lack of safe, healthy, and affordable food choices for allergic families. In addition, CNBC reported that the threat of contracting the corona virus is keeping people away from visiting emergency rooms. In ordinary times, a food allergy reaction sends one person in the U.S. to the emergency room every three minutes. During the pandemic, food allergy families have needed to change the way they prepare for emergency care related to anaphylaxis.

Individuals and families with food allergies are resilient, and I have long been inspired by their courage to navigate life's challenges. That's why I have been working for the past year with FARE (Food Allergy Research & Education), the world's leading food allergy advocacy organization, to improve the quality of life for the more than 1.5 million Americans allergic to sesame.

Sesame is a common ingredient and is found in food like bread, cookies, and pizza dough. But many people don't know that it is also found in other items such as candy corn, ice cream, and sushi.

Sesame's widespread use is why those allergic to it desperately need to know what foods it is found in so they can avoid this ingredient. Unfortunately, that information does not exist. Currently, sesame is often labeled as a "natural flavor" or as a "spice" on the ingredients label leaving millions of Americans unable to make smart and healthy food decisions to protect themselves or their family members.

Thankfully, there is hope. Last year, I wrote and introduced the Food Allergy Safety, Treatment, Education, and Research (FASTER) Act, H.R. 2117 that would require sesame be added to the list of allergens that must be labeled. It would join other common allergens like milk, eggs, and peanuts that are already labeled. The FASTER Act is the first meaningful food allergy legislation at the federal level in more than a decade and would change the lives for millions of Americans. The FASTER Act is a bipartisan solution that provides food

allergy families with the life-saving information they need.

I am proud to fight for food allergy families and during this year's Food Allergy Awareness Week, I urge my colleagues to join with me in support of the more than 32 million Americans affected by life-threatening food allergies.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE ANDREW HOWORTH

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the outstanding career of Judge Andrew Howorth. Mr. Howorth chose to create his first Facebook post to announce to friends and family his plans on retiring as of June this year. In his nearly two decades on the bench, Mr. Howorth has honorably served the state of Mississippi and the people of the Oxford-Lafayette County in his commitment to both his career and the well-being of North Mississippi.

Mr. Howorth best described his dedication to public service in this way: "This is an opportunity . . . to work to preserve the integrity of the judicial system as is the responsibility of every judge. The part I'm most looking forward to is meeting and working with new people." Mr. Howorth is not only an example of judicial leadership but embodies a commitment to his community that is nothing short of admirable. He has served on the Mississippi Drug Court Advisory committee and is a Mississippi Bar Foundation fellow. He is an active member of the Oxford Rotary Club, has served on the Oxford Housing Authority and the Oxford-Lafayette County United Way. Last year, he was honored as the county Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, and I cannot think of an award that better suits Mr. Howorth.

In his retirement, Mr. Howorth plans to spend time on his farm in Abbeville with his wife, Elizabeth. They have an extensive bucket list they intend on checking off, and I wish them the best in this treasured season of life.

I commend Judge Howorth for his admirable service to the state of Mississippi and his commitment to advocating for justice. Whom ever is to be appointed by the Governor has a substantial legacy to live up to.

THE WUHAN VIRUS WEB OF LIES

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, as a former journalist myself, it is sad the mainstream media is so biased due to Trump Derangement Syndrome of mindless

hatred. There is unlimited U.S. fake news, the Chinese Communist Party is relentless with propaganda, Russia blogs sow absurd discontent, Iranian zealots flat out lie, but in the midst of this madness it should be gratefully recognized there are rare beacons of truth as evidenced on March 19th with The Epoch Times editorial The Web of Lies Spun Around the CCP Virus.

It is especially noteworthy what was correctly opined months ago is still rarely true today. It is so important and correct it should be worthy of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for the American people to know today and historians in the future. I include in the RECORD a piece authored by Heng He, a commentator on Sound of Hope Radio, a China analyst for NTD and a writer for The Epoch Times newspaper.

"THE WEB OF LIES SPUN AROUND THE CCP VIRUS"

The world can learn much by paying attention to how the outbreak of the CCP virus—commonly known as the novel coronavirus—has been handled in China.

There were at least two well-known doctors at Wuhan Central Hospital during the outbreak, the whistleblower Dr. Li Wenliang and whistle-provider Dr. Ai Fen.

Ai is the emergency room director who saw a SARS coronavirus-positive test report for a patient on Dec. 30, 2019, and sent the report to a friend. The report immediately circulated in a circle of eight doctors that included Li.

The reaction was almost instantaneous. At 10:20 p.m., the hospital sent a message conveying a Wuhan Health Commission notice that anything about the "unknown pneumonia" shouldn't be made public. One hour later, the hospital sent another, similar notice. Then, on Jan. 2, Ai was called to the hospital office and was rebuked by a hospital official, who also conveyed orders from higher authorities. Ai didn't talk about the virus afterward, not even to her husband, until Jan. 20.

Li and seven other doctors who were considered whistleblowers got more serious punishment. They also were censured, and not by hospital officials, but by police on Jan. 3. The censorship effort turned out to be very successful; all of the doctors who knew about the outbreak kept silent.

Meanwhile, the rest of China and the world were kept in the dark for at least another 20 days.

The coverup and censorship had begun before Ai shared the test report. Wuhan Central Hospital sent out the first "unknown pneumonia" patient sample on Dec. 24, 2019. The report, which the hospital received Dec. 27, indicated that a coronavirus was found in the sample, with 70 percent similarity to SARS coronavirus. A report from a second test facility stated simply, "SARS." Both facilities were private companies.

The hospital reported the results to the Wuhan Health Commission the same day, which means that Wuhan officials knew of the disease three days earlier than Ai. While the Wuhan Health Commission can directly order the hospital to silence doctors, only administrative officials can order the police to punish whistleblowers.

The coverup was already at the city government level as early as Jan. 3.

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Other organizations also covered up the outbreak. On Jan. 1, the Hubei Provincial Health Commission notified gene-sequencing companies not to take the Wuhan pneumonia samples, not to test the samples, not to submit scientific papers, and not to reveal the results to the public. It also was ordered that all samples must be destroyed.

On Jan. 3, the National Health Commission formally banned all non-governmental facilities from testing samples related to the Wuhan pneumonia case, which the Beijing financial magazine *Caixin* recounted, in the report "Tracing the Novel Coronavirus Gene Sequencing: When Did the Alarm Sound." The *Caixin* article was taken down several hours after being published.

HUMAN-TO-HUMAN TRANSMISSION

An esteemed, senior doctor named Zhong Nanshan was used to manage part of another coverup. Zhong went to Wuhan on Jan. 19. Before he left Wuhan to go to Beijing the next day, he announced that the virus was capable of human-to-human transmission, which authorities at different levels had denied.

Before Zhong, two groups of experts had been sent to Wuhan by the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (China CDC). Why is it that Zhong would find something within one day while so many experts visiting Wuhan couldn't? Caijing, another Beijing-based financial magazine, interviewed an expert from the second group, and asked those in the group whether hospital staff had been infected—the key evidence for human-to-human transmission. The experts never got an answer.

Zhong had earned a good reputation for fighting SARS and is the leading Chinese official for fighting respiratory infectious diseases. An outsider to Wuhan, he hadn't been involved in the previous coverup. He had the authority to change the status of the epidemic disease, and could change the tone without exposing government wrongdoing.

Zhong, then, was just another tool of the Party. During this outbreak, even partial "truth" from the CCP becomes part of the lies.

From day one, every Party and government organization—and the hospitals and individuals inside the system—has been involved in weaving a web of lies. Anyone who intentionally or unintentionally exposed the lies was immediately silenced, by different organizations, at different levels, and by different authorities.

'DISASTERS MAKE THE NATION STRONG'

The CCP's institutions are designed for keeping its power, not for preventing and handling natural disasters, especially not for something like the novel coronavirus.

The pattern is usually like this. When a large-scale natural disaster such as an earthquake or flood occurs, the CCP doesn't need to do much for the victims and survivors. Digging up survivors is for taking photos or videos—saving lives is the least concern.

During the Sichuan earthquake in 2008, classrooms collapsed, killing schoolchildren, while government buildings remained standing. But officials were never held accountable for the corruption that caused the shoddy school construction. The CCP's "solution" was to jail parents and activists who sought the truth and justice.

In fighting disasters, the most important work is to brag about how great the CCP is. The people can only see the gratitude of the survivors to the Party, the red-flag-waving rescue teams, the award and victory celebration ceremonies, and other similar actions. As time goes by, people who have no direct experience of the suffering can only remember—the propaganda, while totally forgetting the victims and the officials responsible for the disaster.

This pattern is captured in the CCP slogan, "disasters make the nation strong." It might be difficult to understand that natural or even man-made disasters can be transformed into a "good thing" to enhance the CCP's power. After the victims, the survivors, and the activists are silenced, CCP can easily generate the support of those who haven't suffered personally.

The disasters don't make the nation strong. They make the CCP strong.

SCAPEGOATS

During this virus outbreak, the CCP has gone even further. "Disasters make the nation strong" has become "CCP saves the world." The CCP has claimed that China bought time for the world, a boast that has been echoed by some Western media.

But if the CCP didn't cover things up, there was not need to "buy time." The CCP is very good at allowing a small problem to grow, then using all resources to fight the "big problem." People see the CCP fighting the big problem so efficiently that they tend to forget the problem was originally created by the CCP. This is part of the Party's information war.

From the beginning, Chinese authorities have sought to pass the blame for the outbreak. The first scapegoat was Huanan Seafood Market (HSM). HSM was formally mentioned as the source by Chinese authorities on Dec. 30, 2019, on Jan. 11 by the Wuhan Health Commission, and on Jan. 22 by Gao Fu, the director of China CDC.

However, three papers, including two from *Lancet* and one from the *New England Journal of Medicine*, and all by Chinese doctors and scientists, published between Jan. 24 and 30, tell a different story.

In the first 41 cases, 13 of them had no HSM contact history, and the first case, and two of three subsequent cases, had no HSM history. Since those cases were all confirmed before Jan. 11, the Wuhan Health Commission was aware that HSM could only be the first cluster, and not the original source. Denial of human-to-human transmission is one thing, while intentionally misleading about the origin of the disease is a totally different issue. What did they want to hide?

The second scapegoat is the pangolin, the odd mammal with scales whose meat is considered a delicacy. On Feb. 7, a research group at South China Agriculture University announced that they had found a virus in the pangolin that has a 99 percent similarity to the coronavirus causing the Wuhan pneumonia.

However, one of the researchers, Shen Yongyi, pointed out in an interview with *Nanfeng Daily* that the pangolin sample wasn't from the university's collection but from a certain specific government unit. Shen said that under heavy pressure, results were revealed to the public, rather than publishing them in a scientific journal first.

Since these two scapegoats didn't work well, the United States has become the new target.

Zhao Lijian, the spokesperson for the Foreign Ministry Department, has claimed that a U.S. military team brought the coronavirus to Wuhan. This was not Zhao's personal mistake. Before Zhao's accusation, the SARS-fighting Dr. Zhong said that because the coronavirus outbreak appeared in China doesn't mean it originated in China. Since then, Zhao's accusation and similar finger-pointing have flooded China's social media.

If the HSM and pangolin were put forward to find someone, anyone, to blame, out of a spontaneous response, the decision to point at the United States is an equally well-orchestrated strategy from the top circle of the leadership. Why does the CCP want to do

something so obviously wrong that nobody around the world would believe? The CCP is trying to turn the coronavirus controversy to its advantage, especially in China.

What else could be more effective and convenient than blaming the United States? The United States has been the No. 1 scapegoat for all the CCP's own problems for the past 70 years.

Did the CCP lie about the Wuhan outbreak at the early stage? Yes. Is the CCP still lying now? No doubt. Will the CCP lie in the future? Definitely. What should we do? Don't trust anything from the CCP. That's what Taiwan has been doing, and doing so well.

During the SARS outbreak in 2003, Taiwan was abandoned by the World Health Organization (WHO), which favors the CCP. Facing the coronavirus, Taiwan can only rely on itself. The most important lesson the rest of the world can learn from Taiwan is not to trust the CCP or WHO.

While some countries believe that Taiwan should be accepted by WHO, it turns out that it's not Taiwan that needs WHO, but the whole world needs Taiwan.

The *Epoch Times* refers to the novel coronavirus, which causes the disease COVID-19, as the CCP virus because the Chinese Communist Party's coverup and mismanagement allowed the virus to spread throughout China and create a global pandemic.

IN HONOR OF BOBBY DUKE RORER

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bobby Duke Rorer. Mr. Rorer was born in Cynthiana, Kentucky, lived for many years in Lawrenceburg, and currently resides at the Thomson-Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore, Kentucky. He celebrates his 96th birthday on May 29th.

Mr. Rorer volunteered to serve his country during World War II. He enlisted in the United States Army on July 3, 1942, soon after turning 17. He served as a Technician Fifth Grade with the 871st Airborne Engineers Company C. His Company was shipped to the South Pacific, where they moved through the islands building airstrips. They were under constant attack by the Japanese. Mr. Rorer suffered twice from malaria.

During a time that his company was a Tsili Tsili, a Japanese bomber crashed and exploded. The explosion was massive and Rorer was buried alive. Fortunately, he was dug out but lost his hearing. He encountered heavy fighting, illness, a typhoon, and many other difficulties as his company continued building airstrips throughout the islands.

After serving for more than 3 years. Mr. Rorer was honorably discharged on January 3rd, 1946. For his service, he was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon with 2 Bronze Service Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Bronze Service Star, the American Theater Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Award, and the World War II Victory Medal. He returned home and became a heavy equipment operator. In his own words, "I am proud to have served my country in its greatest time of need."

It is my honor to recognize Mr. Rorer, celebrate his 96th birthday and thank him for his service and sacrifice to our nation during

World War II. As a part of "The Greatest Generation", Mr. Rorer and his fellow soldiers fought to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy today, and we can never thank them enough. I am forever grateful for Americans like Bobby Duke Rorer.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
MORRIS HOOD, III

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the late former-Michigan State Legislator Morris Hood, III, whose life was tragically cut short by COVID-19.

Morris Hood was born and raised in Detroit. His roots ran deep in Detroit and Wayne County. Mr. Hood was elected to Michigan's House of Representatives, where he served the maximum three terms before he went on to be elected to Michigan's State Senate, where he served the maximum two terms. He cared deeply for the people he represented and prioritized his time connecting with them, whether it was hosting meetings about important issues or attending community gatherings. His easygoing nature and innate leadership abilities afforded him respect from his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. Morris Hood leaves a legacy of advocacy for policy initiatives to uplift the communities he served. He was a champion for education and remained committed to improving our public schools.

Morris Hood was a true public servant and more than that, a friend. Please join me in honoring his legacy.

CONGRATULATING CYNTHIA WILLIAMS AND THE AUSTIN PEOPLES ACTION CENTER ON ITS 40TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, May 10th marked the 40th Year Anniversary of the Austin Peoples Action Center which was organized by a teenager/young adult, her parents and members of the Third Unitarian Church of Chicago in the Austin Community. Austin at the time was the largest community area in the City of Chicago and was still under-going a serious population change from being predominately white to becoming majority black. There was wholesale migration, racial animosity, blockbusting, panic peddling and mistrust. Cynthia Williams, a feisty teenage/young adult emerged as a leader of a group and the Austin Peoples Action Center was born, with support of the Williams family, the Mayfield Block Club and the Third Unitarian Church. The group took off with neighborhood programs, help for teenagers, block club organizing and other self-help activities, e.g. community festivals and the Taste of Austin which has occurred for more than thirty-five years in succession. Help for teenagers and young adults has evolved into Ma-

ternal and Child Health Programs and the largest WIC Program in the State of Illinois, Parenting Skills Development, Technology Training and other activities for youth.

I take this opportunity to commend and congratulate Ms. Cynthia Williams and the Austin Peoples Action Center on 40 Years of Productive Service.

LORRAINE MADDEN

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the life and legacy of the late Gloucester County, New Jersey resident Mrs. Lorraine Madden.

Born in 1933, in the mining town Shamokin, Pennsylvania, Lorraine Madden was the third born child of Clarence and Marie Greager. In the 1940's the family moved to South West Philadelphia where she attended catholic school and began working at the age of fifteen to contribute to her family.

Mrs. Lorraine Madden married Fred Madden, Sr. and had two sons, Fred Jr. and Thomas. She worked at a local hospital, Bell Telephone, Harleco Company, A.E. Price Importers and lastly in human resources for Johns Manville. After retirement, Lorraine and Fred relocated to Surfside Beach, South Carolina for the next twenty years. After being many miles away from their family and friends they decided to move back to New Jersey.

The residents of Gloucester County, New Jersey greatly adored and appreciated Mrs. Madden. Her passing is a great loss for our entire community. She is the beloved wife of Fred H. Madden, Sr., devoted mother of the Honorable Fred. H. Madden, Jr. (Patricia) and Thomas Madden, Sr. (Margaret). Loving grandmother of Patricia, Maureen, Thomas, Hillary, Tara, Frederick, III, Catherine and Margaret. Proud great-grandmother of Jace, Kaylee-Jo, Alyssa, Ava-Jo, Jeffrey, Declan, Everly and William.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the late Lorraine Madden, of Gloucester County, New Jersey, a loved wife, mother and grandmother.

NORTH AUGUSTA BUSINESSES GET CREATIVE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, it was heartwarming that on May 7th, during National Small Business Week, The Augusta Chronicle identified North Augusta businesses, getting creative. As we all work together to defeat the Wuhan Virus, it is inspiring to see small businesses working together.

I include in RECORD the following article developed by Staff Writer Miguel Legoas.

With a tent, a couple tables, and a dedicated staff, The Purple Hull restaurant made a DIY drive-through that has done so well owner Ray Henderson said they may make a more permanent version.

"I think it's developed some business that we didn't have, so I think we may go and actually build off the back-end and put us a drive through there," he said.

Henderson said the pandemic dealt a serious blow to the business, as it has done with many other small businesses, which is why they had to get creative in order to persevere.

Jenny and Jesse Elliot, of Shoppe313, have flexed those same creative muscles with their online sales and by creating kits for parents so they can build their own teddy bears from home.

Suzanne Fanning, of the Pink Dipper ice cream shop, also reiterated Henderson's point, and since re-opening her store has adjusted hours, put up a partition between the customers and employees, updated their delivery service, and has done more with curbside pickup.

"Every day is a learning process being open during the pandemic," Fanning said. "What we learned and what we're trying to teach our staff is that, in this craziness, we're having to be really flexible. . . (and) most customers have been really pretty understanding of the changes."

But some of the customers in the North Augusta area have done much more than be courteous. Parks Pharmacy store manager Karen Powell said some customers, in their own time and with their own money, surprised the pharmacy with handmade masks for the entire staff.

"It was very touching, it spoke very loudly that someone cared," Powell said.

"We've got a little GroupMe chat, we've got emails shooting back and forth when all this was kicking up, the Chamber and North Augusta Forward were super, super helpful in just educating us all about the resources that are available," Fanning said.

Henderson said they have tried to help other businesses, ones that could be considered competitors. When Wife Saver said it would be closing, they offered encouragement and help, and did the same with a nearby Mexican establishment. They even provided DeShawn's Seafood and Chicken Restaurant with some much-needed supplies.

"We all kinda doing our own thing and not really focused on each other," Henderson said. "I think it made it where we were more willing to open up and say "Hey, I need your help."

CONGRATULATING EMMALINE LANDES ON SELECTION AS AN ARKANSAS STATE HONOREE FOR PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Emmaline Landes on her selection as Arkansas' state honoree with the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. As one of only 102 students chosen nationwide, Emmaline was recognized for her outstanding service to her peers. Sponsored by Prudential Financial and partnered with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), this award honors the top youth volunteers of the year.

A senior at El Dorado High School, Emmaline has raised over \$16,000 since 2013 for various nonprofits and causes by selling more than 300 pieces of original artwork. Some of these causes include child abuse, homelessness, animal adoption, hunger,

healthcare, and arts education. In addition to these causes, Emmaline has produced several original art shows with the aim of raising funds for those in her community. Some of her shows' revenue has been used to purchase medical supplies for those with ALS or AIDS, and some has been used to purchase baby clothing and supplies for those facing teenage pregnancy.

Given a \$1,000 scholarship and \$2,500 to donate to the COVID-19 efforts of a nonprofit of her choosing, Emmaline stands out as one of the most selfless examples of servant-leadership. I take this time to thank her for her service to the state we both call home.

RECOGNIZING DR. BERT BRIGHT

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay a heartfelt tribute to a very special gentleman who has been instrumental in the growth and development of many lives in eastern North Carolina. Dr. Bert Bright has served well in numerous roles at Arendell Parrott Academy in Kinston, N.C. for the past 25 years.

Dr. Bright has excelled as a middle school science teacher, a Science Olympiad coach—taking five teams to top ten finishes nationally, a varsity football coach, Assistant Headmaster, and finally, Headmaster. He has been a servant leader, a forward thinker, an encourager and a friend to students, parents and faculty. During his tenure as Headmaster, he has overseen multimillion-dollar building projects, administered advanced technology with campuswide wireless access, instituted an after-school program, expanded transportation services and fervently cheered state championship teams in five different sports. He expanded a diverse enrollment through multi-community outreach. But even more than all these achievements, Dr. Bright will be remembered most as a caring teacher and leader who saw the potential in every student and challenged them to be their best. A nurturing administrator who mentored his staff with skill, understanding and dedication.

Parrott Academy enjoys a family atmosphere while maintaining a rigorous curriculum, competitive athletic programs, and exemplary fine arts interwoven with a culture of service. Such an environment would not be possible without the compassion, extraordinary commitment to excellence in education, model of sportsmanship, and servant's heart of Dr. Bert Bright.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing upon his retirement, a true Patriot in every sense of the word: Dr. Bert Bright.

CONGRATULATING PETER
NEWBOULD ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Peter

Newbould, the Senior Public Policy Manager of the Alzheimer's Association Washington State Chapter, on his retirement.

Peter has had an outstanding career advocating for those affected by Alzheimer's. In his six years at the Alzheimer's Association he guided other advocates in opening a meaningful discussion with Congress about this disease. Peter spread awareness of Alzheimer's and was a top ten recruiter in the nation for the Alzheimer's Impact Movement.

Peter was instrumental in advancing public policy goals and served on the advocacy subcommittee of the Dementia Action Collaborative, helping win State appropriations to implement priorities in the 2016 Alzheimer's State Plan.

Prior to joining the Alzheimer's Association, Peter had an impressive career including working for over 13 years in the U.S. House of Representatives. In the 1980s, he was Chief of Staff to Congressman Jim Florio of New Jersey and Congressman RON WYDEN of Oregon. He then served for 21 years as Director of Congressional & Political Affairs at the American Psychological Association, during which he co-chaired a coalition that won passage of two federal laws on mental health parity.

Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize and congratulate Peter Newbould on his retirement and the incredible advocacy work he has done for those facing Alzheimer's.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JANET
OWENS

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Janet Owens, an inspirational community leader and advocate, who passed away on April 8th after a long battle with cancer. Janet was the executive director of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation's (LISC) Jacksonville office for 10 years, serving as a tireless advocate for residents and communities. Under her leadership, new affordable housing was financed, community centers were created to improve financial stability, playing fields were renovated, and local nonprofit organizations were made stronger. I am saddened by her passing, but honored to recognize her dedication and longtime commitment to the people and neighborhoods that Janet fought to improve every day of her life.

Janet was first and foremost a community servant, focused on empowering people and organizations as well as equipping them with the right information and resources. A significant part of her career was spent in public service. She worked in city government in Greenville, South Carolina; Adrian, Michigan; and Washington, D.C. Her service continued after leaving government and was extended in the private sector where she served as Vice President of United Way of Northeast Florida and held positions with the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council and Volunteer Jacksonville.

At LISC, Janet was a tremendous driving force in advancing the organization's mission to help under-resourced neighborhoods in Jacksonville. She believed these neighbor-

hoods were ripe for opportunity and renewal, and her leadership ensured that public and private resources benefitted those most in need. Since its opening in 1999, LISC Jacksonville has invested nearly \$500 million in the community, creating 2,100 affordable homes and 1.7 million square feet of space for commercial, community, and educational facilities. Most notably, Janet was the driving force behind LISC Jacksonville's investment in several pivotal historic preservation projects in downtown Jacksonville, including the Barnett Bank and Laura Street Trio.

Janet's commitment to community development extended well beyond her professional life. She was involved in a range of volunteer activities and was acknowledged for her commitment with numerous awards and accolades over the course of her life. In 2019, she was the recipient of the University of North Florida's OneJax Humanitarian Award, which recognized her integrity, generosity, and dedication to improving the relationships among Jacksonville's diverse populations. Leadership Jacksonville also acknowledged her as an outstanding community trustee during its 2018 Leadership Celebration. The Girl Scouts Gateway Council bestowed their Women of Distinction Award to Janet in honor of her career accomplishments, service to others and impact on the Northeast Florida community.

Janet was a true advocate for the underserved, and her legacy of community service will live on through her accomplishments both in Florida and nationally. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating her life of public service and extend deepest condolences to her mother, Mamie Garrett; her beloved husband of thirty-seven years, Gregory Owens; their three children Greg, Garrett and Morgan; and her grandchildren, siblings, relatives and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS AIRPORT HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in the midst of the catastrophe of the Wuhan Virus it was uplifting to read on the front page of The State newspaper of Columbia, S.C., on May 14th "Airport High School holds virtual graduation ceremony" by Tracy Glantz.

Lexington County School District Two is professionally led by Superintendent Bill James with an extraordinary School Board of Chairman Bill Bingham, Elizabeth (Beth) Dickerson Branham, Cynthia M. (Cindy) Kessler, R. Kevin Key, Christina Rucker, J.M. (Bud) Summers, and Linda Alford-Wooten. Principal David Damm provides dynamic leadership.

I include in the RECORD the article highlighted by the inspiring family photo of Graduate Marcus Gadsden and his deservedly proud parents Yvonne and Richard Gadsden.

AIRPORT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

About 300 seniors at Airport High School walked across a stage in their graduation caps and gowns on Wednesday, but it wasn't their graduation day yet. Wednesday was the second day of filming and photographing at the school to produce a televised, virtual graduation ceremony that will air June 6.

South Carolina state officials have left it to school districts to plan for graduation while taking necessary precautions with social distancing to stop the spread of coronavirus. "We talked of every possible option, but never stepped away from our foundational desire to keep it safe and keep it responsible," Airport High Principal David Damm said.

Groups of graduates and their parents were spaced several feet apart as they approached the stage. The students took their turns, walking across the stage, receiving their diploma case and getting photographs made. These images will be put together in a video along with speeches by Principal David Damm, valedictorian Ashleigh Smith, salutatorian Rose Brandon, Student Body President Katie Kyzer, and Senior Class President Geena Rocanella.

"There's some element to it that we hope is special. . . We are trying to provide the graduates with a memory, a video of their graduation, but do it in a way that keeps people apart and safe," Damm said.

"I'm just glad to have had a ceremony, even if it was small," Julion Brooks said after walking across the stage. His parents, Shaquana and Lamar Brooks, made photographs while wearing T-shirts honoring the class of 2020—"delayed not denied"—printed across the front.

At Lexington District 2's other high school, Brookland-Cayce, students will have a similar opportunity on May 14. Other efforts to help honor the class of 2020 include yard signs, billboards, social media and a countywide porch light salute on May 20, at 8:20 p.m. Virtual graduation ceremonies for the two high schools will air online and on local television June 6, the Lexington 2 school district announced this week.

They will be broadcast together from 5-7 p.m. June 6 on WACH-Fox 57. They will also be available for streaming via STIRR, a free TV app. The presentations will be posted on the school district's YouTube channel after they have aired.

HONORING OUR OFFICERS DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

HON. GILBERT RAY CISNEROS, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. CISNEROS. Madam Speaker, established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1961 and authorized by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, National Peace Officers Memorial Day was proclaimed on May 15th. The proclamation further established the calendar week of May 15th as National Police Week.

National Police Week honors the heroic and selfless devotion of our peace officers to our country. It is a time to honor those who make sacrifices year-round, missing weekends, holidays, and family events to serve their communities. It is also a sacred time as we honor the fallen men and women in law enforcement who have laid down their lives in the line of duty to protect others.

This week we are humbled by the challenges they face and the profound sacrifices that they make. Despite the daily adversity officers face, their dedication to protect the rule of law and their communities remains unwavering. Even in times of grave danger and uncertainty, such as the current Covid-19 pandemic, our nations' police officers were some of the first to stand ready to serve and protect the citizens of their communities.

The spirit of National Police Week is exemplified by those whose actions reflect courage, sacrifice, and selflessness. I am honored to rise today and recognize several individuals who bravely serve the residents of California's 39th District. Serving the Cities of Walnut and Diamond Bar I'd like to honor Lieutenant Tomas Giandomenico, a 30-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department and an Army Veteran, Sergeant Paul Parkhurst, who has served since 2006, and Deputy Jesse Acuna who has served since 2010. From the Fullerton Police Department, I would like to recognize, Sergeant Ryan O'Neil, who has served our community since 2008. From the Chino Hill's Sheriffs Station, I would like to honor Deputy Ed Hernandez, Deputy Eileen Negron, and Deputy Tony Ortega for the daily sacrifices that they make to keep our citizens safe.

These deputies have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Not only serving their community while in uniform, but also using their personal time to help those in need. Lieutenant Giandomenico and Deputy Acuna help disadvantaged youth in Kenya at the School of Angels, a school they founded to provide over 100 children a safe place to gain educational opportunities. Sergeant Parkhurst, a Marine combat veteran, helps transitioning veterans who are returning from active duty adjust to civilian life in the Los Angeles Sheriffs Departments, Vets to Vets program.

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these heroes: Lieutenant Tomas Giandomenico, Sergeant Paul Parkhurst, Sergeant Ryan O'Neil, Deputy Jesse Acuna, Deputy Ed Hernandez, Deputy Eileen Negron, Deputy Tony Ortega, as well as all law enforcement officers, past, and present that make our country, and my District such a special place.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MS. TAMMY ROGERS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the outstanding career of Ms. Tammy Rogers and congratulate her on her retirement from the Lee County Board of Supervisors. After nearly three decades in this seat, Ms. Rogers has served her county well and set the precedent of hard work and commitment in county government.

Tammy Rogers first applied as the Lee County Board of Supervisors Secretary in 1989, though this was not the first they had heard from her. A coworker recalls her phone calls regarding the dilapidated state of a bridge near her home. Ms. Rogers commitment to excellence was only solidified by her new position in public service. She is known for her work-ethic and transparency among her coworkers, as well as her dedication to forming relationships with each supervisor. It is dedication like this that makes North Mississippi great.

The decision to retire after 30 years of service was a difficult one for Ms. Rogers, however she will continue with her career at a local bank. I respect and admire her commit-

ment to public service for so many years and wish her the best in this new chapter of life.

Her colleague Billy Davis said of Ms. Rogers, "You can get some more good ones, but you won't get anyone better." I think this comment exemplifies Ms. Rogers impact on her community and dedication to service. She will continue to be a pillar in her community.

IN RECOGNITION OF CALEB WAWRZYNIAK ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Caleb Wawrzyniak of Sylvania, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Caleb's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2024. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Caleb brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2024. While attending St. Francis de Sales in Toledo, Ohio, Caleb was an elected officer of the Latin American Student Support Organization, and member of the campus ministry, while maintaining a 3.679 GPA.

Throughout high school, Caleb was involved with football, baseball, wrestling, and track among other extracurricular activities. I am confident that Caleb will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Caleb Wawrzyniak on his offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Caleb will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF ORRIN (BOODY) BROWN, JR.

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the 100th birthday of Orrin (Boody) Brown, Jr.

Mr. Brown was born on Easter Sunday April 4th, 1920, to Orrin and Mary Charles at their home on South 4th Avenue in Opelika, Alabama. During his childhood, Mr. Brown attended Miriam S. Brown Elementary School.

As a teenager, his family moved to North 8th Street just across from Cliff Hare High School where he graduated in 1937. He worked several after-school and summer jobs including working as a soda jerk at a local pharmacy. Always a music lover, Mr. Brown played the alto saxophone with a small group of friends in town.

After high school graduation, he attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute (API), now known as Auburn University. With World War II looming, Mr. Brown joined the Air Cadet program, but failed the initial physical because he didn't meet the weight requirement. After increasing his dietary intake, he passed the physical. He graduated in 1941 with a degree in Aeronautical Supervision and was then commissioned in the Army Air Corps.

Mr. Brown was assigned to Cherry Point, North Carolina where he learned to fly anti-sub patrol as a navigator/bombardier. When the U.S. joined the war, his group was sent to England as part of the 8th Air Force. He flew 30 missions in B-24s dropping supplies and agents to the French, Belgian and Norwegian resistance. He remained in the National Guard after the war and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

After returning to Opelika, Mr. Brown worked assisting veterans with loans. He met his future wife, Barbara Saunders on a blind date. They married in October of 1947 and were blessed with three daughters: Barbara (Bebe) and twin sisters Stephanie and Debbie. Mr. Brown has ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Mr. Brown worked at the Alabama Gas Company and later with Botsford Knight Insurance Agency until his retirement. He was an active member of First United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir and participated in the Lumpkin Sunday School Class. He has been a member of the Kiwanis Club for over 60 years and was a member of the Saugahatchee Country Club where he enjoyed playing golf and preferred walking to riding in a golf cart. He still enjoys watching Auburn and SEC sports.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Brown and wishing him a very happy 100th birthday.

INHUMANITY IN AFGHANISTAN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday May 12th there was an inhuman murderous attack by terrorists of a 100-bed hospital compound in Kabul, Afghanistan, which included a maternity ward run by aid group Doctors Without Borders. Gruesomely, the terrorist attack left 16 murdered, including mothers, infants, and healthcare workers, and 15 others were wounded. Shortly thereafter, a cowardly suicide bomber targeted a funeral ceremony of a local police commander in Nangahar, leaving at least 24 dead and 68 injured. This level of fanaticism underscores that we must secure Afghan families or the terrorists will again eagerly kill Americans as they did on September 11th from a cave in Afghanistan.

Tuesday's gut-wrenching attacks are unfortunately not an aberration in Afghanistan, as

terrorists who would like to stifle freedom and liberty continue to destabilize the country and threaten the democratic trajectory of the Afghan government. Although the Afghan Taliban have formally denied their participation in these attacks, President Ashraf Ghani pointed an accusatory finger at the terrorist group and called on them to cease and desist. "I once again call on them to embrace peace," President Ghani said in an official statement, noting that it is "not only a demand of the government, but the nation and the international community." America is grateful for President Ghani's courageous leadership. As Co-Chairman of the Afghan Caucus, I especially have appreciated meeting with the President in Kabul where I found firsthand his devotion to the people.

If the Taliban truly did not participate in these heinous attacks, the group should work with the Afghan government to bring the murderous perpetrators to justice.

It is especially tragic that these attacks occurred during the Muslim holy Month of Ramadan, a time meant for solemn prayer and peace. The people of Afghanistan deserve a peaceful future, free from terrorism and death that they have been plagued with for far too long.

Americans pray that peace, stability, and security return to Afghanistan and we stand ready to support Afghanistan's government and security services in their efforts to realize this dream for prosperity of Afghan families.

TRIBUTE TO MR. LESLIE HERBERT WEXNER

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. STIVERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of myself and my colleagues, Representatives TROY BALDERSON and JOYCE BEATTY, as well as the people of Central Ohio to celebrate the career of one of Ohio's most distinguished citizens, a man who devoted his life to building a historic company and to the improvement of his community, Mr. Leslie Herbert Wexner.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, Mr. Wexner has lived the American Dream. The child of a Russian-Jewish immigrant and a first generation American, he attended The Ohio State University and served in the Ohio Air National Guard. He then got his start in the retail industry working at his family's store, Leslie's. He used that first-hand experience to found The Limited, taking the company public on the New York Stock Exchange just six years later.

Since then, he grew L Brands to, at one point, include household names such as Victoria's Secret, Bath & Body Works, Abercrombie and Henri Bendel. He has consistently been ranked among the Top 100 Best Performing Chief Executive Officers and was named the longest-serving CEO of a Fortune 500 company in 2012.

His success as an entrepreneur is matched only by his extraordinary impact as a philanthropist who has made incredible contributions to Central Ohio. The Wexner Foundation began in order to fill a void in the North American Jewish Community, and has since expanded its mission, with programs including

the Wexner Service Corps, the Wexner Field Fellowship, Wexner Senior Leaders, and Wexner Alumni Summits.

Beyond that, he and his wife, Abigail, have empowered individuals throughout Central Ohio with their charitable works, including support for the Columbus Foundation, The Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center, the Abigail Wexner Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, and the Wexner Center for the Arts.

To attempt to quantify Mr. Wexner's impact is impossible. As Mr. Doug Kridler, president and chief executive officer of the Columbus Foundation once said, "Les blew the ceiling off our sense of the possible in Columbus."

Mr. Wexner tackled projects large and small. From growing his business and providing thousands of jobs, to supporting developing leaders and encouraging medical breakthroughs, he has undeniably helped make Central Ohio a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.

We all have come to know Mr. Wexner for his tireless work ethic, and his commitment to improving the lives of his neighbors. He has done a phenomenal job of building consensus and demonstrating the importance of civility in the process. His impact will be far-reaching for years and years to come, and as he begins this next chapter in his life, we are confident that our communities will continue to benefit from his exemplary leadership.

It is an honor to recognize his retirement, and we ask all of our colleagues to join us in congratulating Mr. Les Wexner on an extraordinary career and wishing him and Abigail all the best.

HONORING RICHARD L. JACOBS ON THE CELEBRATION OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to join the New Haven community in extending my heartfelt congratulations and very best wishes to Richard L. Jacobs, Esq., as he celebrates his 90th birthday. A New Haven native who has dedicated a lifetime to the pursuit of advocacy and justice, this is a remarkable milestone for this pillar of our community.

The Jacobs family's law practice has been an institution in the City of New Haven since its founding by Dick's father, Israel, more than a century ago. Following his graduation from Yale University and Yale Law School, Dick joined the family firm where he has been practicing for more than six decades. He is well known for both his staunch advocacy on behalf of as well as his sincere affection for his clients. Dick's commitment and determination to ensure justice for all led to his early and unflinching support of the New Haven Legal Assistance Association and ensuring that those most in need had access to quality, affordable legal services.

Throughout his professional career, Dick has demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to the justice system. He has been a member of the New Haven County Bar Association and the American Association for Justice since his bar admittance in 1957 and has

served four years as both a member and section chairman on the Connecticut Bar Association. Among the many accolades he has earned, Dick was honored with both the Connecticut Bar Association's Special President's Award as well as the New Haven Legal Assistance Association's Award for Support and Equal Access to Justice. Dick is endowed with an unwavering duty to pursue what is right and it is that indefectible spirit that has won him the respect and admiration of those fortunate enough to know him both in and out of the courtroom.

A lifelong resident of New Haven, Dick has always shown a deep commitment to the community. It is where he and his wife, Cary, raised their own family and where they continue their good work to make a difference. A proud graduate of Yale University and Yale Law School, Dick is an Eli through and through—never missing a home football game, often simply walking right to Yale Bowl to see the games.

Like so many others, I consider myself fortunate to know Dick Jacobs and I am honored to have this opportunity to celebrate this very special occasion. Today, as he marks his 90th birthday, we pay tribute to the lifetime of dedication Richard L. Jacobs has made to the City of New Haven and our legal system. I wish Dick all the best for many more years of health and happiness. Happy Birthday.

CONGRATULATING RANDY THOMPSON ON SELECTION AS A FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Randy Thompson on being selected as one of only fifteen journalism and communications students in the 2020 Berlin Capital Program. Funded through the Fulbright Commission, this elite educational program highlights the best and brightest of America's students.

Thompson is a senior mass communications major at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, set to graduate in May 2020. He is also a member of the Collegiate 4-H Club, the Peace Corps Prep Program, and the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. Throughout his education at UAPB, Thompson travelled all over South America and Asia, studying Spanish and Chinese.

The 2020 Berlin Capital Program will focus on introducing Thompson and other participants to German politics, society, and cultural affairs in remembrance of the 20th anniversary of German reunification. Thompson will also have the opportunity to explore the role of media in nurturing democracy.

Randy Thompson's accomplishment is to be commended not just in our district, but across our state and nation. Not only does his work serve as an example of academic excellence and perseverance, but it also serves as a source of pride for the citizens of South Arkansas.

HONORING SACRAMENTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY MARK STASYUK

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. BERA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Police Week and to honor a fallen law enforcement officer who served my community, Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputy Mark Stasyuk.

On September 17, 2018, Deputy Stasyuk and Officer Julie Robertson responded to a call at a local auto parts store. A gun battle ensued at the store and Deputy Stasyuk was killed in the line of duty. Sheriff's Deputy Mark Stasyuk was a four-and-a-half year veteran of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Stasyuk was a beloved son, brother, and newlywed husband to his wife, Amy. He was a member of Sacramento County's vibrant Russian-American community, had a strong faith and a love of the outdoors.

Deputy Stasyuk had planned on creating his wife's dream backyard at their new house. Tragically, he was killed before he could fulfill her dream. To honor his life and service, his fellow deputies at the Sacramento County Deputy Sheriff's Association stepped in—working with local contractors to make sure that the backyard was finished and could be a healing place for Amy and the Stasyuk family.

This week in May marks the annual observance of National Police Week. Deputy Stasyuk's bravery and sacrifice for the Sacramento community and his fellow deputies' support of his family is a testament to the commitment to service that law enforcement officers bring to our communities every day. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring all those have taken the oath to protect and serve, and who have fallen in the line of duty. We are forever grateful for Deputy Stasyuk's sacrifice, and he will not be forgotten.

CAROLINA COVERTECH MAKES A DIFFERENCE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in the midst of the battle against the Wuhan Virus it is refreshing to read of innovations by small businesses to protect our courageous health professionals.

The Augusta Chronicle first page featured Lisa Stuart of Carolina CoverTech on May 4th with a thoughtful article by Staff Writer Damon Cline, which I include in the RECORD:

Carolina CoverTech makes 12,000 products that—as the company slogan says—“cover, protect, contain and enclose.”

But it wasn't until this month that the third-generation manufacturer made a product to cover and protect health care workers.

The North Augusta-based custom fabricator—best known for producing commercial awnings, golf car fabrics and spill-control guards for the oil industry—is making disposable isolation gowns for University Hospital.

With the COVID-19 pandemic draining the nation's supply of personal protection gear, the hospital called on CoverTech to produce a special run to help get it through the shortage.

“Three weeks ago we had never made one, ever,” CoverTech President Rian True said. “Now we're making 2,000 a day.”

Although the company and the hospital are less than 15 minutes apart, the idea of a supplier-customer relationship was something neither knew was possible.

But when gown stockpiles started running low, University began searching for options while volunteers and staff cranked out up to 1,200 smocks a day using inexpensive sealing machines and plastic sheeting from home improvement stores.

In a facility that disposes of 2,000 gowns a day, hospital officials predicted all inventory would be exhausted by the time the pandemic's predicted “curve” began its upward ascent. Mike Brown, University's director of materials management, offhandedly mentioned the dilemma to Greg Shuford, the pharmacy manager at University's Summer-ville campus.

Shuford happened to know True, and he quickly put the two together.

CoverTech operations manager Lisa Stuart said the plant started producing prototypes using existing material within a day of the first meeting.

“We like people who come to us and need us to solve a problem,” she said. “We can be agile and do things quickly.”

After a few modifications and switching the material to a textured plastic sheeting, the plant had created a gown that fit the hospital's needs. True said it took a little over a week to get the gown line up to full production.

Brown said some of the hospital's nursing staff have mentioned they prefer CoverTech's smock to the ones sourced from the hospital's medical-equipment supplier.

“They say its a little more durable,” Brown said. “So they have managed to make a gown that is of equivalent quality and is a little more durable.”

The gowns, generally light blue in color, keep bodily fluids from contaminating health care workers' clothing and scrubs. The gowns are worn by all workers treating suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients.

Reed said he enjoys designing products for all designing products for all types of applications, but that the gown project was especially satisfying.

“We feel like we're helping make a little bit if a difference,” he said.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN HAMERNIK ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that John Hamernik of Maumee, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

John's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2024. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only

offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

John brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2024. While attending Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio, John was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council President, member of the Rotary Interact Club, and a Buckeye Boys State attendee, while maintaining a 4.25 GPA.

Throughout high school, John was involved with baseball and rowing among other extracurricular activities. I am confident that John will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating John Hamernik on his offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that John will excel during his career at West Point, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our nation.

MARTHA F. WILSON

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the life and legacy of the late Camden, New Jersey resident the Honorable Martha F. Wilson.

Born on March 2, 1953 in New Church, Virginia, the Honorable Martha Wilson's family relocated to Camden, New Jersey where she graduated from Camden High School in 1970. Mrs. Wilson attended Camden County College and Rutgers University-Camden and following graduation she married the Honorable Gilbert "Whip" Wilson, Sheriff of Camden County, New Jersey.

The Honorable Martha Wilson was the first African American to work for the Campbell Soup Company where she served as a Medical Secretary in the Medical Department. Shortly thereafter she worked as an Accountant Receivables Clerk at the RCA Corporation located in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Among her many accomplishments include receiving the Camden County Federation of Democratic Women as a Camden County Women of Honor award and the Gloucester County NAACP 'Power Couple' distinction with her beloved husband Sheriff Wilson. Martha also honorably dedicated her life to serving her community in many roles such as President of the Camden City Board of Education, Representing Parent to the New Jersey School Board Association and also represented students in New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands as Executive Board Member of the National Coalition of Elementary and Secondary Education Association; National School Board Association; and Equality and Advocacy Institutes.

The residents of Camden, New Jersey greatly adored and appreciated the dedication and humble service of Mrs. Wilson. Her passing is a great loss to Camden and our entire community, as well as a deeply personal loss

for those who were privileged to call her a friend and mentor.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the late Martha Wilson, of Camden, New Jersey, a dedicated public servant who fought tirelessly for children, parents, her community and for the constituents of Camden, New Jersey.

IN RECOGNITION OF OUR NATION'S
LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of our nation's law enforcement.

This year, May 10th marks the start of national police week. This is a time to honor the men and women that serve in local, state and federal law enforcement across our country. National Police Week is an occasion to celebrate the heroes among us and also to reflect on those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice and fallen in the line of duty.

I wish to pay a special tribute to the fallen officers whose names will be added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial this year from my home state of Massachusetts. Thomas F. Dylan, James B. DeShazo, and Harold J. Collins have made their final commitment to their community and will be justly honored at the National Law Enforcement Memorial in our nation's capital.

Typically, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers head to Washington, D.C. to partake in the events of National Police Week. This year, however, the service of these brave men and women has been made more evident than ever. Instead of celebrating with their families and friends, they continue to serve on the front lines during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the incredible service of our nation's law enforcement. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing their sacrifice and service to our country.

HONORING PINE BLUFF SCHOOLS
FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO
LEARNING IN THE TIME OF
COVID-19

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of the Pine Bluff School District in Arkansas' Fourth Congressional District. In the face of COVID-19, these educators are going the extra mile to bring internet access to students working from home in rural areas.

This school district took quick action to deploy their school buses to those rural areas from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each weekday, providing their students the opportunity to conduct their assignments from home. This actively combated the struggle that young people of low-income households may face without having access to their school's network. It also aided those students who may face rural connectivity issues.

In a rural district like Arkansas' Fourth, action like this is necessary to ensure our students can succeed even out of the classroom. Thanks to the quick thinking and hard work of educators at Pine Bluff School District, students of South Arkansas are provided the opportunity to learn and to stay connected in the time of the COVID-19 crisis.

I take this time to thank these servant-leaders for their example and for their commitment to the education of our communities' most vulnerable citizens. Because of these heroes, the future of our country is brighter, even in the face of trying times.

SYDNEY POWELL: AMERICAN
LEGAL HERO

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Americans are grateful for the persistence, competence, and professionalism of Sydney Powell Esq., attorney for General Michael Flynn. As more information emerges about the outrageous General Flynn case, it is increasingly obvious that Flynn, a decorated general and former director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, was the victim of rogue FBI entrapment on entirely illegal and unconstitutional grounds. Confirming the worst of the Deep State.

Sydney Powell deserves highest accolades for fighting for General Flynn in the face of a deliberate criminal conspiracy by rogue leadership at the FBI to incriminate both General Flynn and the Trump Administration under the fake pretense of "Russian collusion." The entire investigation began and continues to be a partisan witch hunt which must be uncovered for the sake of the American Republic. If this can happen to someone like General Flynn, indeed it can happen to any law-abiding citizen of this country. In persistently fighting against this madness, Sydney Powell and the rest of General Flynn's capable legal team also fight for the rights of all Americans to defend themselves against illegal conspiracies of the highest degree by a Deep State.

As a proud attorney myself and being the grateful father of S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson, I am especially shocked at the rogue FBI and Department of Justice abuses of the profession.

From the outset, there was absolutely no criminal predicate before the election for investigation into General Flynn. Previously undisclosed FBI documents from 2016 make the intentions of federal investigators crystal clear. One note from these documents written by the former head of FBI counterintelligence reads, "What is our goal? Truth and admission or to get him to lie, so we can prosecute him or get him fired?" These documents also reveal discussions regarding how the Justice Department could get Flynn to admit to breaking the Logan Act, even though this law has never been used to convict an American citizen and questions abound as to its legality since its enactment in 1799.

But when General Flynn was blackmailed into pleading guilty, none of these documents were made available to him or his legal team. And while federal investigators did not believe

that General Flynn had lied intentionally during the investigation, the disgraced Special Counsel Mueller and his team disregarded this and moved ahead with the dubious charges, ratcheting up the pressure by even threatening to charge General Flynn's son, aided and abetted by the shamefully biased U.S. District Judge Sullivan.

What emerges from the evidence at hand is a shameful and chilling account of attempted entrapment by the federal government against an innocent man with a long history of serving his country. I commend Sydney Powell for her fortitude and determination against these seemingly insurmountable odds. America is grateful for leaders like General Michael Flynn and for strong advocates of the law like Attorney Sydney Powell.

It is sad that many Democrats and their brazen mainstream media allies have become afflicted with Trump Derangement Syndrome leading to any nefarious illegality to establish the ends justify the means of the destruction of the Trump Presidency.

HONORING SARAH ETTA WORK

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sarah Etta Work as she celebrates her 100th birthday on Wednesday, May 27.

A dedicated member of her community, Mrs. Work graduated from Connellsville High School in 1938 before attending the Carnegie Institute of Technology. She managed the kitchen at Springfield Elementary School in Newville, Pennsylvania for 27 years.

Mrs. Work and her husband, Glenn, established the Mill Run Campground, now the Yogi Bear Campground in Mill Run, Pennsylvania. Today, she continues to maintain a consistent presence at the campground.

For decades, Mrs. Work has been an outstanding community member. She is a member of the Indian Creek Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School for over 40 years. Additionally, she served as a 4-H leader for 25 years. Mrs. Work has two children, six grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. Before Glenn's passing in 2007, Mr. and Mrs. Work were married for 67 years.

It's my honor to congratulate Sarah Etta Work on a century of life well-lived. I wish her a very happy 100th birthday and every continued happiness.

RECOGNIZING SUSAN DAVIS' OUTSTANDING CAREER AT THE RAINER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and thank Susan Davis for over 12 years of dedicated service to her community as Executive Director of the Rainer Chamber of Commerce.

Susan provided an invaluable service to South Seattle over the last 12 years as the Executive Director of the Rainer Chamber of Commerce. She always saw the potential in the region and worked tirelessly to celebrate diversity and bring economic prosperity. Although not originally from Washington, Susan became a heartbeat of her community.

There are few who have had a stronger dedication to South Seattle. Susan focused on improving education, economic development, and public safety. During her time as Executive Director she produced festivals and parades for the community, helped create the Southeast Seattle Map and Guide, and hosted extraordinary guests at the Chamber luncheons. Her enthusiasm and kind spirit allowed her to connect and make friends with nearly anyone.

Susan's genuine passion for giving back did not go unnoticed—and still does not. Even though Susan is no longer with the Chamber of Commerce, she is still working on projects in the neighborhood and looking for ways to contribute to her community.

The entire community will miss Susan's presence in this role, but she has created a legacy and we will continue to see the benefits of what she accomplished for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration I honor Susan Davis on her outstanding career as Executive Director of the Rainer Chamber of Commerce and the lasting impression she made on her community.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE FOR ITS EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO COVID-19 RESPONSE

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I, along with Representative KATIE PORTER, rise today to recognize the University of California, Irvine for its exemplary response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. UCI has always been committed to providing quality medical treatment and research to the Orange County community and improving public health nationwide. In this time of crisis, UCI's commitment to public health is nothing short of admirable.

UCI has been a leader in COVID-19 response since this threat was first recognized. Researchers and medical professionals perform extensive research, conduct clinical trials on drugs to treat the virus, test large volumes of people for the virus, and collaborate with researchers and healthcare professionals across the nation. Widespread testing is critical to tracking the spread of the coronavirus. UCI has made this a priority by testing first responders and screening physicians, staff members, and other health care providers daily. Researchers at UCI also create and produce protective shields to meet the needs of healthcare providers on the front lines and contribute sample-preserving fluid for COVID-19 test kits.

In light of this crisis, we look to institutions like UCI to provide us with the research and treatment tools to get us through this extraor-

dinary public health crisis. We are grateful for the work UCI has done to research, prevent, and treat the virus as well as educate the public on best-practices during this time.

I ask that all Members join me in honoring the important work and leadership of the University of California, Irvine.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF PELL CITY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the 130th Anniversary of Pell City, Alabama.

In the late 1890s, in a small community tucked midway between Birmingham and Atlanta, three railroad lines connected. The story of Pell City began when a young insurance salesman en route to Talladega missed his train, and, thus, was forced to spend a night at Pell City's Cornett Hotel. That young man's name was Sumter Cogswell.

Upon reviewing the community's location to water, cotton fields, coal mines and railroads, Mr. Cogswell decided to invest in the growth of the community. It took him two tries and upon his second try, he moved his family and household belongings to the community raising the number of people calling this area home to just over 40 people.

A textile mill was built and jobs were plentiful. In 1901, Pell City became the location of the second courthouse in St. Clair County, an act that would take an amendment to the Alabama State Constitution to complete.

In the 1960s, Logan Martin Lake and Interstate 20 added to the town's appeal, and the population increased dramatically.

In the 130 years since that fateful day when Mr. Cogswell missed his train, and with the direction and investment of visionary leaders, Pell City has continued to grow and flourish in one of the fastest growing counties of Alabama.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 130th Anniversary of Pell City, Alabama.

THANKING DAVID MANGAN FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor David Mangan of Hot Springs, Arkansas for his front-line efforts to combat the COVID-19 epidemic in our home state. Due to his actions, medical professionals will now be able to research the effects of convalescent plasma on those recovering from the novel virus.

In April 2020, Mangan became the first person to donate blood plasma after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved clinical trials and use of plasma extracted from those who have survived the virus to treat those who are currently battling COVID-19.

After contracting the virus on his way home to Arkansas from a ski trip, Mangan and his

wife soon realized the severity of their symptoms, quarantining themselves for 14 days and learning of their positive tests. While he has recovered from the illness, Mangan knew that his plasma could be the life-saving difference for someone else facing this virus. During a visit to the Arkansas Blood Institute, Mangan donated over 600 millimeters of yellow plasma to be donated to the cause.

David Mangan is truly an example of heroism in a time of great need. He exemplifies the strength of a survivor and the heart of a true servant. I take this time to wish him and his family well in the coming days and thank them for their commitment to seeing our communities thrive and return to good health.

SECRETARY POMPEO IN ISRAEL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, congratulations to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo for traveling to Israel this week, his first international trip in nearly two months amid the ongoing Wuhan Virus pandemic. The trip coincided with the two-year anniversary of President Trump fulfilling his campaign and implementing U.S. law by relocating the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, Israel's eternal unified capital. I was grateful to lead the House Delegation with Senator Lindsey Graham, Vice President Mike Pence, Ivanka Trump, and Jared Kushner for the opening of the new embassy with Ambassador David Friedman as President Trump fulfilled "Promises Made, Promises Kept." Secretary Pompeo's trip also coincided with the 72nd anniversary of the Israel's Declaration of Independence on May 14, 1948. The timing of the visit, especially given today's circumstances, sends a clear message to our valued allies and friends in Israel: the United States will unequivocally stand by your side.

Secretary Pompeo's visit also comes as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his political rival Knesset Speaker Benny Gantz are in midst of forming a unity government after over a year of political stalemate that has paralyzed the Israeli government. This new unity government will be especially significant as it will take the first steps to realize President Trump's bold and unprecedented "Peace to Prosperity" Middle East peace plan coordinated by Jared Kushner.

President Trump's plan, unveiled in January 2020, offers a fresh opportunity to restart final status negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. This new plan includes many incentives for both sides, including an Israeli settlement freeze for four years, land swaps for both sides, and \$50 billion in new investment in the Palestinian territories.

While Israel has indicated a willingness to restart the negotiations, the Palestinian side has unfortunately categorically rebuffed President Trump's plan, in line with their rejectionist track-record. I am grateful for the Trump Administration's efforts to restart negotiations for Middle East peace, and I beseech both sides to take this opportunity for a new, hopeful future seriously.

Undoubtedly another high priority item on Secretary Pompeo's agenda in Israel is the

persistent threat to Israel and indeed the stability and security of the entire region, posed by Iran's sponsorship of terrorism and its development of ballistic missiles. The threat will unfortunately be compounded in October of this year, when the United Nations arms embargo on Iran expires pursuant to UN Security Council Resolution 2231.

Not only does its expiration allow Iran to buy potentially game-changing military hardware and technology, it also weakens and effectively eliminates the legal architecture that has underpinned international efforts to restrict Iran's ability to transfer weapons to their proxies. I'm grateful that Secretary Pompeo and President Trump have made coordination of security with Israel a top priority in light of this growing threat.

Secretary Pompeo's visit to Israel this week is yet another indication of the Trump Administration's strong support for our valued ally, Israel. It is a strong sign that this Administration will not forsake our allies and will always stand with the people of Israel to face any challenge side-by-side.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
TYLER KENT, GOVERNMENT AC-
COUNTABILITY OFFICE
DETAILEE TO THE COMMITTEE
ON HOMELAND SECURITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, as the Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security, I rise to honor Mr. Tyler Kent upon the conclusion of his service to the Committee as a Detailee from the Government Accountability Office.

Since joining the Committee one year ago, Mr. Kent has made valuable contributions to our work by sharing his considerable expertise on government operations and transportation and maritime security issues. He has served as a reliable resource to our staff and significantly advanced our legislative and oversight efforts. In particular, during his tenure on the Committee, Mr. Kent was deeply involved in our oversight of the implementation of the TSA Modernization Act. Additionally, he helped identify solutions for supporting the Transportation Security Administration workforce which were integral to the House passage of the Rights for Transportation Security Officers Act of 2020 earlier this year.

Throughout his time on the Committee, Mr. Kent has displayed a high degree of professionalism and personal commitment to providing Members of Congress and staff valuable insight and information. Mr. Kent has demonstrated commendable dedication, enthusiasm, and good humor, which has helped all of us enormously.

We thank Mr. Kent for his service to the Committee and our country and wish him the very best as he returns to the Government Accountability Office.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RENEE
KAPCHUK GRUTMAN

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to honor the life of my dear friend and constituent, Renee Kapchuk Grutman.

For decades, Ms. Grutman served as a fierce advocate for Broward County's children. Renee found her life-long home in our public schools and was an educational and PTA superstar at her core. She faithfully and voluntarily served in numerous PTA council board positions and worked vigorously in pursuit of the optimum educational experience for every Broward County public school student.

The word "no" was not in Renee's vocabulary. She helped plan, fund, and organize every council event including trainings, meetings, awards banquets, conventions, student programs, and holidays to name a few.

She was affectionately known as The Partnership Queen, using her can-do spirit and infectious optimism to secure partnerships, funding, and assistance for school activities—activities that would not be possible if not for Renee's passion, determination, and support. She was a champion in every sense of the word.

Renee was a dear friend who embodied the best of what it means to give back to your community. She was a selfless, compassionate, and a tireless advocate for others and will be profoundly missed but never forgotten.

My heart is with her children, grandchildren, and all her extended family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, although I continue to work on behalf of the people, businesses, and communities of Contra Costa during this difficult time, I regret that I was unable to vote on Friday, May 15, 2020 due to my ongoing recovery from non-COVID pneumonia.

TRIBUTE TO COACH ROBERT
EDWIN "ED" NOVAK, SR.

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the life and legacy of Coach Robert Edwin "Ed" Novak, Sr., for his exceptional service to our country and his contributions to the education of youth in Baltimore.

A native Baltimorean, Coach Novak graduated from Baltimore City College in 1944. Immediately after, at the age of 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he was assigned to the Pacific Theater during World War II as an

Electrician's Mate First Class onboard the USS LST 582 and USS LST 72.

After the war, Coach Novak resumed his education, earning his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Maryland College Park, and meeting his wife, Mrs. Phyllis Jane Shipley. Together they would have three children: Deborah Glasgow, Robert Novak, Jr., and Kevin Novak; as well as six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Coach Novak began his coaching career as an assistant football coach for his alma matter, the City Collge Knights, where he was my swim and football coach. During his tenure, Coach Novak would lead the Knight's football program to a 6–2 record against their rival, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, six Maryland Scholastic Association championships, and a top 10 ranking in the country.

In 1965, he became the first athletic director at Northwestern High School in Baltimore. Coach Novak coached four sports and led the Wildcats to two football state titles before transferring to the McDonogh School in Owings Mills in 1978, where he would work for 13 years. Coach Novak was inducted to the McDonogh School Athletic Hall of Fame, was named Maryland Athletic Director of the Year, and was inducted to the Maryland State Athletic Director's Hall of Fame.

Madam Speaker, aside from the decades Coach Novak spent in school athletics and sports administration, he was perhaps best known for his service to his community. Coach Novak and his wife Phyllis facilitated reunions for his WWII ship and he was an active member of the Ensign C. Markland Kelly, Jr. Memorial Post 174 as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9083. He taught swimming for 21 years at the Hampton Pool in Towson, and was a co-founder of the Free State Swim League, for which he was recognized by the American Red Cross for his 30 years and 4,500 hours of volunteerism.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me today to honor the life of Coach Robert Edwin "Ed" Novak, Sr. His compassion and dedication to our country, the Baltimore community, and his students is an inspiration to all. I humbly express my condolences to his friends and family and wish them peace and comfort in the days ahead.

WUHAN VIRUS CORRECTLY NAMED

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, as the grateful son of a World War II Flying Tiger of the U.S. Army Air Corps who served in China, I grew up with appreciation for the people of Xian, Chungdu, and Kunming where he served. First Lieutenant Hugh deV. Wilson educated me on the bravery of the Chinese people to resist aggression with an extraordinary cultural heritage. It is because of my devotion to the people of China that I believe the proper identification of the deadly threat to all nations of the world is The Wuhan Virus.

WHY CORRECTLY IDENTIFYING WUHAN VIRUS?
Actual location of origination

Underscores American sympathy for initial Chinese victims

Highlights "wet market" or the Wuhan Institute of Virology

Recognizes Whistleblower Dr. Li Wenliang
Praises the bravery of Whistle-provider Dr. Ai Fen

Honors Chinese doctors
Questions disappearance of Chinese doctors

Raises issues of untrue denial of person-to-person transmission

Causes WHO to clarify misinformation
Confirms a global catastrophe not President Trump's fault

Puts on notice biased American mainstream media it must tell truth

Alerts hate-filled that illness of Trump Derangement Syndrome will be exposed

Verifies local and national talk radio hosts are today's Paul Reveres of truth

Underscores President Trump's early decisions to block travel from China

Clarifies people of Italy not responsible
Debunks fake news of U.S. military conspiracy

Refutes ignorant smears of untrue European Virus

Promotes that Taiwan should have WHO admission

Reveals WHO complicit with Chinese Communist Party

American Enterprise Institution correct, Communist Party and U.S. media gullible

Senator Tom Cotton is fully vindicated on China as a pariah state

China Project of Congresswoman Liz Cheney documents deception and fraud

Eighteen state Attorneys General demand the truth on the Wuhan Virus

Turning Point USA's video is accurate "China Lied People Died"

Ann Coulter unmasks liberals mandatory "fascist stuff"

For so many substantive reasons, it is important to correctly name The Wuhan Virus. It is not to condemn the innocent people of China, but to serve as a message to authoritarians not to conceal their incompetence as billions of citizens are at risk in over 200 countries with illness, death, and economic destruction of jobs.

IN RECOGNITION OF SAMANTHA SCHOFIELD ON HER OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Samantha Schofield of Maumee, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Samantha's offer of appointment permits her to attend the United States Naval Academy

this fall with the incoming Class of 2024. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Samantha brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2024. While attending Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio, Samantha volunteered for her church, Special Olympics, and Toledo Humane Society, while being a member of National Honor Society and maintaining a 4.738 GPA.

Throughout high school, Samantha was involved with soccer and basketball, having achieved her varsity letter in both. I am confident that Samantha will carry the lessons of her student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Samantha Schofield on her offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Samantha will excel during her career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she begins her service to our nation.

HONORING THE EXEMPLARY SERVICE OF CRYSTAL RIDGE DISTILLERY

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary service of Crystal Ridge Distillery. Family owned and operated in Hot Springs, Arkansas, Crystal Ridge Distillery was on the front lines of battling the threat of COVID-19 on a state-wide stage.

Started in 2018, Crystal Ridge Distillery was created by Danny Bradley, a native of the Hot Springs area with a passion for local history, job creation, and revitalization of the Downtown Hot Springs area. Originally intended to become a family venue restaurant and distillery, Mr. Bradley and his family quickly saw the need for action in facing the public health crisis that resulted from COVID-19.

Halting the production of its locally sourced southern moonshine, the Bradley family and Crystal Ridge team shifted their production and their fermentation tanks to produce hand sanitizer. Within days, Crystal Ridge hand sanitizer was on the shelves of Arkansas stores, ameliorating the shortage in the State of Arkansas and protecting its people from the spread of the virus.

The quick action of Crystal Ridge Distillery not only actively combatted a public health crisis, but it also served to highlight the power of a few good people who have the desire and conviction to serve their fellow man. Their family and their business are to be commended for their heroic efforts not just here in Arkansas, but all across America.

HONORING MISSION AVIATION
FELLOWSHIP**HON. RUSS FULCHER**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, as a man of faith, I have seen the spiritual strength of our nation tested during these challenging times. As a ray of hope, I run proud to showcase the work of Mission Aviation Fellowship, headquartered in Nampa Idaho, on their 75th anniversary. Founded shortly after World War II, a few veteran pilots who served our country found a way to extend the gospel of Christ to those in desperate need of aid, supplies, and medicine. On May 20, 1945, a non-profit organization was formed, and on February 23, 1946, Mission Aviation Fellowship chartered their first flight from La Habra, California to Tuxpan, Mexico. A founding board member, Betty Greene, served as MAF's first pilot, and after that first flight into Mexico she became the first woman to fly over the Andes mountain in South America, and the first female pilot in Sudan, as she traveled the world on behalf of MAF. She is a recipient of a Congressional Gold Medal as a Women Airforce Service Pilot (WASP) for her wartime service. Over the years, and through earthquakes, war, and genocides, Mission Aviation Fellowship sent brave men and women into uncharted areas to help those so desperately needing aid. Today, Mission Aviation Fellowship operates a fleet of 47 light aircraft, with 13 of those planes being Kodiaks, which are manufactured in Sandpoint, Idaho. In the 13 countries it serves, Mission Aviation Fellowship is that light at the end of the tunnel for many seeking aid when all else seems dark. Last year, I had the pleasure of meeting the staff of Mission Aviation Fellowship at their headquarters in Nampa, and the faith, courage, and dedication to their divinely inspired "mission" gives me great hope for our future. But as we learned on May 12, it comes at a cost. MAF pilot Joyce Lin took off from the Sentani, Papua, Indonesia airport, on her way to a village in the Papua highlands, delivering supplies for a school and COVID-19 rapid test kits for the local clinic. A few minutes later, over Sentani Lake, she declared an emergency. Joyce did not survive the ensuing accident. She loved her Lord and she loved serving other people who were in need. The MAF family is grieving the loss of this dedicated pilot. As Jesus Christ, our savior once said, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." May Mission Aviation Fellowship's leadership be an example for all of us during these difficult times.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE COMMISSIONING OF THE USS "KANSAS CITY" (LCS-22)

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize and celebrate the U.S. Navy's newest addition to its fleet, the Independence-class Littoral Combat Ship, USS *Kansas City*.

On September 22, 2018, before a large crowd, the USS *Kansas City* (LCS-22) was christened in Mobile, Alabama. She was launched on October 19, 2018, into the Mobile River. On June 20, 2020, she will be commissioned in San Diego, California.

The Independence variant Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) is testament to the hardworking and highly skilled women and men in the United States Navy and our nation's shipbuilding and manufacturing industries. It is a high-speed, agile, multi-mission ship designed to defeat growing littoral threats and provide access and dominance in coastal waters. The reconfigurability of the ship makes it a force multiplier in any environment for the Navy.

She is the third ship to be named for Kansas City, the largest city in the state of Missouri. The first USS *Kansas City* (CA-128) was to have been a heavy cruiser but was canceled due to the end of World War II, just days after the keel laying ceremony. The second USS *Kansas City* (AOR-3) was a Wichita-class replenishment oiler and saw service in the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm. What the future holds for the newest USS *Kansas City* is anyone's guess.

What I do know, without a doubt, is that the brave women and men, who took an oath to uphold the constitution and protect you and I and the liberty we hold so dear, are the true heroes and protagonists of this story. They are the ones who will be making history. They are the ones who will serve on this ship and who will make all of us from Kansas City proud as it sails with our city's name.

This ship will sail with the support of the entire city. Any sailor who steps aboard the USS *Kansas City* will find themselves an honorary Kansas Citian and a constituent of mine. I wish to express my sincere and grateful appreciation for the dedicated service provided by all current and future crew members of the USS *Kansas City*, and for the selflessness and sacrifices they and their families make in order that we may live in safety and freedom.

Go therefore, USS *Kansas City* and make your mark, assume your place in history. Be proud of your accomplishments and make the most of your failures.

As President Truman through his wit and wisdom once said, "Men make history. History does not make the man."

Madam Speaker, please join me in wishing the women and men of the USS *Kansas City* fair winds and following seas.

INDIA IS VOCAL FOR LOCAL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I was grateful to read in The Wall Street Journal (May 13) that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a nationally televised speech pledged to boost economic self-sufficiency amid the Wuhan Virus pandemic.

With 1.3 billion people locked down since March 25th the country has suffered historic job losses as nonessential industries have been completely shut down. Prime Minister Modi is inspiring the people of India with the slogan "Let's be vocal for local"

America is fortunate to have such an incredible leader of the Indo-Pacific. I was present

firsthand several years ago with Ambassador Nikki Haley to welcome the Prime Minister to the Center Ring of Madison Square Garden in New York City. Last year I was present at the historic Red Fort in New Delhi for the Prime Minister's Independence Day address, and later in Houston with President Donald Trump for the Howdy Modi event with over 50,000 attending in the largest welcoming celebration for a foreign head of state in the history of the United States.

I am confident with the obvious warm relationship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump that the families of India and America will prevail over the Wuhan Virus.

HONORING THOMAS ANTHONY
FLANNERY**HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Thomas Anthony Flannery.

Tom Flannery was born and raised in the Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia to immigrant parents from Ireland in 1923. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor during WWII, Tom enlisted in the Army where he became a part of the Third Infantry Division. At 20 years old, Tom was injured and captured at Anzio where he became a Prisoner of War for over a year under the German infantry.

After returning home, Flannery married Joan Donnelly, who he met one summer in Ocean City, New Jersey. They were married for 62 years until she died eight years ago. They had seven children—Karen, Butch, Joan, Nancy, Eileen, Susie and Kate. For over 40 years Tom ran his father's "saloon", Flannery's Tavern in the Nicetown neighborhood of Philadelphia. Always more of a social worker than businessman, Tom rented out apartments above the tavern and when anyone was struggling to pay their rent, he would let them work off the rent instead of evicting them.

Tom is a humble, yet critical, member of our community. Even though he received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star for his service in WWII, Tom considers those who didn't return home from the war the real heroes. It is people like Tom who are the gears that make the entire engine run, and who make their communities better, stronger and more interconnected. It is people like Tom that remind us what life is worth living for. He never loses sight of what's most important to him—family, friends and faith.

May Tom "live to be a hundred years."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF
WILLIAM COLLEY, JR.**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the life of Mr. William Colley, Jr. Tommy—as

he was affectionately known—passed away on April 23, 2020, at the age of 58. With his passing, the manufactured housing industry lost a legend.

Manufactured homes are a critical source of housing for more than 22 million Americans, including over 750,000 residents of Alabama. With the national homeownership rate at a 50-year low and rents increasing at a rapid pace, manufactured homes are one of the most promising avenues for addressing our country's affordable housing shortage. Tommy understood the importance of manufactured housing, and he worked every day to promote and protect the industry.

Tommy began his career with manufactured housing in 1976, painting frames in a plant when he was only 14 years old. After finishing high school, he stayed in the industry, later graduating from Troy University in Troy, Alabama, with Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Business Administration. By 1992, he set out on his own, opening an installation company—Southern Mobile Home Service. Five years later, he joined the Alabama Manufactured Housing Commission, where he later served as Assistant Administrator.

He was also serving as Chair of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee and as Co-Chair of the Southern Region Council of State Administrative Agencies. Last September, his office worked with HUD's Office of Manufactured Housing Programs to host the "State Administrative Agency and Primary Inspection Agency Southern and Eastern Regional Meeting" in Mobile, Alabama. Two years ago, in recognition of his commitment to the manufactured housing industry, he was honored as the "2018 Alabama Manufactured Housing Association Person of the Year" by the Alabama Manufactured Housing Association. In February, he was inducted into the Alabama Manufactured Housing Industry Hall of Fame.

A devoted family man, he and his wife, Lisa, were married for 32 years. He is also survived by two children—his son, Ethan (Kaela), and daughter, Devon (Sam). A life-long resident of Eclectic, Alabama, he was also an elder and minister with Mt. Hebron Church of Christ. In his spare time, he loved to fish.

Madam speaker, please join me in recognizing the life of Tommy and everything he did to support this industry. He will be missed.

SALUTING 3,000 TOLEDO JEEP
WORKERS TO 'RETURN-TO-WORK'
MONDAY BY STATE EDICT

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today with sincere concern for the well-being of thousands of workers and include in the RECORD this congratulatory entry during the COVID-19 pandemic. This coming Monday thousands of plant workers, largely connected to auto manufacturing and supplier networks, will "return to work." Their return is a State of Ohio decision by the Governor to allow production to resume at Fiat Chrysler in Toledo and hundreds of other Ohio manufacturing facilities. As Co-Chair of the U.S. House Auto Caucus, I represent workers who build the iconic Jeep product, vehicles from GM and Ford, and components from glass to tires and from paint to bucket seats. These plants and their workers were as instrumental in creating reliable over ground transportation during the last century in World War II that carried our Allied victory. Today they are building new hybrid and electric vehicle technologies. Ohioans build things. Workers must be allowed to do their craft in a healthy and safe environment. In their "return to work," these workers likely represent the largest manufacturing workforce to restart production nearly anywhere in America.

My primary concern remains the workers, their health and safety, and the absolute necessity of embarking upon a COVID-19 testing regime that will protect them, their coworkers, and their families from the spread of the dreaded Covid-19 virus even as the Governor has opened the doors to these plants. To this end, I have spent hours on end on the telephone and in meetings with top executives, union leaders, workers, health professionals, local health departments, the state health department, private and publicly operated labs.

My goal: to get up and running, the testing capacity for which I have voted for and workers have been promised. But that is still largely lacking in Ohio and across our nation.

I remain deeply concerned about the health and safety of Ohio's workers. I offer my full cooperation to achieve a testing regime acceptable to our workforce, medical sciences, and all concerned. Workers who enter plants across Ohio will be working at a closer density than those who live in many of our nursing homes where COVID-19 has struck with a vengeance. In the case of Toledo Jeep, workers will travel from Michigan and Indiana to work - untested and uncertain about what they face. Contact tracing will be harder without testing. Lucas County already has endured the highest number of COVID-19 related deaths in our State. We must pay attention. Today, the Veteran's Home in Sandusky was struck by the COVID-19. It only takes one person who has the virus asymptotically to directly spread it to many others. Testing is the only way to ensure that workers can work in a safe environment. A temperature test is not sufficient.

I cannot remain silent as this workforce begins not only a new week, but a new chapter in American history. I offer my full personal and financial support as I am able to work with the management and workforce representatives at the Fiat Chrysler and other facilities to embark upon necessary, free testing to assure the short and long-term health of these valuable American workers. Ours is a great nation, We must not accept less.

On a personal note, our beloved father retired from the old Jeep facility on Central Avenue and our beautiful mother served the organizing committee of the original United Auto Workers unit at Champion Spark Plug, I believe our family knows firsthand what it takes to assure worker health and safety. In their memory, I take this stand for autoworkers, and all workers, who are being released to the workforce. Our great nation has the capability to safeguard the health and well-being of every person. To paraphrase a Civil War Admiral: "Damn the Torpedoes! Full speed ahead!" This must be our rallying cry for testing all our workers. America should accept no less than the best.