

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