

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 ACCOUNTABILITY 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 mater, the City College 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.