

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