

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
WILLIAM P. BOWES, SR.

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to mark the passing of a former constituent, William P. ("Bill") Bowes, Sr., who dedicated much of his life to bettering his community and future generations in the North Shore/North Channel area of Houston, TX. Bill resided in his later years in Mont Belvieu, TX—but his contributions to the North Shore/North Channel area, where he spent much of his life, were truly inspiring. I want to take a moment to remember his extraordinary record of community service, even as we mourn his passing on March 28.

Bill was a proud graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY. He may have been born in Des Moines, IA—but, as we say in Texas—he became a Texan as quickly as possible. Along with his beloved wife, Barbara, Bill moved to Houston in the late 1960s to work for a cargo surveying business, which grew with the growth of the Port of Houston. He raised a family and dedicated what extra time he had to serving his community. Bill's obituary, which follows, explains the impact he had on his community—my constituency. That impact was, in a word, extraordinary.

Few people have had a more positive effect on the North Shore/North Channel area than Bill Bowes. His work with the North Shore Rotary Club, of which he served as president at the age of 81 years young, benefited a multitude of local, national and international charitable organizations. For decades, working with two Members of Congress, Bill helped select the most deserving young men and women in the Houston area for nomination to the nation's service academies, including his beloved U.S. Merchant Marine Academy—helping them obtain an outstanding education while serving and protecting our country. In his later years, after moving to Mont Belvieu, he served on that town's Planning and Zoning Commission.

All of that is encapsulated in the obituary that follows. One characteristic of Bill's that his obituary doesn't fully convey is his modesty. If you met Bill once, you were an instant friend—and you were a friend forever. But, if you met him just once, you'd never know the depth of his compassion; you'd never know how much time he devoted to his community; and you'd never know just how much he loved his family. That was because of his modesty and humility. But ask anyone else, anyone who knew him, and they would tell you how much he'd done for others and how enormously proud he was of his family. Not all lions feel the need to roar.

Madam Speaker, today, we ask ourselves how, and if, our nation will overcome the daunting challenges we face. We have no

doubt, most of us, that we will persevere and overcome—building a better life for future generations. But we ask who will give us the leadership and inspiration going forward. I suggest that the example of Bill Bowes shows us that each one of us—and all of us, together—can work to overcome the challenges that confront us. Bill's example shows us that one individual, with an unwavering commitment to helping others, can improve a community and make life better today and for generations to come.

To Bill's family, most especially his loving children, Bill Jr., Suzie and Tom, and their spouses and their children—to Bill's many friends throughout the Houston area—to those who benefited from his charitable activities and community service wherever they may be—let me offer my heartfelt sympathy on your loss. While we mourn his passing, we know that what he did when he was with us made a difference for the better in the lives of countless others. And that provides us with some measure of comfort.

With that, Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD this moving and eloquent profile of William P. Bowes, Sr.

[From the Houston Chronicle, April 12, 2020]

William P. ("Bill") Bowes, Sr. passed away on March 28th at the age of 82 years after an unexpected, but heroic, hospital-bound, 3-week fight for his life.

From the beginning of his life in Des Moines, Iowa to his premature end, Bill was known for his work ethic, integrity, ability to make friends, ability to lead and undying commitment to the mottoes of his life—"service over self" and *Acta Non Verba* ("actions, not words"). An "army brat" son of one of General MacArthur's commanders, Bill moved frequently in his youth. Despite these moves, he was always able to make fast friends with his new classmates, as evidenced by his election as high school Class President in the final of 3 high schools he attended.

After high school, Bill earned a Congressional appointment to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point), where he spent his junior year touring the world by sea and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree, a U.S. Coast Guard license as Third Mate, and a Naval Reserve commission as Ensign. A chance weekend invitation for a home-cooked meal from one of Bill's classmates resulted in Bill meeting that classmate's sister and Bill's future wife, Barbara, who became the love of his life. Bill liked to joke that he ended up paying for that "free meal" from his future in-laws the rest of his life. Bill and Barbara were married in the chapel at Kings Point. His hard work, financial support and charitable efforts on behalf of Kings Point earned Bill many accolades and awards, including the Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award, Outstanding Personal Achievement Award and the Daniel E. Meehan Humanitarian Service Award, as well as having a classroom named in his and a classmate friend's honor.

Soon after his arrival in Houston in the late '60s, Bill left an indelible mark on the North Shore community through his leadership of and fundraising for the North Shore YMCA, his role as President of the North

Shore Civic Association, his involvement with the North Channel Chamber of Commerce & Elks Club and, most notably, his involvement with the North Shore Rotary Club, whose members he viewed as his brothers and sisters.

Bill put his Kings Point experience and education to work as a ship and cargo surveyor—first in Manhattan and ultimately in Houston. In normal fashion, Bill earned the trust and admiration of the owner of the company that brought Bill to Texas and who eventually sold the company to Bill, Capt. Ira S. Derrick. Bill grew the company to have satellite offices in Fort Lauderdale, New Orleans and Chicago. Hundreds of millions of dollars of ship and rail borne cargo was inspected by Bill's company. Bill's professional reputation earned him many unique opportunities, including overseeing the packing for transport of a multi-million-dollar suit of ancient armor that was on display at Neiman Marcus, but the most cherished part of Bill's career was being mentor and a second father and friend to many of his employees over the years.

Bill had a more active charitable and social calendar than most people half his age. Literally until the day he was hospitalized, he remained active in his community, including with the North Shore Rotary Club, serving as the club's President last year at 81, a marshal at Eagle Pointe Golf Course, a board member on North Channel Water District, a member of the Scottish Rite (32° Master Mason), a board member on Mont Belvieu's Planning and Zoning Commission and a board member of the Kings Point Alumni Association. Bill's almost 42 years of Rotarian work earned him many honors, including that of "Major Donor" with Rotary International. He frequently traveled to Mexico to work with his sister Rotary Club there. He also loved to host that Club's members at his home when they came to Texas. Bill was most proud of his efforts to help grow a faith-based clergy certification program in prisons, which resulted in a material decrease in prison violence and recidivism rates. Bill was also an inactive Lieutenant in the Navy Reserves.

Bill's greatest joy was family and friends. Bill's strongest advocate and most sarcastic life partner was his wife of over 43 years, Barbara. Bill was Barbara's biggest supporter as she pursued her law enforcement license, real estate license and an almost 20-year career working for Houston area Congressmen (Jack Fields and Gene Green). Bill participated in that Congressional relationship by serving many years as Chair of Congressman Field's Service Academy Nomination Board, responsible for recommending young men and women for limited appointments to the various U.S. military and maritime academies, including Kings Point. After a 5-year battle against Stage 4 melanoma—a diagnosis that had given her just 2 months to live—Bill said goodbye to the love of his life. His life was never the same after Barbara's death, but he never let the depth of his despair impact his continued contributions to his community or their family.

After Barbara's death, Bill—aka Papa and Dad—continued to be a mainstay at family functions, whether holidays, birthdays, family trips to his ranch or spontaneous family dinners, and he rarely missed his grandkids' many activities. He also loved to travel the world to see family and friends.

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In the last few years, one of Bill's favorite family activities was spending time at his ranch in Central Texas, where he was irremovable from his mower and tractor when he wasn't deer, hog and turkey watching or playing card games, dominoes and corn-hole with his family and friends.

In addition to Barbara, Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Judge John G. and Margaret Bowes; his brothers, Jimmy, John and Harry; his niece Anne Bowes; his nephew Doug Williamsen; and numerous other beloved family members and friends.

Bill is survived by a lifetime of friends too numerous to recount; citizens of the east Harris County and Chambers County communities who have benefited from his love, devotion and charity for over 50 years; dear family friends and travelling companions, Bryan Wirwicz and Diane Tom; his thoughtful, loving neighbors; and, most cherished of all, his family:

Children: William P. ("Bill") Bowes, Jr. and daughter in law Trisha; Suzie Wilburn and son in law Mark ("Bo"); Tom Bowes and daughter in law Monica; and daughter in law Debra Bowes.

His beloved grandkids: Kelsey; Will; Haley; Bryan; Caitlyn; Ross; Mackenzie; and Kathleen.

Brothers and Sisters in Law: Barbara Bishop and husband Ed; Charles ("Chuck") and Paula Williamsen; Dana Bowes; and Carolyn Van Doren.

Nieces and Nephews: Dennis Harper and wife Shelly; John and wife Gina; Lisa Young and husband Steve; Bob and wife Debbie; Jim and wife Karen; Kristy Rigot and husband Jeff; Margaret and husband Richard; and each of their children.

Cousins: Marti; and Bob and wife Linda and their children.

Bill is gone, but he will live on in the hearts and memories of those he touched during a life well lived.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held at a later date. Friends of Bill wishing to make a memorial contribution in Bill's name are asked to consider either: USMMA Alumni Assoc. & Foundation (Class of 1962 Fund for Midshipman Professional & Leadership Development), 300 Steamboat Road, Kings Point, NY 11024 or North Shore Rotary Club, PO Box 9635, Houston, TX 77213 (In Memory of Bill Bowes).

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JOHN ELLIOTT

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John Elliott, of Fairview Park, Ohio, who passed away Friday, March 20, 2020 at the age of 83.

Mr. Elliott spent his career in law enforcement protecting the people of Northern Ohio. He played a key role at the height of Cleveland's mob wars, and even helped start the U.S. Marshal's witness protection program in Northern Ohio in the early 1970s.

John Elliott bravely served in the U.S. Navy from 1954 to 1958 and as a Cuyahoga County sheriff's deputy until 1967. From there, he spent 23 years as a Deputy U.S. Marshal. It was in this role where John earned his tough reputation by providing protection to families of those who testified against organized crime. He also took part in numerous mob investigations, including into the infamous mobster Danny Greene.

His colleagues could not speak highly enough of Mr. Elliott's bravery, integrity, and reliability. As one former police chief put it, "he was one helluva good cop." Following retirement in 1990, John remained close to law enforcement while serving in the Cleveland police's Pipes and Drums Band.

John Elliott was the beloved husband of the late Clorinda (nee Calandrella) for 57 years; loving father of Peter, Thomas, Catherine and Patrick; grandfather of 12; great grandfather of 6; and brother of James.

I salute Mr. Elliott for his dedicated service to Northern Ohio. My deepest condolences go out to John's family and all those whose lives he touched, especially his son Peter, who followed in his footsteps into the U.S. Marshals Service. I thank John for his tireless work.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. WILLIAM GATES

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. William Gates, a pillar of his community and a shining example of the brilliant minds that ensure the greatness of our state. A talented urologist, leader in his field, artist, and philanthropist, the people of Mississippi will certainly feel the loss of Dr. Gates.

Dr. Gates knew from a young age of his ambition to become a doctor. In high school, he was mentored by a local urologist. Dr. Gates was never short of talents and interests. He played the piano, guitar, and saxophone while being an active sportsman. He was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout and continued to be engaged with the Boy Scouts of America. He attended Vanderbilt University and was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order. After completing his residencies, Dr. Gates served our country in the Alabama National Guard as a flight surgeon. He consistently invested in the Columbus and Starkville medical community and retired in 2005 after 36 years in private practice. He was awarded numerous titles both for his medical and civic leadership.

Dr. Gates epitomizes an enduring commitment to the health and livelihood of his community. I truly admire Dr. Gates's philanthropic efforts as well as his contributions to the practice of medicine in Mississippi. He will be missed as a friend, father, and husband, but his impact on Mississippi is immeasurable.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I regretfully missed one vote on Friday, May 15, 2020. I had intended to vote "yes" on roll call vote 107.

INDIA IS VOCAL FOR LOCAL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 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.

Now more than ever India, the world's largest democracy will partner with America, the world's oldest democracy for mutual prosperity of creating jobs. With the dedicated leadership of President Kavee Kumar of the Indian American Chamber of Commerce there can be a replication of one of capitalism's most phenomenal successes. Indian Americans develop over half the hotels, motels, and hospitality centers across America with the leadership of AAHOA led by President Cecil Staton and Vice President Chirag Shah.

RECOGNIZING DEYONKA HICKEY AND FEED THE VETS

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize Deyonka Hickey and the non-profit organization Feed the Vets, for providing nutritious food and hygiene products for Arkansas' veteran community.

Feed the Vets was established in 2017 and serves veterans, retirees, active duty, guardsman, reservists, and their families throughout Arkansas. The organization is operated entirely by veterans who volunteer their time.

During this public health crisis Feed the Vets has continued to serve veterans by providing curbside pickup.

I commend Deyonka and the team at Feed the Vets for their dedication to serving veterans.

HEALTH AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY OMNIBUS EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak on the tribal provisions included in H.R. 6800, the HEROS Act. I profusely disagree with this partisan legislation that was crafted by the majority behind closed doors, and with no input from the minority, however this legislation provides critical relief to Indian Country that must be noted. In the previous, bipartisan, and negotiated relief package, the CARES Act, Congress provided tribal governments with record breaking appropriations. The HEROS Act continues to build on what already has been funded with even more critical dollars and flexibility. Specifically, this bill appropriates \$20 billion to the tribal government stabilization fund—money dedicated to tribal governments to offset the dramatic losses they are facing at this time. This funding would be used to help them continue to do the right thing and keep their employees on the job—paid, and supported—as our nation responds to, and recovers from the pandemic.

I would like to commend the Trump Administration for its active engagement in finding equitable solutions that meet the needs of all tribes. To date, the Administration has focused on ensuring that tribes have maximum flexibility to determine how they can best use the funds to respond to the needs of their citizens in this crisis. I applaud those efforts and urge the Administration to continue to provide tribal governments with the flexibility they need.

While I oppose this bill, I look forward to working with my colleagues on crafting a reasonable and appropriate response to the COVID-19 pandemic and I am encouraged that tribal governments and communities will not be an afterthought, but deliberately included in the final legislation.

TRIBUTE TO THE ARMSTEAD FAMILY

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Armstead Family to commemorate their service and contributions to Michigan and the United States of America.

As residents of Michigan, Peter Armstead, Earl Armstead, and Robert Armstead all answered the call to serve and stood ready to pay the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. Their strength and courage will be marked by their burial in the Great Lakes National Cemetery, resting peacefully side-by-side. Their family has paid a great tribute to this country and they will be commemorated with this esteemed and well-deserved honor.

With a long family history dating back to the 1800s, Peter, Earl and Robert represent three generations of Armstead Family patriotism and dedication to serving on the front lines with the United States Military. Having served in three

significant wars in American history—Peter as a Civil War Veteran, Earl as a World War I Veteran, and Robert Armstead as a World War II Veteran—the Armsteads have displayed enduring selflessness and tremendous sacrifice.

This exemplary service and unprecedented legacy has earned the Armstead family the esteemed honor of having Peter, Earl, and Robert buried with full military honors. On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize the Armstead Family and extend my highest appreciation for their sacrifice and commitment to Michigan and the United States of America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KEITH COLE

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the life of Trooper Keith Cole who passed away last week after a courageous battle with cancer. Keith Cole was dedicated to his family, career, and community, and was a proud protector of the people of Lee County. I thank Mr. Cole for his commitment to the people of Mississippi, and for being a symbol of honor and integrity throughout his life.

Keith Cole was an active member of the Tupelo community. Graduating from Mooreville High School before attending Itawamba Community College, Mr. Cole pursued his lifelong dream of a career in law enforcement. He graduated from the Tupelo Police Academy and served as a Mississippi Highway Patrol Officer. Mr. Cole was dedicated to serving the people of Mississippi, but he was an ever-present husband and father to his wife of 17 years, Monica Jenkins Cole and his son Michael. He leaves behind a loving family who will carry on his memory.

Trooper Cole was a valiant officer of the law, a loving husband and father, and a pillar of his community. While we mourn his loss and honor his memory, we recognize that his impact on Lee County has been immeasurable. I wish my sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Trooper Cole.

WUHAN VIRUS CORRECTLY NAMED

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 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 the people of Xian, Chungdu, and Kunming where he lived 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 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 Revere’s 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 states Attorneys General led by Alan Wilson 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.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL WARRICK

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate my friend—Michael Warrick, who was recently named the 2020 Arkansas Living Treasure by the Arkansas Arts Council.

The Arkansas Arts Council Living Treasure award was created in 2002 and recognizes an Arkansas artist who excels in the creation of a traditional craft and who actively preserves and advances their craft through community outreach and educating others.

That certainly describes Michael, who has taught sculpture at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock for three decades.

He grew up in a small town outside of Chicago and his interest in sculpting and the arts was evident from a young age. He earned his undergraduate degree in ceramics and master’s degree in fine arts.

He is known to have a profound impact on many of his students, several becoming successful artists in their own right.

I join all Arkansans in congratulating Michael on this achievement and look forward to seeing more of his work throughout Little Rock in the years to come.

HONORING THE NURSES OF PARKLAND HEALTH & HOSPITAL SYSTEM IN DALLAS, TEXAS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the nurses of Parkland Health & Hospital System in Dallas, Texas, for their commitment to serving their patients and our community during this novel coronavirus pandemic.

Madam Speaker, the sacrifices that the nurses fighting COVID-19 have been immense. At Parkland Memorial Hospital, over 300 medical staffers are caring for coronavirus patients in the Tactical Care Unit. One of these nurses has moved into an RV and has not seen her 7-month-old daughter in more than five weeks. Another has only had contact with her 2-year-old when she wore an N95 mask and gloves for a birthday hug. A third, who lives alone, has volunteered for every shift she can get to nurse the most critically ill COVID-19 victims.

As the first registered nurse elected to Congress, I am deeply aware of the sacrifices and expertise that medical professionals bring to their work, and I honor their selfless, dedicated service during this public health crisis. What our society is asking of them, the support staff, and all their families is immense, and we must endeavor to provide absolutely every possible resource for their work. This means that the current nationwide struggles to acquire personal protective equipment and testing materials are unacceptable, and I am committed to pushing for all our essential medical professionals to be properly equipped to provide the care our communities need and depend on at this time.

Madam Speaker, the contributions of the medical professionals serving in the city of Dallas, state of Texas, these United States, and across the globe are truly immeasurable. Therefore, on behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and Texas' 30th Congressional District, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing and honoring the sacrifices and commitment of these essential medical staffers during this unprecedented novel coronavirus pandemic."

HEALTH AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY OMNIBUS EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6800, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act. Our nation is experiencing unprecedented job loss as our communities deal

with a global health pandemic that is responsible for the deaths of more than 85,000 individuals in our country in just the past few months. We cannot wait another day, another week, or another month to take action. Our communities need help now and they are looking to Congress to lead. I'm grateful for the leadership of the House of Representatives, Speaker PELOSI, and our committee chairs and staff for working with us to put together an ambitious bill that will send needed help to individuals and families in the form of an additional direct stimulus payment; to our state and local governments, which are experiencing extreme budget shortfalls; and to our small businesses that are the backbone of our local economies and the heart of our communities. Although I am disappointed that the bill does not include several provisions including ongoing payments for individuals and families, additional funding to support child care, and a strong investment in our workforce systems, among other things, I will support this step forward.

We heard loud and clear from our state and local governments—they need more support to keep our communities safe. This bill includes \$915 billion in emergency funding to state and local governments, funding that can be used to help prevent teacher job loss and funding cuts to education and, importantly, the bill expands the use of funds to cover lost, delayed, or decreased revenue from the public health emergency. The HEROES Act also includes \$90 billion for the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund that can be used to provide emergency support to students—including Dreamers, who were previously excluded from receiving emergency grants—schools, and institutions of higher education. These funds are critical to supporting public colleges and universities, addressing student mental health needs, and purchasing technology and mobile hotspots to support distance learning. Under this proposal, my home state of Oregon would receive approximately \$980 million.

During this public health crisis, no one should have to choose between affording basic needs or making payments on their student loans. The CARES Act suspended involuntary collection like wage garnishment or reduction of Social Security payments for delinquent federally-owned student loans. The HEROES Act follows my recommendation to extend these protections to all borrowers, including those who have privately held student loans.

Building on my earlier efforts to make sure K12 students can access school meals during school closures, this legislation funds school meal and child and adult care food programs with emergency relief that will help schools continue to meet the needs of children and their families. This bill will further help families access nutritious meals by increasing the SNAP benefit level by 15 percent.

I am grateful that this bill provides \$7 billion for child care, but this is far from the investment that is needed to support families, providers, and the child care workforce at this critical time. I will continue to fight for significant, additional funding in future relief packages. If child care is not available and affordable, families will not be able to return to work. Additionally, I will continue to fight for additional funding for the Community Services Block Grant program to support the vital anti-poverty work of the more than 1,000 Community Action agencies across this country.

We cannot overcome this virus until we drastically increase our public health efforts. The HEROES Act provides crucial funding to conduct national testing, implement a contact tracing and surveillance strategy, and allow all Americans to seek treatment for COVID-19 without worrying about the cost. The bill also increases support for our frontline health care providers, invests in public health infrastructure, and expands access to health coverage whether employer-provided, publicly supported, or on the open market. The HEROES Act also provides key resources to older adults and people with disabilities. The bill provides an additional \$85 million in funding for Older Americans Act (OAA) programs that were reauthorized earlier this year by legislation I was proud to lead. This means more resources for supportive services, nutrition programs, assistive technology, and elder rights protection activities.

The direct payments to individuals in the CARES Act was an important first step, but I know that too many people in Northwest Oregon and across the country need more support during this health and economic crisis. Although this bill does not provide at least \$2,000 per month for individuals through the duration of the pandemic, which I advocated for, it does provide a second stimulus payment of \$1200 to most individuals and, importantly, it retroactively fixes a problem in CARES and will now extend direct payments to individuals filing with Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers.

More than 396,000 Oregonians have filed for unemployment insurance in the last two months. I know how important this support is during the pandemic, and I'm working in Congress to strengthen and expedite access to these benefits. The HEROES Act expands the additional \$600 in federal benefits added to every weekly unemployment compensation check through January 2021, and it extends eligibility for self-employed individuals, gig economy workers, and independent contractors. This vital economic support must continue until workers can safely get back on the job. Also it is truly unfortunate that, despite the merits of a more comprehensive approach, the HEROES Act does not include the Paycheck Guarantee Act, legislation spearheaded by Congresswoman PRAMILA JAYAPAL. The Paycheck Guarantee Act would allow most individuals to stay on payroll during this national emergency and keep their benefits, and it would also significantly reduce the number of people filing for Unemployment Insurance. I will continue to advocate for creative approaches like the Paycheck Guarantee Act that maximize the benefits to workers and the economy while also reducing bureaucracy.

We need to do more to protect workers from hazardous conditions on the job, and I will keep fighting for workplace protections and personal protective equipment for all workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. I am an original cosponsor of the COVID-19 Every Worker Protection Act, and I'm pleased that it is included in the HEROES Act with additional funding for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Protecting essential workers during the pandemic is one of my top priorities. I have also advocated for premium pay for essential workers to recognize their role in sustaining our communities and the sacrifices they are making during the pandemic. The HEROES Act will provide frontline

workers who are in contact with patients, the public, or co-workers—including grocery store workers, health care workers, and first responders—with an additional \$13 per hour in premium pay on top of regular wages, up to \$10,000.

As more communities start to lift stay-at-home orders, all workers need access to paid family, medical, and sick leave benefits. The HEROES Act will help expand access to emergency paid sick leave and emergency paid family and medical leave by eliminating exemptions for health care workers, first responders, workers at businesses with fewer than 50 employees, and workers at businesses with 500 or more employees. And I will keep working with my colleagues to secure permanent paid sick leave and paid family and medical leave for all workers.

I started working at Legal Aid while I attended community college, and learned there that people do not struggle by choice. With our national economy upended, consumers face even greater financial hardships and predatory actors continue to take advantage of people facing this crisis. We should have implemented the strengthened consumer protections in the HEROES Act at the beginning of this crisis, and I have continued calls for their passage. I'm glad that the HEROES Act suspends consumer debt collection during the COVID-19 emergency and for 120 days after the end of the national emergency to make sure consumers can fully recover. I worked with the Congressional Progressive Caucus to make debt collection suspension a priority in relief legislation.

We know that Oregonians are struggling through no fault of their own, and they should not be further harmed financially. Negative credit reporting will be suspended under the HEROES Act for the duration of this crisis and any future national emergencies. This is an essential step to safeguard consumers most affected by the current outbreak. I have also continued to call for medical debt collection and credit reporting suspensions—needed reforms to prevent a hospital visit from destroying the credit of consumers. I am glad to see that medical debt related to coronavirus treatments will not result in adverse credit information; however, we must give consumers the flexibility to settle their medical debt before it shows up on a credit report and we must continue to fight so everyone can access affordable health care.

The HEROES Act also clarifies the intent of the CARES Act by preventing the garnishment, levy, or seizing of direct payment for private debts. I have been a vocal advocate for stopping unfair garnishment and protecting payments like Social Security and other essential earned benefits.

Oregon has strong laws to prevent unfair price hikes during crises like the current pandemic. I am continuing to work with Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum on ways to expand Oregon's protections to all Americans. It's beneficial that the HEROES Act includes provisions to stop unconscionably excessive prices on necessities like food, hygiene products, personal protective equipment, and health services.

Workforce boards, labor unions, community colleges, community-based organizations, small businesses, and other stakeholders are training health care, direct care, and front-line workers, but they are in desperate need of

more resources. I am pleased that the HEROES Act includes \$2.5 billion for adult education, youth training, dislocated worker grants, migrant and seasonal farmworker programs, and public health worker recruitment and training as authorized in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, but this funding is insufficient to meet the scale of the crisis at hand. For comparison, the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act provided more than \$7.7 billion in workforce funding. To respond to the economic consequences of the coronavirus pandemic, we need at least \$15.1 billion in supplemental federal investments to help prevent further layoffs and provide dislocated workers and employers with access to employment services like training, career navigation, and supportive services. I will keep working with my colleagues on the Education and Labor Committee to advance the Relaunching America's Workforce Act because the historic unemployment levels over the last two months require an equally historic response to support workers.

No one should be forced to choose between paying their bills and paying for food, but as Oregonians face the ongoing economic consequences of COVID-19, this is becoming a reality for too many working families. This bill includes \$175 billion to assist renters and homeowners make monthly rent, mortgage and utility payments, and other housing-related costs. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is an important wraparound support that helps low-income families pay for heating and cooling bills. The HEROES Act includes another \$1.5 billion in supplemental funding for LIHEAP, but many more households will need and likely qualify for assistance in the coming weeks and months. Additionally, as individuals comply with stay-at-home orders across the country during the pandemic, they will likely be using more electricity and heat or air conditioning to keep their homes habitable. As we work to craft the next response package, I will keep fighting for more funding for LIHEAP to provide tangible assistance to families who are struggling to pay their bills. I also advocated for assistance similar to LIHEAP that would help households economically affected by COVID-19 with drinking water and wastewater services during this national emergency. The HEROES Act includes an additional \$1.5 billion for this support.

The success of our economic recovery will depend on the success of our small businesses. The Paycheck Protection Program was a good first lifeline for many, but many business owners are concerned about artificial timelines and a lack of flexibility in the program. I'm glad that the HEROES Act will extend the coverage period to the end of 2020 and give businesses additional flexibility while still adhering to local stay-at-home orders that may not allow them to fully open and resume operating for some time to come. The bill would also expand PPP eligibility to additional nonprofit organizations of all types and sizes, as well as provide an additional \$10 billion in economic injury disaster grants (EIDL) through the Small Business Administration.

Fisheries are an important part of our economy in Northwest Oregon, and I know that our coastal communities need more assistance to get through these challenging times. The HEROES Act provides an additional \$100 million in disaster funding, and I will keep working to

secure more direct assistance for fisheries and the domestic seafood supply chain. Northwest Oregon is known for its prestigious specialty crops, and our farmers have been struggling to make ends meet during the pandemic. The HEROES Act will also support our specialty crop farmers by providing \$100 million for specialty crop grants and \$50 million for support for local farmers markets and other direct to consumer markets.

This bill addresses one of the key shortcomings of previous legislative efforts; the exclusion of individuals from direct economic relief because of their immigration status. The HEROES Act retroactively extends direct payments to mixed-status families and immigrants who file taxes using ITINs, and it expands eligibility for other economic support. It removes barriers to testing, treatment, vaccines, and other health care based solely on immigration status and automatically extends work permits for individuals with DACA or TPS. The bill offers protections from ICE removal and employment authorization for individuals in critical industries, including agricultural workers and meatpackers. It also requires ICE to review its detention policies and find alternatives for individuals not subject to mandatory detention.

Importantly, the HEROES Act strengthens our democratic institutions with new resources to conduct secure, reliable elections using vote-by-mail. Oregonians have used this trusted method of voting for more than twenty years, and it should be implemented nationwide as a simple and safe solution that will increase access while allowing voters to maintain physical distancing measures.

We must act quickly and decisively to curb the spread of COVID-19 and create conditions that will allow us to begin our recovery, but we must also act boldly so our response is sufficient to prevent a widespread resurgence of the virus. We must also not leave behind any segment of our society as we work to repair the immense and harmful economic damage that we see across Oregon and the country. We are all safer and healthier when everyone in our communities is safer and healthier. I commend House leadership for putting forward a proposal that responsibly addresses the desperate need we are currently facing while also acknowledging the potentially disastrous costs of doing too little. I urge all my colleagues to support our nurses, first responders, grocery workers, and all frontline heroes by supporting this legislation.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JENNIE L. LANDOLFI

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jennie L. Landolfi, 65, of Niles, Ohio, who passed away Friday, May 15, 2020, after a long and courageous battle with Multiple Sclerosis.

Jennie was born April 19, 1955, in Niles, the daughter of Gregory and Antonette "Toni" Landolfi.

Jennie was a 1973 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, attended Kent State University, graduated from the Trumbull Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, and received a master's degree in adult health from

the University of Akron. Jennie had a passion for emergency medical services and worked for many years in the emergency departments of Trumbull Memorial Hospital and Warren General Hospital. She created the paramedic training program in Trumbull County and trained countless EMTs throughout Northeast Ohio. A lifelong member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, Jennie loved her nephews, her dogs, vacations in the sun and the friends of her Red Hat Society and card clubs with whom she shared adventures and laughs.

She will be sadly missed by her brother, John and his wife, Chrissie of Columbus; and her three nephews, Johnny, Dante and Marco; as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

My heartfelt condolences go out to Jennie's family, and all whose lives she so dearly touched. I thank Jennie for her tireless work taking care of the people in the Mahoning Valley.

CITIZEN SOLDIER HEROES

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, members of the South Carolina National Guard are heroes. During this challenging time, it is inspiring that South Carolina National Guard Service Members choose to serve the citizens of South Carolina. The National Guard continues to answer the call and assist communities affected by the Wuhan Virus. Here are six heroes in South Carolina.

Doctor (Col.) Phillip Latham is the state Air Surgeon for the South Carolina Air National Guard, serves as the South Carolina Air National Guard medical lead and COVID-19 medical response coordinator. His efforts and accomplishments positively impact South Carolina communities daily.

Colonel Latham liaises with the South Carolina Hospital Association. He assists statewide medical surge planning and weekly regional response coordination meetings. Additionally, Colonel Latham has coordinated a patient transportation response plan, enhanced resource acquisition allocation, and regional planning for Tier 1 and Tier 2 alternate care sites, as well as improve emergency ambulance response protocols. He also worked through the South Carolina Hospital Association and South Carolina Manufacturers Empowerment program for the creation of centralized ordering and distribution of protective personal equipment. Engineering support statewide alternate care site surveys, identified and planned for possible infrastructure expansion to meet needs in excess of current regional hospital capacity. Lastly, he coordinated phase 2 testing and contact tracing plans in concert with the South Carolina Hospital Association, South Carolina Emergency Management Division, Department of Health and Environmental Control and National Guard leadership for a roll out of both diagnostic and immunity testing across the state.

Doctor (Lt. Col.) Vanessa Wideman, is the 169th Medical Group, Flight Surgeon. Lieutenant Colonel Wideman advised South Carolina National Guard leadership on COVID-19 miti-

gation efforts, mapped out McEntire Joint National Guard Base's strategy and response for COVID-19, and advised 169th Fighter Wing leadership on Health Protection Condition (HPCON) levels. She continues to coordinate with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to improve individualized member response to COVID-19 for potentially affected members.

Doctor (Lt. Col.) Fred Smith, is the 157th Fighter Squadron, Flight Surgeon. Lieutenant Colonel Smith's testing efforts helped map out hospital network efforts across South Carolina. He also observed and provided oversight for the South Carolina National Guard—civilian partnership, in food distribution, and receiving, at Harvest Hope food bank.

Lieutenant Colonel Paul Laymon is the 169th Security Forces Squadron Commander. Lieutenant Colonel Laymon has coordinated, organized, planned, staffed, and co-lead the development of the COVID-19 Joint Task Force—Security (C-JTFS). He also developed new Operating Instructions for safe and secure entry onto McEntire Joint National Guard Base and authored the National Guard's Adversary Threat Assessment to include concerns over weaponization of the Novel Virus COVID-19. Lastly, he coordinated with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, and the South Carolina Joint Operations Center for the safe-secure delivery and redistribution of the CDC National Stockpile Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Lieutenant Colonel Allen R. Stewart serves as the South Carolina National Guard Joint Force Headquarters Logistics Director. In this capacity, he's coordinated South Carolina National Guard support at Oliver Gospel mission, set up Blue Tent training between the Department of Health and Environmental Control and 59th Troop Command, and worked with the South Carolina National Guard to set up the Georgia Air National Guard's sanitizing "Train the Trainer" classes for the South Carolina National Guard. Furthermore, his efforts helped improve planning efforts and protective measures with the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Lieutenant Colonel Stewart also helped set up South Carolina's food distribution in Horry County and facilitated the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicle's plan to use South Carolina National Guard armories across the state to enable social distancing between the public and DMV staff.

Second Lieutenant Trey Murphy is the Logistics Readiness Officer for the 169th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Second Lieutenant Murphy coordinated and hosted the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Receipt, Store, and Stage (RSS) refresher training course, which showed how to manage distribution of Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) material. His efforts enabled his squadron to store over two-hundred pallets of personal protective equipment on more than fifty tactical convoys, serving all forty-six counties in South Carolina. He also coordinated the joint effort for the staging of US Army personnel and equipment in advance of civilian bus driver training conducted on McEntire Joint National Guard Base.

I am grateful to have worked with my colleagues in the 116th Congress to provide needed funding for vital personal protective equipment, material, and support for our Service Members and their families.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LENORA PRATHER

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the life and legacy of Mrs. Lenora Prather, a native of West Point, Mississippi and a pioneer in the field of law and justice in our state. Mrs. Prather dedicated her life to public service and cemented herself in our state's history, while continuing to have an impact on young minds.

Lenora Prather was born and educated in West Point, Mississippi, where she graduated from the Mississippi State College for Women before continuing her education at the University of Mississippi School of Law, earning her juris doctor in 1955. She practiced law with her father and later met fellow attorney Bob Prather. The two were married and began to practice law together until her appointment as Municipal Judge in West Point. Together they had three daughters. Among her many academic contributions, she taught in the Communication Department at Mississippi State University. In 1982, Prather was appointed as Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court. She attributed her success in her career to her parent's example. She served as a source of inspiration to countless individuals, and among her friends and family.

Mrs. Lenora Prather was a shining example of commitment to values, community, and justice. She had a lasting impact on this state, and her example will continue to inspire young minds. I commend her lifelong efforts in making Mississippi great.

RECOGNIZING STAFF AT CENTRAL ARKANSAS VETERANS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize the staff at Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System that volunteered to help their sister facility in Louisiana: Erin Pitchford, Diana Tran, Latoya Johnson, Tonya Filbert, Teri Kennedy, Vickie Mabry, Ellen Shollmier, Linda Tate, Joe Wood, Nicholas Asman, and Michelle Freck.

In April, three teams of Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System Registered Nurses, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetics traveled to New Orleans to support the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Healthcare System.

These 11 front-line heroes provided support to their sister VA facility during the initial surge of COVID-19 in Louisiana. The staff provided direct patient care in critical areas of the facility, including medical and surgical units.

The purpose of this united effort was to ensure the well-being of our veterans who have served our country.

We thank the nurses who are deployed, all those who stepped in to fill their shoes back home, and CAVHS for their compassion, clinical expertise, and their commitment to serving our veterans.

HONORING BEN KELLY

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Ben Kelly, an entrepreneur, surfboard shaper, and surfer on the central coast of California. Ben will be remembered for his kindness, adventurous spirit, and passion for his religious faith.

Ben Kelly was born in Orange County in Southern California. While attending Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, California, where he met his wife, Katie, Ben began shaping surfboard and eventually developed his own brand, Ben Kelly Surfboards.

Following his move to the central coast of California, Ben and Katie started their social media company, named Authentic Approach. This business encapsulated Ben's quick embrace of his new community. Not only was he dedicated to the work he did with his wife to help others realize their dreams of starting and operating local businesses, but he also quickly established himself in the local surfing community on the Central Coast. Ben's friends knew him as an adventurous young man who formed tight bonds with those around him and used his supportive and sincere nature to encourage friends to excel at their goals.

Ben was especially passionate about his deeply held Christian faith. As a member of Twin Lakes Church in Aptos, California, Ben channeled his faith to guide his generous nature and devotion to helping friends and strangers. Ben's faith was a part of his daily life, finding daily lessons in the world around him and offering earnest guidance to anyone who needed help.

Ben will be remembered for his adventurous and generous spirit and his love for and devotion to his wife, Katie. We, as a community, celebrate his life well-lived. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life of Ben Kelly.

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SPEECH OF

HON. GUY RESCENTIALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H. Res. 965, which is nothing

more than a power grab by my Democrat colleagues that would upend over 200 years of precedent and have serious constitutional and institutional repercussions.

Across our nation, millions of Americans go to work every day to help their communities and defeat the COVID-19 outbreak. They expect their elected officials to do the same. But under the proposal put forth by House Democrats, 20 members would control Congress, while the rest stay home and cede their votes.

Article 1, Section 5 of the U.S. Constitution states, "a Majority of each shall constitute a Quorum to do Business; but a smaller Number may adjourn from day to day, and may be authorized to compel the Attendance of absent Members." At a time when traveling took days to weeks, rather than mere hours, our Founding Fathers recognized that while inconvenient, being physically present was necessary for good governance. And despite recent legislative sessions, which prove Members of Congress can conduct regular business in a safe manner, Democrats want to recklessly alter the U.S. House of Representatives as our founders designed it.

In addition to throwing out 230 years of tradition, H. Res. 965 stifles the voices of tens of millions of Americans. As long as these rules are in place, House leadership will control every step of the legislative process. Rank and file members will be cut out of lawmaking completely, in turn denying the people they represent a seat at the table.

Republican Leader KEVIN MCCARTHY, Rules Committee Ranking Member TOM COLE, and Administration Committee Ranking Member RODNEY DAVIS put forward a detailed plan for how the House can continue operations during this crisis. House Republicans stand ready to find bipartisan solutions that ensure members can fulfill their constitutional duties.

But the resolution proposed by House Democrats is not the answer.

Mr. Speaker, our country has faced serious challenges since its founding, including the Spanish influenza. For the first time in our history, a single party is taking advantage of a crisis to jam through unprecedented and unconstitutional changes that will forever alter this institution. I strongly oppose H. Res. 965, which will devastate our democracy and silence the People's voice.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL MITCHELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call No. 105 the Previous Question on H. Res. 967, Roll Call No. 106 Agreeing on H.

Res. 967, Roll Call No. 107 Agreeing on H. Res. 965, Roll Call No. 108 Motion to Recommit on H.R. 6800, and Roll Call No. 109 Passage of H.R. 6800, I am not recorded because I was absent.

Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 105; NAY on Roll Call No. 106; NAY on Roll Call No. 107; YEA on Roll Call No. 108; and NAY on Roll Call No. 109.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on May 15, 2020 for Roll Call Vote 105, Roll Call Vote 106, Roll Call Vote 107, Roll Call Vote 108, and Roll Call Vote 109 as I am on doctors'-ordered bed rest after sustaining a fall two weeks ago. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 105, Yea on Roll Call Vote 106, Yea on Roll Call Vote 107, Nay on Roll Call Vote 108, and Yea on Roll Call Vote 109.

RECOGNIZING SOPHIA SAID

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sophia Said for receiving the 2019 FBI Director's Community Leadership Award.

Ms. Said is currently the Chairwoman of the Madina Institute and Mosque located in my hometown of Little Rock, Arkansas. She is also the Executive Director of the Interfaith Center of Arkansas.

Established in 1990 to honor individuals for their efforts in fighting crime, terrorism, and violence in the United States, the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award is a true testament to the work Ms. Said has led to combat violence and hate crimes against religious groups in Arkansas.

Ms. Said has brought together law enforcement agencies, religious congregations, and community leaders for FBI-lead trainings to prevent terrorist attacks in Arkansas.

On behalf of all Arkansans, I thank Ms. Said for her devotion to protecting our Arkansas communities, and congratulations on this deserving recognition.