

David credits his commitment to Judaism and Jewish education to a photograph in his Polish grandparents' home in the Bronx, of their families in Poland. All except those who had gone to America or Israel, including David's father, were killed by the Nazis. Also in that home was an inscription that asked "What have you done today on behalf of your people and your land?"

David Waksberg said "For me, Jewish thought, tradition and wisdom from the last few thousand years really helped me be a better husband, father, son, brother, friend, neighbor and citizen. All this wisdom contributed to what some would call happiness. It helped me lead a good life. And that's the point of it all."

Madam Speaker, we ask the entire House of Representatives to join us in honoring the extraordinary leadership and legacies of David Waksberg. His mission of promoting and furthering Jewish education has bettered our communities and made our nation stronger because of all he has chosen to do.

THANKING TURKEY FOR
ASSISTANCE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the efforts of one of our allies to assist with our coronavirus response. Recently, the Republic of Turkey sent two separate paneloads of medical supplies to the United States. One arrived on Tuesday and a second on Thursday. The Turkish government sent 500,000 surgical masks, 4,000 overalls, 1,500 sets of goggles, civilian masks, face shields, hazmat suits, and a generous supply of disinfectants.

This is the type of cooperation that we need to see on every level in order to effectively address this pandemic. I understand that U.S. Ambassador to Turkey, David Satterfield, was on hand to watch the second shipment depart Turkey. I am pleased to see our governments working closely together. I understand that Turkey made deliveries of medical supplies and equipment to more than 50 countries around the world, and I commend them for such generosity. It is in our common interests to continue to find constructive ways to work together.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
JONES ACT

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, this week we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Jones Act and its century of fostering our domestic maritime industry and supporting our national security. Named in honor of its author, former Senator Wesley Jones, the Jones Act has helped provide economic benefits in times of peace and has safeguarded resources to expand our military maritime capacity for times of war.

For the Department of Defense, maintaining a U.S. flagged fleet is critical to ensuring we

have sufficient U.S. sealift capacity, available at a moment's notice, to defend our nation. For example, during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom from 2002 to 2010, U.S.-flag commercial vessels transported nearly 60% of all military cargoes into Afghanistan and Iraq.

Not only does the Jones Act support this vital national security requirement, it also provides an economic benefit to our nation.

Currently, there are about 40,000 vessels in the American domestic fleet. The domestic maritime industry supports nearly 650,000 jobs and has a gross economic output of \$154 billion annually, generating \$41.6 billion annually in income with a \$16.8 billion tax impact.

In my state of Texas, the domestic maritime industry is a major economic driver. According to a study by PricewaterhouseCoopers for the Transportation Institute, Texas ranks No. 3 among all U.S. states for jobs related to the American domestic maritime industry. The state is home to an estimated 56,000 Jones Act-related domestic maritime industry jobs, and the domestic shipping industry contributes approximately \$14 billion in annual economic impact and \$4 billion in worker income to the Texas economy.

In the 34th Congressional District, which I have the honor to represent, there are 1,100 Jones Act-related jobs. This translates into over \$174 million in economic impact to my Congressional district.

On March 16th, I was scheduled to participate in an event at the Port of Brownsville in my district, highlighting the importance of our domestic maritime industry and the Jones Act. As with so many activities throughout our nation and the world over the past several months, this event was postponed due to COVID-19, but I am pleased to have this opportunity today to express my support for this important industry and its workforce.

At the Port of Brownsville, Keppel AmFels is currently constructing two 'Ohana Class containerships for Pasha Hawaii, an American shipping company. These ships will be used to transport containers of goods between Hawaii and the U.S. mainland.

It was just a few years ago that Keppel AmFELS decided to invest over \$30 million to start this new industry at the Port of Brownsville. We worked with the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration to secure nearly \$2 million in federal funds for the vessel assembly pad to help make this happen.

I look forward to the time when we can celebrate the building of these two ships—the M/V *Jean Marie* and the M/V *George III*—in person.

RECOGNIZING THE HARD WORK
AND DEDICATION OF ZACHARY
K. OSTRO

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank my departing Legislative Director, Zachary K. Ostro, for his hard work and dedication.

Zach joined my team as a Legislative Fellow shortly after completing his JD at the Univer-

sity of Maryland School of Law. As a fellow, one of his largest contributions came as Chief Content Editor of the 2014 Kelly Report on Gun Violence in America, the first-ever Congressional analysis of the nation's gun violence epidemic. He quickly became an indispensable part of the team and transitioned into a full-time role as a Legislative Assistant. In 2016, he became Legislative Director and helped me enact a number of bills including the Connected Government Act and Action for Dental Health Act into law.

While leading my legislative team, Zach also continued his education and obtained an MBA from Georgetown University in 2018. His family also grew while part of Team Kelly with the birth of his beautiful daughter, Sophie.

Originally from Cleveland, Zach is a diehard Indians fan and avid bowler. As he departs for a new opportunity, I wish him and his family all the best.

Again, I thank Zach for his years of service to the 2nd Congressional District of Illinois.

HONORING DR. TAMMY TEREL
TAYLOR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Tammy Terel Taylor.

Dr. Tammy Terel Taylor was born to the late NR Taylor and Alberta Smith-Taylor. She is the third youngest of fourteen siblings. She entered the world during very troubling and uncertain times. Dr. Martin Luther King had just been assassinated a few months before her arrival and Senator Robert Kennedy assassinated on the exact same day she was born. She believes her passion for social freedom and equality to all humankind started in utero. Her parents instilled into her and her other siblings the importance of the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." She grew up in a traditional family structure where her father was the sole provider while her mother took care of home. Dr. Taylor was raised up on the family's farm and refers to her family as the "Black Walton's" and often says "Although money was not plentiful her family had an abundance of love and fortitude when faced with adversity". Dr. Taylor's family truly understood what it meant to live off the land. Her father farmed their land for several years and later pursued a construction career when farming alone was not enough to provide for his family. Dr. Taylor credits her perseverance and strong work ethics to her late father and her undeniable faith and endurance to her mother.

Dr. Taylor was born and grew up in Sardis, MS. She attended and graduated from North Panola High School in 1987. She attended Northwest Community College following high school and later transferred to the University of Mississippi majoring in Sociology with a minor in Psychology; she graduated in August of 1993. After graduating from the University of MS, Dr. Taylor began her nursing career at Northwest Community College (NWCC) in Senatobia, MS. NWCC had the reputation of producing some of the best registered nurses (RNs) and if you successfully completed their