

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 plane loads 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

very rigorous nursing program you were well prepared for the challenges ahead.

Dr. Taylor started her nursing career at Baptist Memorial Hospital (BMH) in Oxford, MS and worked at this facility for 7 years as the Charge Nurse. While working at BMH full-time, she traveled once a week to Alcorn State University (ASU) nursing campus for the next 2 years. She earned her Master of Science as a Nurse Educator graduating with highest distinction and inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau National Honor Society of Nursing. She accepted an Assistant Professor position in their Associate Degree Nursing at ASU. Dr. Taylor possessed not only a passion for learning but immensely enjoyed teaching and sharing her knowledge and clinical experience. While teaching full-time at ASU, Dr. Taylor earned her Post Master's as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP). This was a very difficult time in her life because her sister and best friend, Renetha, was diagnosed with a terminal cancer and lost her battle on October 6, 2002.

In January of 2004 a unique opportunity arose and Dr. Taylor was invited to join a team of dynamic African American women with a diverse background in the nursing profession to start the first Associate Degree Nursing Program at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, MS. Dr. Taylor and other faculty referred to themselves as the "Dream Team" and was determined to create one of the best nursing programs for those aspiring to become registered nurses in the state of MS. Although this dream was short-lived, her dynamic team laid the groundwork and this RN program is thriving today. Dr. Taylor has dedicated years of service into almost all areas of nursing from the hospital setting to academia to correctional setting just to name a few.

On March of 2009, Dr. Taylor accepted a position in the MS Delta at a private Cardiology practice. This in many ways for her was surreal because now she would be providing care to patients with heart disease, a disease that abruptly ended her own father's life at the age of forty-six. She was eager to accept this challenge because this would give her the opportunity to help others combat heart disease and save lives, something she was not able to do for her very own father. Dr. Taylor knew this had to be fate, a higher power orchestrating this only-for-her opportunity.

On January 2010, Dr. Taylor pursued her highest level of education in her profession. While working full-time as a Cardiology Nurse Practitioner, she began her doctoral degree at the University of Alabama Capstone College of Graduate Nursing. Her scholarly project explored the precursors of coronary heart disease among women of color in the MS Delta. She graduated with a 4.0 GPA and again inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau National Honor Society for Nursing, the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and the Golden Key International Honor Society. Dr. Taylor earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and her Hooding Ceremony was on the former President Barack Obama's birthday August 4, the year 2012.

Dr. Taylor still practices in the MS Delta specializing in heart disease and managing other chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, etc. She is an advocate for change and currently serves as the Lead Volunteer in the state of MS for the Na-

tional Patient Advocate Foundation (NPAF) out of Washington, DC. Dr. Taylor has attended the last three Patient Congress in DC to be the change agent and voice for her patients. Dr. Taylor was selected by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) and National Institute of Health (NIH) to serve as a stakeholder reviewer for new funding opportunity: Testing Multi-Level Interventions to Improve Blood Pressure Control in Minority Racial/Ethnic, Low Socioeconomic Status, and/or Rural Populations.

Dr. Taylor is an entrepreneur and recently started on own business Day by Day Health and Wellness to be the change she wishes to see in the world. Her passion for healthcare runs deep but she sees the bigger picture and that is focusing more on preventive care versus sick care. Dr. Taylor currently serves as a Community Advisory Board member for Panola County for the Risk Underlying Rural Areas Longitudinal Study (RURAL). She is an active member of the Mississippi Nurses Association. She is an active member of the distinguished ladies of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Upsilon Iota Omega Chapter. She is also an active member of the NAACP Panola County Branch. And lastly and more importantly, she is the doting aunt to her nieces and nephews and the loving wife to her soulmate, Mr. Whittington Bufford, Jr.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Tammy Terel Taylor for her dedication to serving her community and this great state.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, May 28, 2020, I missed votes due to my oldest son's high school graduation.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 113; YEA on Roll Call No. 114; and NAY on Roll Call No. 115.

MILITARY SPOUSE CAREER EDUCATION ACT

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLÁN

OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mr. SABLÁN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Military Spouse Career Education Act to help military spouses access the education they need to enter and excel in careers that require government-recognized credentials.

My bill would help military spouses achieve their career goals by covering the costs of exams awarding college credit and continuing education units needed to maintain professional licenses and certifications.

Military spouses participating in the My Career Advancement Account (MyCAA) Scholarship Program would be able to finish their degrees faster by earning credit through exams such as the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) and DANTES Subject Standard-

ized Tests (DSST). CLEP and DSST award credit recognized by thousands of schools for a wide range of courses needed for degrees in health care, education, business, technology and other in-demand fields. Access to these alternatives to traditional classes provides spouses the ability to achieve their educational goals at their own pace while saving limited MyCAA funds for other expenses.

Maintaining licenses and certifications would also be easier for MyCAA participants and spouses moving with their service member under permanent change of station orders. The Defense Department currently covers the cost of spouses' relicensing fees when relocating with their families. States and territories that do not recognize credentials from other jurisdictions may also require additional training. The Military Spouse Career Education Act reimburses spouses for the costs of continuing education units needed to keep their credentials and continue careers in their new place of residence.

The gentleman from Indiana, Mr. BANKS, is an original cosponsor of the bill. I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation.

A FRESH START

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today, to recognize the 20th anniversary of a local small business in Lakewood, Colorado—A Fresh Start.

A Fresh Start is a prime example of the American Dream—owned and operated by Tom Bogeljic, a Bosnian refugee who came to the U.S. in 1997, and shortly after settling into the Denver suburbs, opened his own small business. A Fresh Start has grown substantially in the last 20 years, and Tom has been at the forefront of its growth.

A Fresh Start opened its doors in Lakewood, Colorado on December 1, 1999 and has provided commercial and residential cleaning to places across the 7th Congressional District and Denver Metro area. It has survived quite a few challenges over the last 20 years, surviving the Great Recession as well as being designated an essential service during the current COVID-19 public health crisis.

During Small Business Month, I want to recognize Tom and his business as examples of a true entrepreneurial spirit and his contribution to our community by using eco-friendly materials and putting his employees first.

I extend my congratulations to Tom and A Fresh Start on its achievement of 20 successful years in our community. Keep up the good work.

HONORING THE CAREER OF ARMOND "SKIP" SCIPIONE

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Mr. Armond "Skip"