

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING PFC ROBERT WALKER,
U.S. MARINE CORPS

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding work of PFC Robert Walker who celebrates 100 years of life on June 25, 2020.

Mr. Walker hails from Spokane, Washington, and worked many jobs before a call to serve his country during its hour of need inspired him to join the Marine Corps. After completing basic training and being assigned to the 4th Marine Division, he was sent to the Pacific Theatre where he fought in the battle for Iwo Jima from February 19, until March 4, 1945.

On March 4, 1945, Mr. Walker was severely wounded by shrapnel and immediately evacuated to Hawaii to be given proper medical care. On September 28, 1945, Mr. Walker was discharged from the Marines and began his civilian life again. His wife of over 50 years, Betty, whom he met in San Francisco where he spent most of his life prior to the war, was waiting for him when he returned.

The Battle of Iwo Jima was one of the bloodiest and most ferociously fought battles of World War II. Mr. Walker was one of nearly 70,000 Marines who bravely battled entrenched Japanese forces knowing full well that casualties would be high.

For his service, Mr. Walker was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with star, the American Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. After his decorated service in the Marine Corps, Mr. Walker began working for the California Department of Motor Vehicles where he retired from a supervising position.

Mr. Walker has said that one of the happiest days of his life was when he was released from the Marine Corps, but he will also testify that his time in the Corps changed and defined his life. The phrase, "once a Marine, always a Marine" comes to mind when one thinks of the valiant heart and storied life of our friend, Robert Francis Walker.

HONORING LORNA C. HILL

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Lorna C. Hill, who is the founder of Ujima Theatre Co. in Buffalo, NY and has been a leader in the Western New York community for many decades.

Ms. Hill has broken all types of barriers throughout her life. She was the first woman accepted into Dartmouth College, graduating

in 1973. For this accomplishment, Ms. Hill has been honored by the Black Alumni of Dartmouth Association and the Office of the Dean of the College with a celebration in her name. After earning her bachelor's degree, Hill pursued her M.A. in Theatre at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1978.

In 1978, Ms. Hill founded the Ujima Theatre Company currently located on the West Side of Buffalo. Through the years, Ujima has been a center for cultural acceptance, justice, and racial equality, as well as a hub for artistic vision, especially within the African American community. Ms. Hill continued her career in theatre and the arts as a poet, playwright, and performing on stage, in commercials, and in television.

While operating Ujima Theatre Co., Ms. Hill continued to share her artistic and theatrical talents at the Buffalo Academy of Visual and Performing Arts. As a dedicated public school teacher from 2008 to 2015, Ms. Hill touched the lives of her many students. Her passion for the art of storytelling fused perfectly with her role as an educator.

For her entire adult life, Ms. Hill fought for the rights of women and people of color. Ms. Hill is looked up to by many for her entrepreneurial spirit, service to Western New York, and dedication to cultural theatre and the arts. As such, she has been honored and awarded for her work by a multitude of local organizations including Buffalo Business First, Community Action Organization of Erie County, Erie County Chapter of the Links, YWCA, YMCA, Grass Roots, Inc., Zonta Club, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Artvoice, Arts Council, National Organization for Women, National Conference for Community and Justice, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Buffalo Urban League, Inc., The Women for Human Rights and Dignity Inc., and Langston Hughes Institute.

Ms. Hill's most cherished accomplishment is raising two children, Amilcar Cabral and Zoë Viola, as a single head of household.

Madam Speaker, I take this moment to recognize Lorna C. Hill, a dedicated performer, director, artist, community servant and educator. Her work and presence created an irreplaceable legacy that is felt deeply throughout Western New York and beyond.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF JUDGE CHARLES LLOYD
ELLOIE

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Judge Charles Lloyd Elloie, a retired Orleans Parish Criminal Court judge, who passed away on Sunday, May 31, 2020 at the age of 82.

Born in New Orleans, Louisiana on April 6, 1938 to Joseph and Elizabeth Fredricks Elloie, Judge Elloie was one of five children and was

raised in the Lafitte Public Housing Development. A Pullman porter, his father worked on the Sunset Limited railroad while his mother was a domestic worker.

A student of public school throughout grade school, Judge Elloie attended Dillard University and graduated with a BA degree in Education. He was the first of five in his family to graduate from college. Following his graduation from 1960 to 1966, he served as a biology and math teacher in the Orleans Parish School System.

After his tenure teaching, Judge Elloie became an agent for the Prudential Insurance Company where he became the first African American hired in his region. In this role, he was successful in assisting individuals and expanding this critical service to many who did not have access prior. However, despite his success, he still yearned to address some of the unsettling societal inequalities he had seen and experienced throughout his life.

Naturally, Judge Elloie's desire to make an impact in his community led him to get involved in New Orleans politics. In 1968, he pursued a seat on the local school board, but ultimately fell short. However, he stayed determined and refused to allow this loss to deter him.

In 1969, Judge Elloie founded the Community Organization for Urban Politics (COUP) in partnership with his close friend, Attorney Robert Collins. Almost immediately, COUP became extremely influential in New Orleans and particularly powerful in the 6th and 7th wards.

That same year, he ran unsuccessfully for the House of Representatives, but just a few years later he served as Assistant to the Mayor and Director of Youth Opportunities. In those roles, he successfully promoted political engagement, provided recreational and workforce opportunities for young people, and held politicians accountable to ensure they addressed obstacles faced by people of color both economically and socially.

Prior to the election of former Louisiana Governor Edwin W. Edwards, Judge Elloie worked on his campaign and served as Assistant to the Governor from 1972 to 1975. Upon his departure, he ran for State Representative to represent an uptown district, but unfortunately did not garner enough votes needed to win.

Soon after, Judge Elloie decided to enroll in Southern University Law Center to pursue a career in law. During his tenure as a student, he served as Student Bar Association President. Upon graduating in 1979, Judge Elloie was prepared to become a legal servant of the people.

Beginning in 1980, for sixteen years Judge Elloie had a successful criminal law practice. His legal knowledge, his ability to connect with people, and his passionate pursuit of justice and equity for his clients all played key roles in his career as an effective criminal lawyer.

In 1995, Judge Elloie ran a successful campaign for the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court judge. In 2002, he was re-elected without opposition for a second term. In 2007,

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Judge Elloie retired following a tenure of service that brought justice and provided numerous opportunities for second chances, all while making his courtroom accessible to the community.

Judge Elloie lived an extraordinary life, founded on bringing justice for all, that cannot be overstated. He was dedicated to elevating his community, maximizing his potential, and being an agent for social change. Judge Elloie was a trailblazer and his life, legacy, and spirit will remain a guiding force to the city of New Orleans. I am grateful for his service. I send my sincere prayers, condolences, and strength to the Elloie family during this difficult time. May his soul rest in peace.

Judge Charles Lloyd Elloie is survived by his wife of more than 30 years, Dr. Pearl Hardin Elloie, two sons, Charles L. Elloie, Jr. and Joseph C. Elloie, one brother, Wilbur Ronald Elloie, nine grandchildren, one great grandchild, numerous nephews, nieces, family members, friends, and colleagues. Judge Elloie was a member of the St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church, serving as Lector. He was also a life-time member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Judge Charles Lloyd Elloie.

ITA NEYMOTIN

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ita Neymotin on her appointment to be the chair of the Florida Bar's Committee on Professionalism, following her nomination by Florida Bar President Dori Foster Morales.

Ms. Neymotin has an outstanding career in litigation in both the public and private sector. Beginning her career as a prosecutor for the state's attorneys office, Ita has prosecuted a wide variation of cases over the course of her career. In recent years she has been a member of the Committee on Professionalism. Ms. Neymotin currently serves as Regional Counsel of the office of Criminal Conflict, and Civil Regional Counsel for the 2nd District Court of Appeals in Ft. Myers, Florida.

I am confident that Ms. Neymotin will continue to uphold the law with the utmost standards and will be a great asset to the Florida Bar as it oversees nearly 107,000 attorneys in the State of Florida.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL
PENALUNA

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the achievements of Michael Penaluna, Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Denton, Texas. Mr. Penaluna is retiring after serving the public for over thirty years.

Penaluna began his education at North Central Texas College, where he earned his

Associate of Science degree and training as an Emergency Medical Technician. He served an internship with the City of Bowie and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Crisis/Emergency/Disaster Management from the University of North Texas (UNT) in 1988. This milestone was the foundation for two of his lifelong professional passions: Emergency Management and the University of North Texas. His first position in this field was with the Caddo-Bossier Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness in Shreveport, Louisiana. During his fifteen year tenure with this department, he rose to the position of Assistant Director, served as President of the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association, and earned a Masters degree at Louisiana Baptist University & Theological Seminary.

The second chapter in Penaluna's career began in 2004, when he became the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Denton. Over the next fifteen years, he was instrumental in broadening and strengthening the city's Emergency Management Program. Penaluna is well-respected by his peers, and he has served as Chair of the Denton Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee and Co-Chair of the North Central Texas Council of Government's Emergency Management Working Group. He has been a sought after guest lecturer at UNT and Texas Woman's University.

Penaluna has been an esteemed mentor and intern supervisor for many students over the years who are now his professional colleagues. In 2015, he was recognized by UNT as the Outstanding Alumnus in Emergency Administration & Planning. Penaluna's legacy will continue to shine brightly as his namesake Michael A. Penaluna Endowed Scholarship in Emergency Administration & Planning at UNT will afford many more students the opportunity to train for the profession he holds so dear.

Throughout his career, Michael Penaluna dedicated over three decades of his life to public service. His expertise and leadership will be sorely missed not only by the citizens of Denton, but also by his colleagues across Texas and beyond. He has truly been an outstanding public servant, and on behalf of the 26th District, I wish him all the best in retirement.

SWITZERLAND IS UNIQUE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the United States of America is grateful for the partnership with the leadership of the Swiss Confederation in partnership with our shared resolve to eradicate the Wuhan Virus.

The Swiss Confederation worked tirelessly through the leadership of the Federal Council, notably Minister of Health, Alain Berset; Foreign Minister, Ignazio Cassis; Minister of Finance, Ueli Maurer and Minister of Economics, Guy Parmelin. Their efforts to end the pandemic, stabilize the economy, and lead through the principles of freedom and democracy enable the United States and Swiss business, scientific, and economic leaders to work

together for vaccine, cures, ventilators, masks, and other critical lifesaving efforts. The Cantonal leadership was also a testament to the success of federalism that the United States and The Swiss Confederation historically share.

The Swiss Confederation is recognized as an international leader in the fight against the pandemic and its Spiez lab has made valuable contributions to the international research that made this recognition possible. Americans are grateful to the people and the Confederation of Switzerland for their unique contribution in fighting this tragic pandemic.

The partnership of Switzerland and the United States is enhanced with the dynamic leadership of Ambassador Ed McMullen, appointed by President Donald Trump.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, after consulting with physicians about traveling during the COVID-19 pandemic, I was not able to make it to Washington for this vote, but I would have voted NO on H.R. 7120, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020. Instituting common-sense police reforms is a bipartisan goal, but this bill is unfortunately an exercise in partisan politics. I continue to support the JUSTICE Act put forth by Senator TIM SCOTT, which contains many bipartisan reform measures, and urge the Speaker to bring it before the House for a vote.

RAE ANN WESSEL

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, and longtime Southwest Florida environmental Advocate Rae Ann Wessel on her retirement today from the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Over the course of her entire career, and especially during her 14 year tenure at the SCCF, Rae Ann has worked tirelessly for the ecosystems of southwest Florida and was major advocate for clean water after the harmful Blue Green Algae Blooms ravaged the precious marine ecosystems, estuaries, and fisheries of the Southwest Florida coastline, as well as being a major factor in restoring Southwest Florida's natural wetlands.

On behalf of myself and the citizens of the Florida 19th Congressional District, and the rest of the Southwest Florida community, we are extremely grateful for the tireless, and resolute work Rae Ann has done to clean up the Environment of not only Southwest Florida, but of the entire State of Florida.

I thank Rae, and we wish her a long, joyful, and blessed retirement.

RECOGNIZING DANIELLE BLACK
LYONS AS CONSTITUENT OF THE
MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Danielle Black Lyons, co-founder of Textured Waves and diversity activist in the surfing industry, as the Constituent of the Month for June.

At a time when our country is undergoing a nationwide uprising to address police brutality and systemic racism in America, Ms. Lyons brought the heart of the Textured Waves community, the love of her culture, and surfing together to help organize a memorial paddle out in which thousands of fellow surfers recognized the life of George Floyd and others who have been killed at the hands of police. This powerful traditional surfing demonstration paid tribute to the Black Lives Matter movement and gave hope to our community as it struggles to address these critically important issues.

A surfer herself, Danielle was tired of seeing only one image of surfers that didn't fit her own experience in the sport. Seeking to bridge the divide and show a more inclusive representation of women of color in the surfing community, Textured Waves was formed.

The platform is an inclusive space for women of color surfers to come together for community, kinship, and camaraderie. It is a space that gives insights into diversifying the surf world with relevant resources, featured stories, imagery of women of color riding waves, and more.

I applaud Danielle's spirit and activism and look forward to seeing what else she will do to make a positive impact on our community, the surfing industry, and this important movement going forward.

I launched a Constituent of the Month program to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond to make our region and our country a stronger place for everyone to live and thrive. As our nation and community works toward long overdue racial change and healing, voices like Danielle's must be lifted and echoed. I am honored to recognize Ms. Lyons as my Constituent of the Month, and I thank her for being a prominent actor in amplifying diversity in our surf culture and shining her light on this historic movement of change for America.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL WILLIAM
LYON

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an outstanding individual, General William Lyon, who passed away at the age of 97 on May 22, 2020. "The General," as his friends knew him, was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, a decorated military veteran, a dedicated philanthropist, and an esteemed community leader in Southern California. He will be deeply missed.

William Lyon was born March 9, 1923, in Los Angeles, California. Throughout the 1940s Lyon studied business at the University of Southern California and attended the Dallas Aviation School and Air College. While there, he trained military pilots as a civilian instructor before joining the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943. During World War II he served as a pilot in Europe, the Pacific, and North Africa and after the war he joined the Air Force Reserve in 1946. During the early 1950s, he returned to active duty and flew 75 combat missions throughout the Korean War. In 1975, Lyon was appointed Chief of the Air Force Reserve by President Ford, a title he held until he retired from the military in 1979. Throughout his years of service, Lyon received numerous awards and decorations including the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three oak clusters, and the Presidential Unit Citation.

In addition to his military accolades, Lyon was best known for his successful career in home building, real estate, and commercial aviation. He began his business as a modest effort to provide homes for military personnel returning from service and others across California. His efforts eventually evolved into William Lyon Homes, Inc. which grew into one of the nation's largest homebuilders responsible for constructing more than 100,000 homes across the western United States. Throughout his life, Lyon remained an active pilot and often flew his own jet and functional World War II-era planes. In 2008, he flew a vintage B-17 Flying Fortress to Washington D.C. to participate in a memorial ceremony.

A proud Trojan, Lyon's undergraduate degree was only the beginning of his involvement with USC. In 1986, he was elected to the university's Board of Trustees and remained a longtime advocate and supporter of USC's research and programs throughout his life. An active philanthropist and community leader, Lyons donated to organizations such as the Orangewood Children's Foundation and the Segerstrom Center for the Arts where he served for 30 years as a director of the board and formerly as chairman. Additionally, he was a chairman of the Boy Scouts of America, the Orange County Council, and served as the board chairman of the Alexis de Tocqueville Society of the United Way. He founded the Lyon Air Museum, located next to John Wayne Airport which exhibits authentic aircraft, vehicles, and memorabilia from the World War II era.

I had the pleasure of knowing the General through his service to Southern California and can personally attest to his numerous achievements and the countless lives he touched. He was a great American, a true patriot, an esteemed leader, and a dedicated husband, father, and friend. I extend my heartfelt condolences to his wife of 48 years, Willa Dean, to their children, Susan, Christine, Marcia, and Bill, their grandchildren, and the rest of his family and friends. Although the General may no longer be with us, he will continue to have a lasting impact on the lives of his family and community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM
LYON

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of William Lyon, who passed away on May 22, 2020 at the age of 97. For 50 years, his work as a real estate magnate revolutionized the housing industry in both Orange County and around the country.

In 1954, Lyon began working in construction with a 66-home project in Anaheim, California. Lyon foresaw the region's growth, and capitalized on the post-World War II economic boom. Less than a decade after his first construction project, he became one of the biggest names in the homebuilding industry. His company, William Lyon Homes, was based in Newport Beach. Lyon and his combined companies were responsible for creating by then 72,000 residential living spaces by the end of his career.

Lyon's aptitude for reading the housing market and maximizing development opportunities in Orange County are what truly set him apart from his peers and justified his title as a real estate titan. Known as "the General" by friends and family, his leadership and accomplishments sparked great change in our community.

I ask that all Members join me in honoring the accomplished life of William Lyon.

RETIREMENT OF DR. BENNY LILE

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary career of Dr. Benny Lile who recently retired from 35 years of service as an educator in the public-school system.

Throughout the last thirty-five years he has served as a substitute teacher, taught in the classroom, worked in central office, the Technology Service Center in Bowling Green, and finished a stellar career serving as the superintendent of Metcalfe County Schools for the last seven years. The span of roles shows how widely his passion for education runs in the public-school system.

Through Dr. Lile's dedication he incorporated many activities that allowed his students to excel in the classroom. In 1988, he secured a grant that allowed the school to go from having two computers to a fifteen-computer lab—quite an accomplishment for a rural school during that time. Dr. Lile made the computer program Oregon Trail go from the computer screen to a real-life event, where the students dressed up in pioneer clothes and he even secured a horse to bring to school.

I join with Dr. Lile's family and friends, as well as all those he has impacted during his years in the school system, in honoring his incredible career and devotion to education. I wish him the best as he begins the next phase of life and express my gratitude for his service to the 1st District of Kentucky.

GEORGIA ADVANCES DEMOCRACY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, this week was extraordinary for the advancement of democracy in the Republic of Georgia with the first step of adoption of important electoral reforms by the Parliament, led by Prime Minister Giorgi Gakharia. The constitutional amendment approved by Georgian lawmakers this week will lead to a mixed electoral system in Georgia, a compromise brokered between the country's political rivals pursuant to the March 8th agreement. The Parliament's approval of this crucial reform signals Georgia's serious commitment to democratic consolidation and Euro-Atlantic integration.

The people of America appreciate the courageous Georgian lawmakers supporting the March 8th agreement. This includes this week's important electoral reforms but also efforts addressing political interference in the judicial system. In doing so, Georgia will safeguard the progress it has made and prove itself once again as an undeniably successful regional model of democratic transition.

Georgia is well represented in Washington with Ambassador David Bakradze. South Carolina has a special warm relationship developed by Honorary Consul of Georgia, Admiral David Shimp, of Charleston.

HONORING THE TX03 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2019–2020 Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC). Over the past year, students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9th through 12th across Texas' Third Congressional District participated in my inaugural youth program.

From student governments, athletics, fine arts, honor societies, and a multitude of community and civic organizations, these servant leaders proved to be engaged members of our community as they learned more about our democracy.

During the past school year, students assembled on multiple occasions to discuss issues of importance to their generation and our country as a whole. In addition to attending various interactive information sessions, students shared their feedback by completing multiple assignments on current events and topics associated with our meetings. These young leaders truly capitalized on their experience by engaging in policy discussions while offering innovative solutions on issues of the day.

Despite the hardships posed from the COVID–19 pandemic, members of my CYAC continued to participate virtually in discussion regarding Congressional efforts to provide relief for those impacted by coronavirus while

sharing multi-faceted concerns on effects of the virus.

These students consistently impressed me with their knowledge and willingness to engage in thoughtful and constructive dialogue, even when their opinions differed from one another. It is a reminder, when we come to the table with the desire to improve America, there is nothing we can't achieve.

Now as I conclude my inaugural Congressional Youth Advisory Council, I am filled with conviction knowing this next generation of leaders will continue to propel our country forward through their commitment to finding productive solutions.

I thank every member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council for their unwavering commitment to this program even amidst great adversity. Each of them has the potential to shape our nation in bold new ways while serving their community. It has been an honor to know and serve them in Congress.

Anna Aasen, Gabriella Abraham, Benjamin Ai, Luis Barajas, James Barta, Calame Brady, George Colandrea, Mason Daugherty, Tristan Espinoza, Zachary Evans, Ainsley Ford.

Tatiana Gong, Alayla Gurram, Tristan Hassell, Austin Hoang, Allie Johnson, Jonah Johnson, Caroline Joyce, Daniel Jungerman, Ameya Khanapurkar, Elizabeth Klayork.

Itzel Martin-Huesca, Cale Morrow, Aaron Myers, Sneha Nadella, Katherine Nelson-Ortiz, Katherine Novakovich, Rohan Raghav, Graham Robinson, Sierra Rodriguez, Inaki Romero-Garza.

Pierce Sandlin, Eli Scott, Tajvir Singh, Chase Stevens, Jennifer Su, Macy Su, Thomas Topping, CJ Ward, Samuel White, Reese Woertink.

SCOTLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Scotland County Hospital. Scotland County Hospital is an important Critical Access Hospital in my district that is celebrating their 50th anniversary and I stand today to celebrate with them and recognize their unwavering commitment to keeping rural Missourians healthy.

Established in 1970, Scotland County Hospital has met the healthcare needs of thousands of individuals over the past five decades. The only hospital in a five-county region, Scotland County Hospital has gone above and beyond in serving the area, continuing to expand their services to provide accessible healthcare. Located in Memphis, Missouri, Scotland County Hospital has continued to grow, transforming into a state-of-the-art facility with nearly 200 employees. In addition to their main facility, Scotland County Hospital has also opened several rural health clinics in surrounding counties. I firmly believe that Scotland County Hospital goes above and beyond in successfully fulfilling their mission "to improve the healthcare of our communities with services close to home".

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Scotland County Hospital for their tremendous service to the City of Memphis and Northeast Missouri over the past 50 years. I am honored to represent Scotland

County Hospital in the United States Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. CURTIS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. CURTIS. Madam Speaker, had I been present on June 25, 2020, I would have voted nay on H.R. 7120, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. I missed this vote due to a scheduled surgery I needed to attend in Utah.

Our country needs police reforms to improve relationships between law enforcement and communities while also ensuring the police can enforce the law. To this end, I am a proud original cosponsor of the JUSTICE Act, which simultaneously promotes both needed change while still supporting law enforcement officers who act in good faith to protect and serve. Unfortunately, the bill before the House today falls short. Mandating locally-run police departments to make one-size-fits-all changes without providing adequate resources will inevitably make it more difficult to follow good community based policing practices and recruit highly qualified officers. I am hopeful that the Senate will soon hold a vote on the JUSTICE Act and that both chambers can work together to develop a solution we can all support.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, from Monday, March 9 through Wednesday, March 11, I missed votes due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Nos. 91, 92, 93, 94, 97, 98, and 100 and "nay" on Nos. 95, 96, 99, and 101.

RECOGNIZING LIECHTENSTEIN'S SUCCESS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, as the world faces the Wuhan Virus Pandemic, a success has been the leadership of the Principality of Liechtenstein with America's shared resolve to eradicate the virus.

The Liechtenstein Government, through the leadership of His Serene Highness Prince Alois, worked together to make Liechtenstein one of the great international success stories by keeping Covid–19 infection rates at unseen lows. These effective policies also enabled Liechtenstein to suffer the death of only one of its citizens.

The United States recognizes His Serene Highness and his government for their success and embrace of our shared values of freedom and democracy in fighting this gruesome pandemic.

Ed McMullen, appointed by President Donald Trump, has been tireless in promoting our longtime alliance with the Principality.

TRIBUTE TO GLENDA SHRUM

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Glenda Shrum, one of Eastern Kentucky's earliest activists against the region's deadly drug abuse epidemic. As Glenda retires, I want to commend her for dedicating 16 years of service as Program Supervisor for the Knott and Magoffin County Drug Court Program, plus nearly 27 years of service as Administrator of the Knott County Health Department. Her leadership and courage of conviction has helped save lives in Eastern Kentucky.

In 2003, I launched Operation UNITE to combat the opioid crisis in Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District, utilizing a holistic approach through law enforcement investigations, treatment and education. One of the first people who joined our grassroots movement was Glenda Shrum. In fact, she had already formed the Knott Drug Abuse Council in 2002 with grant funding support, and she quickly became a trusted advisor for UNITE regarding community and family needs in and beyond the borders of Knott County. I distinctly remember Glenda presenting us with results of a local study that overwhelmingly validated our joint cause to combat drug abuse. The study revealed more than 50 percent of students in Knott County were living in homes without either parent as a result of drug overdose deaths, incarceration for a drug-related crime, or losing custody as a result of substance abuse. Later in life, Glenda personally experienced the reality of this statistic when she became the guardian of a young great-niece and nephew. However, it wasn't the first time that Glenda personally felt the impact of substance abuse within her family; the first came at the age of 9, when her father was tragically killed by a drunk driver. When you examine her life experiences, Glenda's courage of conviction and passion to drive out the stigma surrounding substance abuse is abundantly clear.

Through the Drug Court Program, Glenda has actively created local partnerships with employers who are willing to give graduates a second chance job opportunity. Others have found purpose and hope through the Appalachian Artisan Center where they are learning unique skills in pottery, blacksmithing and luthiery. She has also actively created educational programs for the entire family in hopes of reuniting and repairing relationships that suffered extensive damage prior to recovery. Glenda's work has not only helped save lives in Southern and Eastern Kentucky, but has helped rebuild families, and the local workforce where these individuals in recovery are now thriving.

In addition to a career centered around helping others, Glenda volunteers her spare time with the Knott County Drug Abuse Council, which was one of the very first organizations of its kind in the Appalachian region. As chairwoman since inception, Glenda has led community-wide events, including the annual

Dad's Day Out at Carr Creek Lake in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Project Grad, a drug-free after-prom event; free Christmas gifts for children in need during the holidays; and school supplies for children impacted by the opioid epidemic.

Had it not been for individuals, like Glenda Shrum, pounding the pavement for hope and change nearly 20 years ago, I fear what our communities would look like today. When others were hiding addiction problems and sweeping them under the rug, leaders like Glenda marched through our hills and hollows to help us raise awareness and spread a message of hope. It has been an honor to work with Glenda over the years and I personally appreciate her close interaction with our team at Operation UNITE, which now serves as a national model of success.

I want to wish Glenda many wonderful years of retirement with her family. She should rest easy knowing the countless individuals that she has empowered and inspired to make life changing decisions over the years. Her legacy will long be seen in the children that are now growing up to lead the way and continue the work she started some two decades ago. May God bless Glenda and her family for her incredible love she has shown to the people of Eastern Kentucky.

RECOGNIZING DR. LEE GOLDMAN,
MD, MPH

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Dr. Lee Goldman, MD, MPH, Dean of the Faculties of Health Science and Medicine and Chief Executive of Columbia University Irving Medical Center ("CUIMC") on his tremendous work and leadership at Columbia University over the last 14 years.

At the end of this month, Dr. Goldman will be stepping down from his leadership and academic position. Since joining CUIMC in 2006, the institution has seen remarkable growth and infusion of talent as an academic medical center and leader in clinical research while strengthening the relationship between CUIMC and NewYork Presbyterian Hospital.

Dr. Goldman has been integral to the establishment of new academic and research departments in the fields of Neuroscience, Systems Biology, Emergency Medicine, and Medical Humanities & Ethics. Growth in these fields have brought to CUIMC a more diverse faculty and staff of experts working in concert to further scientific advances. His example and leadership brought to fruition the Precision Medicine Initiative and establishment of the Institute for Genomic Medicine.

And we cannot speak of the institutional change Dr. Goldman has led without speaking of the ground-breaking Roy and Diana Vagelos Education Center providing graduate and medical students a state-of-the-art facility to better educate new generations of clinicians, scientists, and researchers.

Dr. Goldman has made an indelible imprint on CUIMC since his first day and I know the entire Columbia University family will join me in thanking him for his incredible contributions.

On behalf of New York's 13th Congressional District, I thank Dr. Goldman for his tireless work and dedication to making our diverse community stronger, resilient, and an example that future leaders will strive to achieve.

HONORING THE 2020 UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY-BOUND STUDENTS

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize those young men and women from Texas' Third Congressional District who have accepted an appointment to one of our prestigious United States Service Academies.

The United States Services Academies have long been known for selecting well-rounded students who have achieved the highest standard of academics, athletics, and civic engagement. Each of these candidates have gone through a highly competitive and rigorous process to get where they are today. Their commitment to excellence both inside and outside of the classroom has set the stage for success as they train towards becoming future military leaders proudly representing Texas' Third Congressional District and our nation.

In beginning this new chapter of service, I am certain these patriots will obtain the finest education and military training available. It is with great hope for the future I thank these students for their selfless commitment and the sacrifices they will make in the years to come.

As one who has worn the uniform, it is now my privilege to congratulate these students as they embark on this new mission, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating our young leaders as they prepare to go forth in serving our nation with unwavering commitment and distinction.

CLASS OF 2024 APPOINTMENTS

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Jason Ferguson; Liberty High School, McKinney.

Andrew Ferkany; Plano Senior High School/USFA Preparatory School; Plano.

McKenzie Hochevar*; Plano Senior High School, Plano.

Daniel Jungernan; Plano East Senior High School, Allen.

Catherine Kim; Plano West Senior High School, Plano.

Tiffany Li; Prince of Peace Christian School; Frisco.

Brett Schraeder; Melissa High School, Melissa.

Jordan Simmons; Greenhill School/USFA Preparatory School, McKinney.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Ryan Hogg; Prosper High School, Prosper.

Zane Smith; Deerfield Academy, Frisco.

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Alexis Bradstreet; Plano East Senior High School, Richardson.

Ethan Hesson; Wylie High School, Lucas.

Nicholas Hughes; Plano Academy High School, Plano.

Mason Hutchins; Lovejoy High School, Fairview.

Stephen "Drew" Reynolds; McKinney Boyd High School, McKinney.

Natalie Russo; Lebanon High School, Frisco.

Zach Vernier; McKinney.

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Williams Bose*; McKinney Christian Academy, McKinney.

Bryce Bristow; Plano Senior High School, Plano.

Elizabeth Klaysork; Plano Senior High School, Plano.

*Denotes acceptance to one of the academy preparatory schools.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD 350TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, congratulations to the members of the South Carolina State Guard on their 350th Anniversary.

The South Carolina militia has a long and storied history since it was first organized as a Militia at Charles Town on Albermarle Point on the Ashley River in 1670. This Militia was the earliest manifestation of the South Carolina State Guard.

In the early days of the Province of Carolina, the Militia repulsed French and Spanish invasions, attacked St. Augustine in 1706 and won the Yemassee Indian War in 1715. The Militia invaded Spanish Florida once more in 1749 and repulsed frontier Indian attacks from 1716 to 1761, including the Cherokee Indian Wars.

During the American Revolution, South Carolina Militia units were formed into three brigades under General Francis Marion (the Swamp Fox) in the Lowcountry, General Thomas Sumter (the Fighting Gamecock) in the Midlands, and General Andrew Pickens in the Piedmont. They fought scores of engagements against the British during the American Revolutionary War. There were more skirmishes in the Province of South Carolina than any other Province during the Revolution, as its citizens were dedicated to Independence. The Militia also volunteered to defend the state in the War of 1812 and again in 1846 in the Mexican War.

During the period from 1917 to 1920 the South Carolina Militia was activated to replace the SC National Guard units serving in France. On March 21, 1941, Governor Burnet Maybank of Charleston signed a law establishing the "South Carolina Defense Force".

Now called the South Carolina State Guard, the still all-volunteer organization consists of highly trained and ready professionals.

When serious natural or man-made disasters strike our state, the mission of the State Guard is to quickly respond to protect people and property and to help communities recover. Acting in coordination with the National Guard, law enforcement, and other state, county, and municipal agencies during time of emergency, the State Guard is part of the South Carolina Military Department under the direction of the Adjutant General. Its Commander in Chief is the Governor.

When the State Guard was needed to respond to hurricanes Joaquin, Harvey, Matthew, and Florence, its personnel were there to answer the call. In 2018 alone, the nearly 1,000 members of the State Guard volunteered more than 90,000 hours protecting the

lives and property of south Carolinians alongside federal, state, and local first responders.

State Guard members engage in activities such as Search and Rescue Operations, Medical assistance, legal transport, traffic and parking guidance, engineering expertise, chaplain and counseling services, direct distributions of supplies, and conducting military funeral honors to our veterans.

The State Guard's Commanding General is Brigadier General Leon Lott and its Deputy Commander is Brigadier General Michael Langston. The State Guard headquarters is in the historic Olympia Armory in Columbia. The State Guard's motto is "Trained and Ready".

HONORING AND CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Juneteenth. On June 19, 1865, the Emancipation Proclamation was read to the last enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas.

Today, we reflect and honor the horror and hardship of those enslaved in the United States. In communities across America, we celebrate the contributions and sacrifices of African Americans who paved the way for future generations.

We know that the Emancipation Proclamation did not ensure equality for African Americans in our country, but the freedom from slavery was instead a first step in an ongoing and righteous battle for justice in the United States. Let us reflect today on how far we have come, and recognize how far we still have to go in our fight for true equality. Let us use this time to acknowledge the work that needs to be done to ensure a more equitable tomorrow.

Juneteenth is a time to reflect on our nation's fraught history and acknowledge that we can, and will, do better.

I ask that all Members join me in celebrating Juneteenth.

CELEBRATING THE ARMY SERVICE OF CORPORAL MARION "MARK" CARLTON

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, on this 70th Anniversary of the Korean War, I rise today to honor a great soldier and patriot, Corporal Marion "Mark" Herbert Carlton, United States Army, for his service as a Combat Motion Picture Cameraman in the 71st Signal Corps, "the eyes and ears to the U.S. Army" during combat in the Korean War.

After voluntarily enlisting in the Army on September 15, 1948, Private Carlton completed basic training at Fort Ord, California and later attended the Department of Army Signal School in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. After graduation in May 1949, he was immediately stationed in Tokyo, Japan, just prior to the outbreak of the Korean War.

Corporal Carlton helped document the beachhead invasion on September 15, 1950 in Incheon, Korea, while carrying a colt 45, pistol on his side, grease gun and motion picture camera. He later went on to render the Department of Defense and the U.S. Airforce a great service in securing for the Department of Defense photographic material of enemy obtained while flying on the First B-29 Raid on the North Korean Peninsula with the Far East Air Force.

According to Corporal Carlton's Citation for the Bronze Star Medal, during the period of July 23-24, 1950, PFC Carlton rendered meritorious service as an official Signal Corps Motion Picture Cameraman covering combat operations in Korea. Private Carlton, acting on his own initiative, exposed thousands of feet of motion picture film, achieving technically superior and historically significant results. With little regard for his own safety, he photographed frontline combat action as he toured the forward area of the 1st Cavalry Division, the 24th Infantry Division, and frontal positions of various elements of the Army of the Republic of Korea. Through his exceptional initiative, technical skill and courage under enemy fire, Private Carlton materially assisted in providing a photographic record of the Korean Campaign that has proven of inestimable value for tactical and logistical purposes in subsequent operations, and for historical recordings and news services. His exemplary performance of duty under extremely hazardous conditions reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

While accompanying a Marine Division north of the 38th parallel, Private Carlton was wounded by an incoming mortar, which tragically killed a Marine officer standing between him and the explosion. While sustaining shrapnel and percussive wounds to his legs and lower back, Carlton attributes his life to the nearby Marine officer whose body blocked most of the shrapnel and explosion. Carlton remains forever grateful for that officer's sacrifice. Private Carlton was immediately medivacked via helicopter to a Tokyo hospital and temporarily forced out of action. That Marine unit received decorations for their heroic achievement and gallantry.

After a short stint in the hospital Corporal Carlton returned to the battlefield and accompanied a Marine Division beachhead landing at Wonsan, North Korea. Corporal Carlton continued to document and report enemy troop movements and hostilities north of 38th parallel for the duration of his tour. In many instances, Corporal Carlton was ordered to report to General Headquarters in Tokyo to personally narrate his films for Supreme Commander for Far East Command General Douglas MacArthur and other military leaders.

Following his Honorable Discharge from the Army, Mr. Carlton continued in the motion picture field and served as a reporter at WFAA-TV in Dallas, Texas. He later went on to shoot motion pictures of medical procedures for Baylor Medical School in Dallas. Following his venture into medical motion pictures, Mr. Carlton had various roles in the motion picture industry, which included being President of the Texas Oklahoma Photo Supply. He also owned and operated his own television production studio in Dallas.

Several years later, Mr. Carlton finally found his true calling and went on to work for the University of Texas Health Science Center's

UT-Health to develop their telemedicine program. One of Mr. Carlton's most distinguished roles there was creating and managing Texas legend Dr. James "Red" Duke's Texas Health Reports. This nationally syndicated television program educated millions of Americans on health and nutrition matters. Mr. Carlton finished his career as Executive Director of International Telemedicine at MD Anderson the world-renowned Cancer Research Hospital in Houston, where he made many technological breakthroughs in documenting medical procedures and helped pioneer techniques in the field of telemedicine.

Mr. Carlton was married to the love of his life, Mrs. Patti Whitmire Carlton, for forty-years until her death in May 2020. They have 3 children: Dave, Brian, Craig. He has numerous grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The Carlton/Whitmire family has a long history of career military and public service to our country spanning several generations.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank Corporal Marion "Mark" Carlton for his selfless military service to this great nation.

SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL
GUARD RESPONDS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, two weeks ago as violent anarchy gripped our nation's capital, the South Carolina National Guard answered the call.

The South Carolina National Guard successfully mobilized and deployed nearly 450 Soldiers to the District of Columbia in support of the D.C. National Guard in less than 24 hours. This speaks to the preparedness of our service members and their willingness to support the citizens of the United States.

While on mission in the National Capital Region, Task Force Palmetto assisted the D.C. National Guard with crowd and traffic control, patrols to ensure citizen safety, and general security of the national monuments.

The support provided by the South Carolina National Guard enabled U.S. citizens to exer-

cise their Constitutional rights and freedoms to peacefully protest.

With a history dating back 350 years, the men and women of the South Carolina National Guard continue to represent the state of South Carolina, the National Guard, and the U.S. Army with the utmost professionalism and honor. Their service in D.C. is yet another example of their commitment to State and Nation.

Special appreciation for Captain Brian Leister and First Sergeant Aaron Bittner, who survived being struck by lightning as they were serving.

Congratulations to 1-118 IN Battalion Commander Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Snow for his honorable leadership on the ground as well as Colonel Jamie Fowler who liaised with the D.C. National Guard.

Lastly, South Carolina is grateful for Governor Henry McMaster and Adjutant General R. Van McCarty for their rapid response and service protecting families.