

in several organizations and boards, including the Hope Clinic, SOS Community Services, Turner Geriatric Advisory Board, WCSO Ministerial Advisory Team, and Southeastern Michigan AME Minister's Alliance, and continues to seek out opportunities to help people navigate spiritual, emotional, or physical issues. Moreover, Pastor Hatter is mentor to many and particularly strives to assist younger generations in developing their relationships with the church and God. He is involved in the Mentor2Youth program that empowers youth to excel in life, academics, and work, and was honored by the organization for his tremendous accomplishments in the community.

Among his friends, family, peers, and congregation, Pastor Jerry Hatter is recognized as a dedicated and spirited leader who humbly strives to make the world a better place. As the longest-serving pastor in Brown Chapel AME Church's history, Pastor Hatter has preached at a variety of prestigious celebrations across Michigan and implemented a number of successful faith-based programs. In times of divisiveness and strife, Pastor Hatter is been the voice of reason, and he has been an unwavering advocate of the entire religious community. Without a doubt, Pastor Hatter has demonstrated what a true servant of God should endeavor to be. He provides a clear example of selfless love and compassion that encourages others to live a life of purpose, integrity, and virtue. His commitment to the word of God has left a positive mark on Brown Chapel and the community beyond.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the retirement of Pastor Jerry Hatter from the pastoral ministry at Brown Chapel AME Church. In addition to being a faithful leader, Pastor Hatter was a friend who was deeply valued, cherished, and respected by John Dingell. His devotion to God continues to make a difference, and his legacy at Brown Chapel AME Church is one that will never be forgotten. Although we are sad to see him go, we are all grateful for his years of service, his extraordinary work, and his significant community impact.

HONORING COLONEL GREG FORD

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Greg Ford for his 24 years of military service and to congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Army. Colonel Ford assumed command of Presidio of Monterey (POM) in June 2018 and has served not only the post, but also the broader community with distinction. It has been a privilege to work alongside Colonel Ford over the past two years, and it is my honor to recognize his service on the House floor today.

Colonel Ford earned a bachelor's degree from Western Oregon University in 1996, and was commissioned a Military Intelligence Second Lieutenant through ROTC. He later held numerous assignments within the 101st Airborne, deploying to Operation Iraqi Freedom multiple times between 2001 and 2006. In 2010, Ford transferred to Hawaii where he served as the U.S. Army Pacific G2 Oper-

ations Chief and later as the 25th Infantry Division G2. Between these assignments, Ford deployed to Afghanistan from 2014 to 2015. Upon his return, Ford became a U.S. Army War College Fellow at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. From there, he served in the Republic of Korea as the G2 Chief of Operations for the 8th U.S. Army.

In the two years that Colonel Ford served as Garrison Commander at the Presidio of Monterey, he has made a lasting impact on base operations, military families, and the wellbeing of the broader community. He was a leading advocate for Presidio of Monterey Housing residents and worked tirelessly to ensure safe and quality housing to our servicemembers and their families. My office has received countless testimonials from POM residents who credit Colonel Ford with improving their health and safety through his advocacy efforts and direct communication with anyone in need of assistance.

Colonel Ford continuously engaged on the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Board to ensure Army equities and community reuse goals were synchronized. He also worked to strengthen ties between POM and the local community, including organizing rehearsals of the Peninsula Evacuation Plan with the City of Monterey for the first time in a decade.

During his command, Colonel Ford worked with local organizations and leaders to improve support to Gold Star Families, Exceptional Family Members, and Housing Residents. In doing so, he sought ways to integrate local efforts, such as Stonepine Estate, Operation Care and Comfort, and Hayward Scores, to better support the military community.

Most recently, Colonel Ford rose to the challenge as COVID-19 reached the central coast of California. He coordinated with the County and local municipalities to ensure that Garrison actions were synchronized with local efforts. Additionally, Colonel Ford quickly implemented safety measures through POM and held regular virtual townhalls to ensure the Military community remained informed in the midst of the pandemic. His actions undoubtedly contributed to the relatively small impact of COVID-19 within POM.

It has been a pleasure having Colonel Ford and his wife, Mrs. Rebecca Ford, in Monterey for the past two years. Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Colonel Ford on his retirement and expressing gratitude for his and his family's many years of honorable service to our country.

COMMEMORATING JAMES
"RUSTY" MITCHELL

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the retirement of James "Rusty" Mitchell from the Department of the Air Force as a civilian employee out of Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.

Mr. Mitchell has been a well-loved and influential member of the military and veteran community for over 25 years. He began his career in the Air Force flying fighter jets and retired

from Active Duty after 22 years as the Commander of the 21st Fighter Squadron at Luke Air Force Base.

During his time in service, Mr. Mitchell acquired a long list of achievements and awards to include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Aerial Achievement Medal, both the Air Force and Army Commendation Medals, and more. Professionally, he has been awarded the Air Force Practice Award and the Valley Peaks Community Partnership Award, to name a few. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Valley Partnership and WESTMARC.

Mr. Mitchell has dedicated the last 17 years to serving the West Valley proactively—promoting the relationships between Luke Air Force Base, nine municipalities, Maricopa County, and the State of Arizona as the Director of the Community Initiatives Team with Luke Air Force Base. The relationships he built on behalf of Luke Air Force Base continue to be critical to accomplishing their mission of "Training the World's Best Fighter Pilots."

I am certain that his efforts improving relationships with communities near bases that are tasked with flight operation missions has enhanced the compatibility of several military bases and their communities across the United States.

On this day, we as a community would like to thank Mr. Mitchell for his service to his country. His impact will be felt not only in the West Valley, but also within the Air Force Community beyond his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN
ROUSH'S RETIREMENT

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. John A. Roush on his retirement as president of Centre College in Danville, Kentucky.

President Roush often told his students, "Do your best. Be your best. No regrets." I have had the privilege of getting to know President Roush during my time representing Danville and Centre College in Congress, and I can undoubtedly say that President Roush always did his best. I have always admired his work and appreciated his advice, particularly when I served as chairman of the Higher Education subcommittee. During his 22 years at Centre College, he oversaw a 40 percent growth in the student body population, without sacrificing quality of education or Centre's liberal arts values. He has helped build Centre's national reputation. My colleagues might know Centre as the host of not one, but two vice presidential debates during his time as president. President Roush's legacy will live on at Centre College for generations to come.

Today is not only the first day of President Roush's retirement, but also his birthday. I congratulate him on his retirement, and I wish him and his wife Susie the best.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
WILLIAM S. "BUD" LEONARD

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of William S. "Bud" Leonard. Mr. Leonard left this earth on Monday, June 29, 2020 at the age of 90 years. Mr. Leonard was born in Kingsville, Texas on July 9, 1929, the second child of William and Effie Leonard. His father was an Irish railroad man and his mother a first-generation U.S.-born child of Italian immigrants.

In junior high, Bud met his first love—football, a love affair that would eventually take him through college at Lamar University. It was at Lamar where Mr. Leonard won the heart of the love of his life, his wife Charlene Matthews Leonard whom he married in 1953, embarking on 66-and-a half years of a blessed life together. Shortly after marriage, Mr. Leonard joined the United States Navy where he trained to become an airplane pilot and rose to the rank of Lieutenant. Mr. Leonard earned his Wings of Gold in 1955 and served tours that took him from California to Hawaii, Guam, Japan, and the Philippines before being released from active duty in 1957.

Following Mr. Leonard's active duty, he and his wife returned to Texas in 1958 and settled in Beaumont.

Mr. Leonard began a successful career in advertising and remained close to Lamar University where he was instrumental in forming the Cardinal Club, Ex Letterman's Association and the Cardinal Hall of Honor. In 1974, he was called by Dr. John E. Gray to join the Administration at the University where he remained until his first retirement in 1994 as Vice Chancellor of Development. Following his retirement, he returned for one year to teach at Lamar and then started his own consulting/advertising company which he did until he retired for a second time at age 87.

Lamar honored Mr. Leonard's contribution to the University on and off the field by naming the stadium playing field the W.S. "Bud" Leonard field in his honor. In addition to many other honors he was also named Distinguished Alumnus in 2000.

Closely intertwined with his community, Mr. Leonard served in the Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Neches River Festival and the Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife were active members of their beloved Calder Baptist Church for over 60 years where he served as Deacon and a Sunday school teacher.

He is survived by his loving wife Charlene, daughter Joni, son Will and his twin granddaughters, Anne and Claire who were the apples of his eye.

A wordsmith and artist with a servant's heart, Mr. Leonard made the world a better place.

CELEBRATING PRINCE WILLIAM
COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S
50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Prince William County Police Department's 50th Anniversary. The Prince William County Police Department is a vital part of the safety and community of the First District of Virginia, and it is an honor to serve as their U.S. Congressman.

In March 1970, the Prince William County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed Resolution 11 to establish a Police Department for Prince William County. On July 1st, 1970, a group of 42 individuals met at the Old Bennett School in Manassas as the first members of the Prince William County Police Department. They started small with limited resources, and have grown into a leading organization within Prince William County and Virginia.

The mission statement of the Prince William County Police Department is to enhance the quality of life by providing police services through shared responsibility with the public. The Prince William County Police Department is committed to protecting constitutional guarantees and impartially enforcing the law. The department does so through integrity, trust, and honesty, all of which they believe are essential to providing exceptional police services.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me in celebrating Prince William County's Police Department's 50th Anniversary. I have full confidence that the department will continue to be an integral part of the wonderful Prince William County community as well as the First District of Virginia.

INVESTING IN A NEW VISION FOR
THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUR-
FACE TRANSPORTATION IN
AMERICA ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act, a transformative investment of \$1.5 trillion to create jobs, protect our climate, and modernize our highways, hospitals, schools, broadband connectivity, housing, clean water, and energy infrastructure.

The American Society of Civil Engineers evaluated the state of the nation's infrastructure in 2017 and gave the U.S. a D+ grade. They estimated that we need to invest \$2 trillion more than we are today to bring our infrastructure to a good state of repair. While this is a significant amount, failing to act will lead to an estimated \$4 trillion in lower economic output, including the loss of 2.5 million jobs. With the economy still reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic, this legislation takes on an even greater urgency.

The Moving Forward Act is not only big, it is green. Climate policy is a cornerstone of the

bill because the transportation sector contributes nearly one-third of our country's greenhouse gas emissions. The legislation invests \$100 billion to make our public transit faster, cleaner, and more reliable, taking cars off the road and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. These investments include significant funding for electric buses which will help transit providers such as SamTrans, VTA, and Santa Cruz METRO transition their bus fleets to all zero-emission vehicles by 2040. The bill also provides \$1.4 billion to deploy electric vehicle charging stations across the country, \$8.3 billion for state carbon reduction grants, and \$70 billion to modernize the electric grid to support additional renewable energy, improve energy efficiency, and support an expansive electric vehicle charging network. Together these investments make the Moving Forward Act one of the most significant bills to address climate change ever considered in Congress.

In addition to emission reductions in the transportation and power sectors, the Moving Forward Act also includes significant funding for environmental restoration, including \$125 million for the San Francisco Bay. These funds will support ongoing work to restore habitats for endangered species and protect cities like Mountain View, Palo Alto, and Redwood City from sea level rise. The bill also provides funding to reclaim abandoned coal mines, increase drought resilience, and clean up drinking water contaminated by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

I'm pleased that the Moving Forward Act provides \$3.6 billion in guaranteed transit funding for the Bay Area, a 50 percent increase from the last highway bill in 2015. It also adjusts the criteria for several discretionary grants that will make Bay Area transit projects more likely to receive additional federal funding. The dedicated \$2.5 billion for grade separations nationwide will benefit both Caltrain riders and communities along the Caltrain corridor which has 42 at-grade crossings, including the crossing at the top of the California Public Utility Commission's priority list. This funding will be a welcome relief to my constituents who are choking in traffic, with commute times in the Bay Area prior to the pandemic nearly twice as long as they were ten years ago.

The Moving Forward Act also provides \$100 billion to ensure every American has internet connectivity. Tens of millions of Americans across the U.S. still lack basic access to high-quality broadband internet service. Access to high speed internet service is essential in the 21st Century, particularly as Americans are conducting more of their lives online during the COVID-19 public health emergency. I'm pleased that two of my broadband bills are included in this legislation. My bipartisan Nationwide Dig Once Act of 2020 is commonsense legislation that requires the inclusion of conduit—plastic pipes that house fiber optic cables—during federally funded highway construction. My Community Broadband Act protects municipal broadband networks from state laws that thwart the efforts of communities establishing their own networks.

The Moving Forward Act provides \$10 billion for hospitals and community health centers to make critical capital improvements and rebuild their infrastructure to meet the growing demands on these health care facilities, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Importantly, the bill also creates a pilot program to