

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