

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JANE MORRISON

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and leadership of legendary progressive organizer Jane Morrison: an historic and trailblazing force for progress in America, beloved by all who were blessed to know her, particularly in our home city of San Francisco.

Jane and her late husband, former San Francisco Supervisor Jack Morrison, lived their lives at the crossroads of some of the most pivotal moments in our nation's history. Jane helped elect some of our most transformational leaders, from President John F. Kennedy to California Governor Jerry Brown. In 2012, I had the great honor to appoint Jane, who was born before women had won the right to vote, to cast our district's vote in the Electoral College for President Barack Obama: a true measure of our progress as a nation.

Forged in Depression-era Oklahoma, Jane was known by all for her optimism, perseverance and courage. She began her career as a reporter during the Second World War, at a time when women were rarely in the newsroom, and later joined KNBR, where she would work for more than 30 years to bring more women into broadcasting. The same spirit of justice, progress and commitment to the truth propelled her to enter political activism and action.

Over five decades, Jane was a godmother of progressive causes in San Francisco. She was a grassroots champion who brought unwavering grace and good humor, boundless energy and extraordinary persistence to her life's mission to make our City and Country more just, equal and fair. Her home was a gathering place and a launching pad, where she masterfully wove together progressive coalitions for change in our city and country. She was a volunteer in the truest sense: dedicating every degree of her time, energy and passion to achieving social justice, from empowering women to combating homelessness to championing the environment and the economic prosperity of all San Franciscans.

Jane advanced progress both from behind the scenes and from the center of the political arena. As she helped elect progressive leaders, she served in her own right, including as Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1960 and 1964, Women's Chair of the California Democratic Party in 1960, president of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, president of the San Francisco Democratic Women's Forum, Chair of the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee, longtime president of San Francisco Tomorrow and on the Chinese Newcomers Service Center. Her greatness was recognized in her many awards, including the California State Assembly's "Woman of the Year," which she received several times.

Jane was a mentor and friend to so many. Personally, I learned so much from her. May her lifetime of courageous leadership be a source of inspiration to all. And may it be a comfort to Jimmy Park Li and all Jane's loved ones that so many mourn their loss and are praying for them at this sad time.

REMEMBERING OFFICER JASON JUDD

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today with great sadness over the passing of Peoria Police Officer Jason Judd who was killed in the line of duty on July 1, 2020.

He was beloved by many and was a loving husband to Teresa, and father to Terrence and Connor.

He was a veteran and served eleven years and nine months in the United States Air Force before joining the Peoria Police Department in July of 1999.

He was a 21-year veteran with the Peoria Police Department and put his life on the line every day to keep Arizonans safe. He was a well-respected leader and hero to many.

Officer Judd received numerous commendations for his excellent investigative police work, contributing to the arrests and convictions for crimes such as burglary, carjacking, DUI accidents, fraud, stabbing, and second-degree murder.

He also received the Lifesaving Medal and over 50 commendations from citizens, fellow officers, other agencies, and community leaders.

Throughout his career, he was involved in the annual Peoria Bike Rodeo, Youth Citizen's Police Academy, multi-agency DUI enforcement campaigns, school safety presentations, and the 4th of July celebrations at Lake Pleasant, just to name a few.

We are eternally grateful for his service to our state and nation. On this day, we, as a community, honor him and ask those who knew him to pray for his family during this time of mourning.

HYPERLOOP TECHNOLOGY

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my support for a new and exciting technology called hyperloop, a modern innovation to enhance our Nation's transportation infrastructure. Hyperloop consists of a network of sealed tubes where trains carrying cargo or passengers can pass through without air resistance or friction. This could

drastically reduce travel time from hours to mere minutes. Benefits of this technology are numerous: in addition to shortening travel time, hyperloop is energy efficient and has the potential to dramatically cut greenhouse gases from our atmosphere. Additionally, while we enter a time of economic uncertainty, hyperloop represents an entirely new sector of the economy and would provide opportunities for new jobs and could stimulate commerce.

Madam Speaker, I am especially excited about this new technology because of its unique tie to Kansas and the Third District. One of our finest constituent companies in Kansas' Third District, Black and Veatch, has been working on hyperloop projects for some time, demonstrating that Kansas City would be a welcome location for any pilot program. Spirit AeroSystems, our neighbors in Wichita, have been tapped to help build the high-tech capsules for Virgin Hyperloop One, which has a project site in Kansas City, Missouri that could serve as the starting point for an eventual Kansas City-to-St.Louis stretch, cutting travel times from a nearly 4 hour drive to just 30 minutes by hyperloop. And Kansas City has long been heralded as a talent center for high-tech and engineering jobs, which aligns well with the growth of this cutting-edge technology sector. Last October, I hosted a Small Business Committee field hearing in my district, bringing together various startups and entrepreneurs to discuss innovation and expanding capital for high-tech small businesses. In that same vein, I would be excited to see hyperloop introduced in the greater Kansas City metro area and look forward to showing what Kansas' Third District has to offer.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CATALINA HORAK

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Catalina Horak for her devoted service to our community as she prepares to enter the next chapter of her life at the end of this month.

Ms. Horak cofounded and led Building One Community, a nonprofit organization in Stamford, Connecticut. Since its establishment in 2011, Building One Community has served more than 10,000 immigrants from over 100 countries with language, vocational, legal and many other kinds of support.

The Fourth Congressional District is home to a remarkably diverse range of people. We take pride in embodying key values such as openness, tolerance and altruism. Thanks in large part to Ms. Horak's tireless efforts, Building One Community has helped thousands of immigrants successfully integrate into the broader community. I'm proud that the Fourth Congressional District, in partnership with organizations like Building One Community, continues to serve as an example of the important

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contributions that immigrants make across our country.

For her 20 years of distinguished experience in the nonprofit sector, Ms. Horak was named an honoree for the 2017 Women of Distinction Awards by the YWCA of Darien and Norwalk. This year, she was appointed to the Board of Directors of Amicare's Free Clinics.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me, along with a grateful Fourth Congressional District, in congratulating Ms. Catalina Horak for her extensive public service and in wishing her success in all her future endeavors.

HONORING THE LEFLORE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable group of leaders, the Leflore County Board of Supervisors.

On Monday, June 22, 2020 the Leflore County Board of Supervisors voted to remove the Confederate monument located on the Leflore County Courthouse lawn. This Confederate monument has long been a divisive symbol for the citizens in the city of Greenwood, MS and Leflore County.

Unveiled on October 9, 1913 on the courthouse lawn, this monument has intimidated and invoked fear for over 100 years in citizens that have come to the courthouse to conduct county business. As a symbol of treason and slavery, this monument had no right to be in a public place.

After legal advisement from Board Attorney Joyce Chiles, Supervisor Reginald Moore made a motion to have the Confederate monument removed from the courthouse lawn. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Eric Mitchell. Supervisors Robert Collins and Anjuan Brown joined in support and the motion was carried 4–0, with one member, Sam Abraham, absent from the meeting. This is a historic achievement for Leflore County as Mississippians move to create a more inclusive climate throughout the state.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Leflore County Board of Supervisors for their dedication and bravery to promote racial equality.

RECOGNITION OF MR. KENT D.
FARMER'S RETIREMENT FROM
RAPPAHANNOCK ELECTRIC CO-
OPERATIVE

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Kent D. Farmer's retirement as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative. Mr. Farmer will retire on August 1, 2020.

Mr. Farmer has served as president and CEO of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative

since 2004 and has been with REC for a total of 41 years. The Rappahannock Electric Cooperative serves a wide range of Virginia, from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Chesapeake Bay. Mr. Farmer is leaving a positive legacy with the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative that will not be forgotten. His strong leadership and genuine care and concern for local citizens has contributed to many successes during his time with the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative.

I am proud of Mr. Farmer's work with the REC, and I know he will be greatly missed. I have worked closely with Mr. Farmer and the REC, and I am honored to serve them in the First District of Virginia. Mr. Farmer has laid a strong foundation that will serve the REC in years to come.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me in recognition of Mr. Kent D. Farmer's contributions to the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative and the First District of Virginia. I wish Mr. Farmer the best of luck in his next chapter, and I look forward to continuing to serve Mr. Farmer and the First District of Virginia.

HONORING OFFICER ANTHONY DIA

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today. In my district and my hometown city of Toledo, Ohio, our community is putting to rest a young Toledo Police Officer killed in the line of duty in the early hours of July 4th.

Officer Anthony Dia, 26 years old, was known throughout our community as a dedicated husband, father, son, valiant public servant, and revered member of the Muslim community. In the words of his wife, Jayme Dia, he worked every day of his life to provide for his family, including their two sons, Younes and Maytham. He lived and breathed family. In Officer Dia's final words, which he radioed to the department after being fatally wounded were: "Tell my family I love them."

Officer Dia's death serves as a telling reminder of the constant dangers law enforcement officers face every single day in service to our communities. Officer Dia died a hero—Toledo will never forget his service and the ultimate sacrifice he made for the safety and security of our city and our families.

I join in spirit with our community in Toledo to pay respects at Officer Dia's memorial service today. My sincerest condolences and prayers are with Officer Dia's family, the Toledo Police Department, and the entire Toledo community during this in extraordinarily difficult time. Our hearts are broken.

In his memory, today in Washington D.C., an American flag is being hoisted above the U.S. Capitol in his memory to be presented in lasting gratitude for his laying down of his life for those he was sworn to protect and serve.

May the memory of Officer Anthony Dia live on in our hearts and in our community forever.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL
KEILHOLZ

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Michael Keilholz on his years of devotion to the Vocational Agriculture program and its students. Mr. Keilholz retired from Pleasant Hill High School after 31 years of teaching agriculture.

Michael Keilholz grew up in the small Catholic community of Frankenstein, Missouri. He attended the University of Missouri and graduated in 1989. He had several different jobs before he began teaching at Pleasant Hill High School, where he remained for 26 years. Over the years he oversaw 77 American FFA Degrees, 113 State FFA Degrees, 7 State Stars in either FFA Star Agribusiness, Star Placement or Star Farmer with 1 State Winner in Agribusiness, 1 State FFA 1st Vice President, 85 State Qualifying Teams in Vo-Ag/FFA, 110 State Qualifying Proficiency Awards based upon FFA Leadership and SAE's (4 State Winning Proficiency awards), 14 State Talent, 2 National Talent, 1 National Band, 3 State Band, 25 State Chorus, 7 Student Teachers, 264 District Vo-Ag/FFA Teams, Countless Scrapbook and Record Books displayed at state. In addition, he worked as an instructor for 28 years.

Throughout the years he has been recognized for his efforts by being awarded Top 6 Nationally—NAAE (State and Region IV Winner); Two time State Ideas Unlimited Winner, One time Regional Winner, two time National Presenter; 30-Year Service Award, Missouri Ag Teachers; Honorary American FFA Degree, National FFA Organization, 2011; Distinguished Service Award, Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association; Honorary State FFA Degree, Missouri FFA, 1999; Supervised Agricultural Experience Best Practices, National FFA, 1998; Region IV (U.S.) New Vocational Teacher of the Year, American Vocational Association, 1993; New Vocational Teacher, Missouri Vocational Association, 1993; Outstanding Young Member, MVATA, 1993; Outstanding Young Professional, University of Missouri College of Education Alumni Award, 1993; Teaching Ideas—District Winner, 1996; Instructional Materials Lab, Sold Copyright-Crop & Weed Plant ID, 1993.

Perhaps the greatest achievement of all is the number of lives Mr. Keilholz has impacted over the years. Thousands of young people have been blessed by his tutelage as they have learned invaluable life lessons taught through agriculture, the leadership opportunities provided through FFA, and the work ethic instilled through student SAE projects. Mr. Keilholz's interest in every student, his encouragement, and personal example of character and commitment will leave a legacy of amazing future leaders in agriculture who will impact our nation and our world.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Michael Keilholz for his hard work and dedication, and I thank him for his years of selfless devotion to agriculture.

INTRODUCTION OF THE AMERICAN FARMS, FOOD BANKS, AND FAMILIES ACT

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, today, I am introducing the American Farms, Food Banks, and Families Act, which authorizes a new position within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) tasked with ensuring the nation's food supply chain remains a national priority.

This legislation authorizes the establishment of an "Agriculture Supply Chain Administrator," either designated or appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture within the USDA. The Administrator is charged with developing efficiencies and addressing key challenges within the domestic agriculture food supply chain.

Key points to address by the Administrator include: identifying barriers, either regulatory or statutory, which prevent or inhibit domestic growers from offering their product to the domestic market through food distribution entities; promoting the domestic supply chain; and connecting growers with surplus products with appropriate food distribution organizations.

The Administrator is also tasked with convening a Federal Advisory Committee with the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), other appropriate federal agencies, and industry stakeholders to collaborate and advise the Administrator on addressing inefficiencies.

Finally, the American Farms, Food Banks, and Families Act will establish—in coordination with AMS and industry stakeholders—a national database to record and report excess agricultural products and food distribution organizations in need of the available products.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF CHARLEIGH FORD

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of veteran Charleigh Ford, who passed away on Monday, June 27, due to COVID-19 and dementia complications.

Charleigh's life began on October 20, 1941, in Columbus, Mississippi. Charleigh was a man who loved to share stories, stories that dated back to his time as a paperboy, and riding bikes on dirt hills with the other boys in the area. He would eventually outgrow the role of paperboy and would take on the role of a team member—in football, track, and the United States Air Force.

After graduating from Lee High, Charleigh stuck to his Mississippi roots and attended Mississippi State University, where he met his wife, Lillian Hixon "Lillajo" Ford. Little did Charleigh know that his impact on the world was just beginning after he graduated from Mississippi State University. After college, a wedding, and the birth of his first son, Charleigh was deployed to Vietnam for a year, writing letters to Lillian every day.

Charleigh didn't stop pursuing his passions even after the war. He later found his place in

the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development business, making his most significant impact on Lowndes County. He was incredibly instrumental in forming the "Golden Triangle Link" to recruit industries to Columbus and surrounding areas.

Of all of Charleigh's accomplishments, his family was his pride and joy. Once he had grandchildren, his life was complete. He was such a devoted grandfather, the ladies at daycare had to tell him to stop looking through the window at his granddaughter because she would get upset every time he left. When they were old enough to spend the night, he would have all of them over so they could get McDonald's pancakes in the morning. He would always treat the kids to whatever they wanted.

Charleigh's life was one of service, grace, and love for his family and community and will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

Left to cherish his memory is his daughter, Michelle Turberville; his two grandsons, Josh and Drew Turberville; his brother, Jimmy Young; as well as many other friends and extended family members.

IN RECOGNITION OF MEALS FOR HEROES MIAMI

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, founded on April 1, 2020, Meals for Heroes Miami has become foundational to South Florida's efforts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. This organization was founded by Miami natives Will Osborne and Karen Bechtel, and Will's son Mac, a New York-based restaurateur.

This non-profit, donation-based organization emerged to address two issues stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic: feeding the stressed and exhausted frontline workers risking their lives daily and protecting jobs at Miami restaurants. Meals for Heroes Miami, powered by community donations, serves both these needs by purchasing and delivering meals from local restaurants to frontline workers.

By mid-May, Meals for Heroes Miami had purchased and delivered 10,000 meals to workers; fed teams at 24 hospitals, testing centers, first responder departments, prisons, and other locations; and preserved approximately 50 jobs at 22 partner restaurants. The organization has only continued to grow in the time since.

This kind of innovation is precisely what we need in communities across the country to conquer this pandemic and help families support themselves. I commend Will, Karen, Mac, and all those who have donated to this fantastic cause for their service to our shared community.

HONORING JAMES DONALD KERR

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of

James Donald Kerr, who we lost last month at the age of 86. Don was an enterprising cotton farmer, and every aspect of cotton production was a joy to him.

Don was born in his grandparents' farmhouse in Marvin, North Carolina. After high school, he attended North Carolina State University to pursue a degree in agribusiness. He left his junior year to join the U.S. Army, where he served with distinction before farming with his parents. As a member of the Southern Cotton Growers Board, the National Cotton Council, and the National Cotton Board for over three decades, Don made immense contributions to the cotton industry, with his passion leading him to researching and developing the crop for international markets.

Don lived his life doing what he loved, while also making the world a better place. I was privileged to know him and call him a friend. Today, it is my honor to memorialize his legacy.

COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINED RENEWAL AND CONTINUITY OF OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING EVERY ELECTION

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today with respect and upon reflection of the core tenets of our democracy: our federal elections and their aftermath.

As you know, Madam Speaker, our nation boasts a steady history, no matter the circumstance, of maintaining a peaceful and efficient process upon the conclusion of our presidential elections. Whether a President continues in office for another term, experiences defeat, or concludes holding office due to the Constitutional term limit, our democracy has flourished to the benefit of the American people for centuries. Our streak of peaceful transitions of power remains unbroken, intentionally and without accident. This reflects the genius of our founders and the will of the American people to continually commit to forming a more perfect union.

In America, our government and its successful function does not depend on one person or political party. Rather, our federal government and its institutions represent the glory and the privilege bestowed by the system of a federated republic. And while to some, the peaceful transition in the aftermath of our presidential election may seem perfunctory, our society and the success of our economy depend on the reliable transition of presidents-elect or presidents continuing to a second term.

It is without question essential that the talented and dedicated public servants in our federal government are able to serve the American people following the aftermath of any election. Such duties include ensuring no veteran is denied benefits and no Social Security recipient misses a check. Professional civil servants—nonpartisan and the best in their fields—provide continuity and ensure that government stays focused on serving the American people. From air traffic controllers to food safety inspectors to servicemembers defending our nation at home and abroad, the federal

workforce ensures that citizen services are uninterrupted by a change in administration.

As you may acknowledge, Madam Speaker, it was of the highest civilian honor for me to serve as a member of then President-elect Barack Obama's transition team, and to engage with the apolitical workforce. While the country faced economic peril, I formally joined the Administration just a few weeks after the President was sworn into office, as a White House appointee serving in the United States Department of the Treasury, alongside Presidential appointees of the former Administration of George W. Bush. I witnessed first-hand how a peaceful and collegial transition of power is achieved. In the process, I garnered tremendous respect for the dedicated career civil servants who continue to serve no matter the political outcome. Today, that same workforce is looking at two possibilities come November: preparing for a new administration or continuing to govern as part of the current administration.

If, following the results of the November 3rd election, a presidential transition falls upon our federal government, a large task is at hand for the new administration. While this is not assumed, it is a scenario worthy of planning and consideration. Just as, if the current president is reaffirmed and continues to a second term, the duties of his administration will continue. Peace and trust in either scenario is paramount. In any such outcome, I ask of my fellow countrymen and women and with specific request of my colleagues within this coequal branch of government to pledge to achieve a more perfect union and recognize that in November, millions will see their votes cast for the winner of the Presidential election, just as millions will see their vote cast for the runner-up of the election. We may suspect or assume the continued and sustained activities of our federal government, and recommitting to this assurance is a healthy and productive exercising of our authorities. In particular, as collective bodies within the Congress and federal agencies, it is our cooperative responsibility to ensure strife and upheaval does not impede the critical duties of our civilian workforce. We, as an elected body of federal representatives oversee, fund, and authorize the efforts of our federal agencies and maintain a responsibility and dedication to their success, particularly in the aftermath of presidential elections.

Today I officially submit as record to this chamber a request to my colleagues. We, as federated leaders and representatives, may express dismay and disagreement with one another and with election outcomes, but we also set the tone to continue the peaceful process following from the votes cast by millions and preparation for ongoing governance and legislative affairs. And we certainly maintain an authority to hold reckless actions of federal officials accountable.

Many in this Chamber on both sides of the aisle have dedicated their life's work to achieving equality, and all took an oath upon being a sworn member of the United States House of Representatives to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. Our duties are not just reflections; they are actions and commitments that form a more perfect union and promote the general welfare as this nation continues to thrive as a free and safe democracy. As we exercise the full abilities vested in us as men and women within this form of public trust, we commit to contin-

ued renewal and restoring of our government with each election.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
MR. JERRY YUCHIEH WANG

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the service of Jerry Yuchieh Wang. Mr. Wang is an outgoing Senior Officer in the Congressional Liaison Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO), which is the de facto embassy of Taiwan. Mr. Wang is returning to Taiwan for his next assignment in the Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China (Taiwan). During his service as the TECRO contact for my office, as well as the House Armed Services Committee, Senate Armed Services Committee and Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Mr. Wang has been an invaluable resource for my staff and me.

In 2015, Mr. Wang was hand-picked to serve as a congressional liaison for TECRO. During his five and a half years of service in this position, Mr. Wang's insights assisted Members in gaining a deeper understanding of the importance of the United States' relationship with Taiwan and facilitated visits between U.S. and Taiwanese officials at all levels.

Since arriving in Washington, Mr. Wang has played an important role in supporting the strengthening of US-Taiwan security cooperation, personnel exchanges, and the provision of critical defense articles as required by the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979. He was also an integral member of the TECRO team supporting Taiwan's participation in international Organizations and US-Taiwan trade relations. Additionally, Mr. Wang has organized and overseen many Congressional Member and Staff Delegation visits to Taiwan, including my own.

Mr. Wang has served in Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2010. Early in his diplomatic career, he worked in the Department of International Organizations on Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) related issues. Mr. Wang received a Master's degree in Political Science from the National Taiwan University.

Mr. Wang has been a tireless advocate for the universal values of liberty, democracy, and the respect for the integrity of individual rights—values that are shared by the people of the United States and Taiwan. Our world is a better place because of the work of leaders like Mr. Wang. While Mr. Wang secured many legislative victories for Taiwan during his tenure in Washington, D.C., he made even more long-lasting friendships. My colleagues and our staff are proud to call him a friend, and we hope to see him back in Washington, D.C. one day.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SISTER
PAMELA MARIE BUGANSKI

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and celebrate the transformational life of Sister Pamela Marie Buganski. Hailing from Toledo, Ohio's Old Orchard neighborhood, Sister Pamela began her service to the Toledo community in 1975. For forty-five long years, she dedicated her life in service to her religious community, embracing the poor and needy in communities across Northern Ohio, Guatemala, Papua New Guinea, Mexico, and Texas.

I wish to extend my deepest sympathies to her parents, Dr. Raymond and Ruth Buganski; her four sisters Cynthia, Lynn, Laura, and Joan; her five brothers Mark, Joseph, Robert, David, and Michael; and her numerous nieces and nephews.

Most recently I had the honor of meeting Sister Pamela again during my visit to the U.S. Southern Border with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus in January 2020. I was so impressed by her dedication to help those struggling to survive in the face of dire circumstances. She stood at the edge of freedom and hope for them. Many of those detained had traveled thousands of miles to the U.S. border to seek refuge only to find the passage blocked by the Trump Administration's immoral "Remain in Mexico" policy. What we saw were families fleeing violence forced to live in squalor in the outskirts of our country by a broken immigration system that has little regard for the human condition. She bore witness to the anguish, misery, illness, and desperation. Sister Pamela recognized that we are all truly God's children. She treated everyone who crossed her path with the love and respect endowed to them by our Creator.

Sister Pamela was born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1956 and her family eventually moved to Toledo, OH. There she attended St. Pius and Notre Dame Academy and eventually entered the Sisters of Notre Dame in 1975, professing her vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in 1978.

She pursued graduate studies at the University of Dayton and the University of Notre Dame. Recognizing the importance of investing in our nation's youth, she dedicated twelve years of her life teaching at junior high schools across Northwestern Ohio and then another ten years teaching math and computer science at St. Mary High School and Notre Dame Academy.

Sister Pamela's deep devotion to her faith and service took her on three mission trips, one to Papua New Guinea and two to Guatemala. After studying Spanish, Sister Pamela's drive to support social justice initiatives and marginalized communities brought her to Texas.

Here, she helped devastated communities after Hurricane Harvey and was accredited by CLINIC to advocate for those seeking refuge at the U.S.'s Southern border. Her sister Cynthia described her best as someone who "was a genuine caregiver from the beginning . . . she could bring calm to chaos".

On behalf of so many grateful communities in Northern Ohio and across our hemisphere,

I express deepest gratitude for the precious life of Sister Pamela. Let her life serve as an example to all during this especially challenging time. May her spirit and prophetic legacy inspire a humane path forward for all people who seek liberty.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DR.
THOMAS ELY OF TENNESSEE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Thomas Ely for his distinguished career in the medical profession and recent election as the 124th President of the American Osteopathic Association. Tennesseans across our great state are proud to join me in celebrating his accomplishments and election to the highest leadership role in the osteopathic profession.

Dr. Ely's career has been marked by dedication and tireless leadership in the medical field. As a fellow Tennessean, he served his patients with care and represented our great state for over 30 years as a delegate to the AOA House of Delegates, as well as serving as the President of the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA).

His desire to help others led him to join the United States Army, where he served honorably for 20 years, and where he received many honors, including the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star. Even after retiring from service, he eagerly answered the call to support our troops during Operation Desert Storm. It is the sacrifices of brave men and women like Dr. Ely that has built our country, and we are forever indebted to his service.

I am honored to have worked alongside Dr. Ely in the medical profession. On behalf of the United States Congress, I wish to commend Dr. Ely for his service, and I congratulate him as he continues his lifelong career of serving others, now as the President of the American Osteopathic Association.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF ALAN S. BECKER

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of my dear friend, co-founder of Becker and Poliakoff law firm, Alan S. Becker. Alan's quest for a law degree brought him to Florida where he attended the University of Miami School of Law. Alan graduated in 1969 and scored the highest grade on that years legal Bar exam. Early in his career he worked in the Office of the Attorney General and as an assistant public defender.

At the age of 26, Alan became the youngest person elected to the Florida House of Representatives, serving three terms from 1972 to 1978. Alan pioneered community association law with his long-time business partner, Gary Poliakoff, initially working out of the trunk of a car representing condo owners. Their law firm

has since grown into one of the largest in Florida, with offices in New York, New Jersey, and Washington, D.C.

The official accolades and honors for Alan are too numerous to count, however, I want to highlight a few. Alan passed the Czech Republic Bar exam in 1992 and served as honorary counsel there until 2016. He was a passionate writer, teacher and painter. He authored two books, taught "The Business of Law" at the University of Miami School of Law, and lectured on leadership at Keiser University. Alan sat on the Board of Directors for Enterprise Florida and received the Governor's Business Ambassador Medallion for his contributions to economic development.

Madam Speaker, Alan was a lifelong Democrat, but always reached across the aisle and worked in conjunction with others to find the best solution for our community, a quality that I honor and respect and is one of the many outstanding qualities of his character that made me proud to call him a friend. I extend my heartfelt condolences to Alan's family and friends and I pray that they find comfort during this extremely difficult time. Alan will be dearly missed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ELI KENT

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of an outstanding young man whose life was taken too soon. Eli Kent, the son of Nicky and Alisha Gray Kent, passed away at the age of 10 on June 25, 2020, at the North Mississippi Medical Center.

Eli was known for his love of travel and Ole Miss sports. When he wasn't watching the excitement on Swayze field, Eli was watching his sister dance or the Wheel of Fortune. He was also a special member of Bethel Baptist Church, sharing his smile with the many people who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents, Nicky and Alisha Kent; his sister, Kylee Kent; his grandparents, Jeff and Lori Gray, and James Kent; as well as many friends and extended family members.

Eli suffered from spinal muscular atrophy, and while we mourn his loss, we know he is pain-free and safe in the arms of our Lord.

RECOGNIZING THE ASTRO JELLY
DOGS' ACHIEVEMENT OF BEING
SELECTED AS A GLOBAL INNOVATION
SEMI-FINALIST TEAM

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable accomplishment of my constituents, the Astro Jelly Dogs, who were selected as a Global Innovation Semi-Finalist Team for the FIRST LEGO League Global Innovation Award. I congratulate Ryan Vollmer, Mary Jane Gibson, Tyler Carney, Samuel Perretta, Jack Stauder, Molly Rich-

ards, Benjamin Richards and their coach, Kelly Vollmer, on their passionate commitment to environmentally sustainable solutions and their impressive results. Through their innovation, the Grow Home, the Astro Jelly Dogs will renovate an abandoned row house to provide Baltimore City residents more access to fruits and vegetables.

The FIRST LEGO League Global Innovation Award recognizes and celebrates the next generation of innovators. Teams identify a problem in their local community and then work to design a unique and environmentally sustainable solution. Teams are tasked with considering barriers to implementation, evaluating their invention and validating their invention with STEM professionals. 20 semi-finalist teams are chosen from 40,000 FIRST LEGO League teams from over 100 countries to receive further assistance and ultimately win a cash prize.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the extraordinary achievement of these bright children and I hope my colleagues and constituents will join me in congratulating the Astro Jelly Dogs on a job well done.

REMEMBERING MARIE J.
BONAMICI-WOODCOCK

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the beautiful life of Marie J. Bonamici-Woodcock, mother of my esteemed colleague, Congresswoman SUZANNE BONAMICI, who passed away on June 14, 2020, at the age of 91.

Marie was born on August 10, 1928, in Detroit, Michigan. Growing up, she studied music and had a profound appreciation for the arts. In 1948, Marie married and moved to Plymouth and then Northville, Michigan, where she raised three children, Andrew, SUZANNE, and James. She was an active member of the Northville Historical Society and the Detroit Folklore Society.

She modeled for her children openness to ideas, respect for the environment, and a deep appreciation of diverse cultures. She inspired in them lifelong interests in music, art, world cultures, environmental protection, and human rights—all qualities that we admire about our colleague, Representative BONAMICI, today.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents; her two brothers, John and Robert Kehrl; and her husband, George. She is survived by her children, Andrew Bonamici (Beth), SUZANNE BONAMICI (Michael Simon), and James Bonamici (Debra); grandchildren, Kate Flaim (Ben), Tom Bonamici, Andrew Simon, Peter Bonamici, Sara Simon, and Nicolas Bonamici; and three great-grandchildren, Tuck, Ellie, and Hannah Flaim.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the remarkable life of Marie Bonamici-Woodcock and the love of peace and freedom that she spread throughout society.

ZAC KERNS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zac Kerns upon his promotion from Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel in the United States Army. Zac is a peerless example for hard work, dedication and excellence not only for the United States Military, but also to his home town of St. Joseph, Missouri.

After graduating from Missouri Western State University and being commissioned as an officer through their ROTC program, Zac was selected for the demanding Special Forces Qualification Course. This led to a sixteen year career as a Green Beret. During that time, he led an element of Special Operations forces from four NATO nations. Zac then spent three years as Deputy Chief of Special Operations for the Middle East Operation Command Central. When Zac returned to the states, he did so as an instructor at the Command and General Staff College, where he began passing his real world knowledge to the next generation of officers. Since 2018, Zac has commanded the Assessment Squadron of the Asymmetric Warfare Group where in addition to training future experts in asymmetric warfare, also advised the army on establishing the Battalion and Brigade Commanders Assessment Program. Currently, Zac is a Fellow at the School for Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. During his career, Zac has also earned three Bronze Stars, five Meritorious Service Medals, the Special Forces and Ranger Tabs, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Senior Parachutist and Air Assault Badge.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Zac Kerns for his promotion to Colonel in the United States Army. I would also like to recognize Colonel Kern's family for a moment. His lovely wife, Rosemary, and sons, Kaiden, Kale and Liam, for their support of Zac as he's served the United States of America. I want to thank Zac and his family, on behalf of the Sixth Congressional District, the State of Missouri and the United States of America for their ongoing service to each of us. I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress.

HONORING THE FAITHFUL SERVICE OF CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER MATTHEW BROWN OF TENNESSEE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Warrant Officer Matthew Brown for his distinguished service to this nation.

Chief Brown served honorably in the United States Army for over three decades, demonstrating exceptional skill and unparalleled valor in crucial combat operations. Early in his career, he served five years in the 82nd Airborne Division, deploying with the 17th Cav-

alry to Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He then joined the 101st Airborne Division before eventually being assigned to the nation's elite 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) in 1998.

As a helicopter pilot with the Night Stalkers, Chief Brown deployed in the initial invasion of Iraq in 2003, and subsequently completed over 34 deployments with our nation's tier one special operators in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn.

On one such mission, while under intense enemy fire, Chief Warrant Officer Brown successfully destroyed multiple enemy positions, enabling ground forces to organize defensive positions. For his gallantry, which saved many lives that day, he was awarded the Silver Star. Chief Brown was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross for the successful destruction of numerous enemy combatants during a classified mission in 2005.

Chief Warrant Officer Brown will forever be an example to countless soldiers and Army aviators. His service is historic. He exemplifies the virtues of courage and patriotism and it is fitting that we honor him as he concludes a long and faithful career. On behalf of the United States Congress, I wish to commend Chief Brown for his service, and I congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Army.

RECOGNIZING ERIC MILLER OF JORDAN

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Eric Miller of Jordan for his 20-plus years of service to Garfield County as an extension agent and a mentor to the community's young people.

For more than two decades, Eric has served as a Montana State University extension agent in Garfield County. He's a proud Bobcat who earned his master's degree in animal science with an emphasis in genetics at MSU. His connection with MSU and his love of agriculture brought him to Jordan as the county's extension agent.

Eric loves his job. He enjoys helping people, and he'll tell you no one day is like another. He wears many hats. Some days, he teaches adult education classes. Others, he solves problems. Still others, he advises the county and local farmers. Eric helps farmers increase production and profitability throughout the county, but he acknowledges these are challenging times for our agricultural community.

Eric also focuses his efforts and energies on supporting the area's youth. For more than 20 years, Eric has been the Garfield County 4-H director. While agriculture is a big focus of 4-H, the group's main priority is to empower young people with skills and through experiences. Focused on their interests, the young people undertake hands-on projects, whether it's raising and breeding livestock, farming, wood working, welding, cooking, shooting sports, or another activity. Through continuing education and mentorship, 4-H provides them the opportunity to grow and develop.

Eric's favorite part is watching kids learn. He says there's nothing like seeing a kid's light go

on when working on a project. He says it's a powerful moment when a participant comes to fully understand his or her project, and you get a lot of those moments a kid is involved in 4-H for years.

For Garfield County, 4-H is more than a club. It's part of their community. It's a way for kids to interact and build relationships beyond school. One of the biggest events in the area is the Garfield County Fair where 4-H members showcase their projects for everyone to see. It's the culmination of all their hard work and dedication.

Madam Speaker, for his decades of helping people in his community, from farmers to young people, I recognize Eric Miller of Jordan for his Spirit of Montana.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MARTHA RUTH SANSON WHITE

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Martha Ruth Sansom White, who passed away on June 24, surrounded by her family.

Born on April 18, 1940, Martha was the first-born of three girls to the loving parents of Russell Tilden and Idelle Gray Sansom. Following in her parents' footsteps, she received her Bachelor of Education from the University of Mississippi. While at Ole Miss, she not only earned her degree but met and fell in love with Bill White. They were married on May 12, 1962, and were happily married for 58 years.

Martha continued her passion for education by earning her Masters in Education from Mississippi State University. Like her parents, she went on to teach at Itawamba Community College and would later teach the vocational program at Northeast Community College, only retiring after 37 years.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband William "Bill" Dyke White; her daughter, Kristy Moore Gibson; her son, John Russell White; as well as many other friends and extended family members.

Martha's life was one of grace and love for her family and community. She will be greatly missed by all whom she encountered.

REMEMBERING FLORENCE "PEGGY" ANDERSON

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the special life of Florence "Peggy" Anderson, a notable leader in Michigan's 11th District who passed away on June 6, 2020, at the age of 93.

Peggy was born on June 25, 1926, in Sturgis, Michigan to Arthur and Margaret (Hetherington) Carls. Peggy was a graduate of Sturgis High School, from where she went on to work as a secretary with the War Department in 1943 and later with the Pontiac School District and Clinton Valley Center. She was a long-time member of the Waterford

Democrats, the DAR Waterford Chapter and the Michigan Mayflower Society, as well as a member of the Central United Methodist Church and the State Employees Retirees Association. She enjoyed flower gardening and making arrangements for her friends and acquaintances.

Peggy lived a life filled with purpose and community, and she will be remembered by all who had the good fortune to know her as someone who showed up for what she believed in. She is survived by her children Thomas (Pat) Anderson of Petoskey and Robert (Marci) Anderson of White Lake; her grandchildren Christy Anderson, Ryan (Nikkia) Anderson, Russell (Theresa) Andersonning and Bradley (Hannah) Anderson; great-grandchildren Noah, Claire, Emrik and Myrna; and many nieces and nephews.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the life of someone very dear to our Waterford, Michigan community, and to our greater Michigan family.

HONORING THE FAITHFUL SERVICE OF POLICE OFFICER DESTIN LEGIEZA OF TENNESSEE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember Officer Destin Legieza for his distinguished career in

service of his beloved community of Brentwood, Tennessee.

Officer Legieza honorably served with the Brentwood Police Department for five years, demonstrating a commitment to excellence and selflessness. In 2016, he was selected as Officer of the Year by the Brentwood Morning Rotary Club and in 2017, he received the Chiefs Sheep Dog Award for outstanding police work and cooperation among law enforcement agencies.

His life defined service to others. In his free time, he was involved in Special Olympics and a community flag football team. Most recently, he was selected to serve on the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), an innovative first-responder model of police-based crisis intervention training for de-escalation.

However, before starting his training for CIT, on June 18th, 2020, Officer Legieza was killed in the line of duty, being hit by a suspected drunk driver head-on. Only 30 years old, Officer Legieza was, in the words of Brentwood Mayor Rhea Little, "the apex of those who serve."

Officer Legieza came from a long line of police officers, with his father being a lieutenant in the Franklin Police Department and his grandfather serving in the CSX Railroad Police. Officer Legieza no longer patrols the streets of Brentwood, but his memory lives on in the family whom he loved and the community in which he served.

Officer Legieza's life of selfless dedication to protect and serve our community is an inspiration to all Americans. On behalf of the United States Congress, I wish to honor Officer

Legieza for his service and express our deepest sympathies to his friends and family.

MELANIE ARLENE

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I stand today to remember the brilliant life of Melanie Arlene Thwing-Eastman.

Melanie and I met while serving in the American Bar Association's Law Student Division. With Melanie's easy-going charm and sarcastic humor, it just made sense we would become friends. Her zest for life, personal integrity, and her genuine passion for the practice of law made her a natural leader.

Melanie knew how to brighten a room. She knew that kindness went a long way. And she knew that she could not stand idly by when injustice occurred, and she was a fearless truth-teller who always strove to do what was right. She made a real difference in the courtroom and the classroom and has left the world a better and brighter place.

My deepest sympathies and prayers are with her husband Justin and her family, friends, and the many lives she touched. I join them in mourning this tragic loss.