

OSCE Parliamentary Assembly has proven time and again its value as a forum to counter disinformation and foster cooperation to counter common threats. A result of these most recent reports, I intend to advocate for that body to prioritize results-oriented discussions on state-sponsored cyberattacks in our region in its upcoming work session.

Madam Speaker, please join me in condemning the Kremlin's latest despicable actions.

HONORING JAKOB F. MULLINS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jakob F. Mullins, Jakob is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1357, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jakob has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jakob has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jakob has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jakob helped clean over 250 military markers at New Hope Cemetery in Liberty, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jakob F. Mullins for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING EDWARD M. BARTHOLOMEW, JR. FOR HIS LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO CITY OF GLENS FALLS, WARREN COUNTY AND THE ENTIRE NORTH COUNTRY REGION

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward M. Bartholomew Jr. for his lifetime of service to the City of Glens Falls, Warren County and the entire North Country region.

Edward Bartholomew Jr. served in many important roles over the course of his over 40-year long career. Elected Mayor of the City of Glens Falls at the age of 28, Edward set to work revitalizing the community, making the Civic Center a success, building a modern baseball park, improving critical infrastructure and establishing the Greater Glens Falls Transit System. Over the course of his two terms in office, from 1978 to 1985, he cemented his reputation as someone who can grasp all the aspects of a challenge and accomplish his objectives despite daunting obstacles.

In 2010, after spending time in the State Senate, Ed returned to lead the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) of Warren County. Over the next decade, he used his

expertise, tireless work ethic and sterling reputation to accomplish many more important projects. As President of the EDC, he secured federal, state and local funding for major public works projects and businesses throughout Warren County. He recently succeeded in securing a \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant for Glens Falls which is currently funding important redevelopment work on South Street. Edward had been working around the clock through the COVID-19 pandemic, helping local businesses that were suffering due to the shutdown, even creating a new loan program for struggling small businesses.

Ed Bartholomew was an extraordinary leader for the Warren County community and beyond. He was tireless in his efforts focused on economic development and opportunity for every family in the region. He was a joy to work with and he understood the nexus of local, state, and federal government and how to deliver results for our region. He was also incredibly kind and will be greatly missed. I am honored to recognize his leadership in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District.

BRINGING JOBS TO SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, this month, the Midlands of South Carolina has been chosen as the location for major job creators.

The University of South Carolina and Navatek, LLC have been awarded a \$9.2 million contract by the U.S. Office of Naval Research for the research of power and energy systems and the development of digital twin prototypes. This is a win-win for all parties, especially the people of South Carolina. I am grateful that projects like these will grow our STEM-focused workforce, resulting in more career opportunities and good-paying jobs.

I am grateful that Nephron Pharmaceuticals Corporation plans a new \$215 million investment in Lexington County, bringing 380 new full-time jobs to the area by 2024. CEO Lou Kennedy has been a superstar for creating jobs and supporting the community. This is great news for Lexington County, and I commend Nephron for creating important job opportunities in Lexington.

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

HONORING MARTIN (MARTY) GRIFFIN, JR.

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Martin (Marty) Griffin, Jr. who celebrates his 100th birthday on Thursday, July 23, 2020.

Born in 1920 and raised in Utah, Mr. Griffin's passion for the environment started at an

early age when he spent time as a Boy Scout in West Marin and the Bolinas Lagoon. His passion developed as he studied botany and zoology at the University of California at Berkeley from 1938–1942. He went on to study medicine at Stanford University before opening a medical practice in Marin County, where he was well known for prescribing his patients time outdoors in nature.

In the 1950's, Mr. Griffin worked hard to successfully lead the effort to preserve Richardson Bay. And, as land acquisition chairman of the Marin Audubon Society for eleven years, he worked tirelessly to protect open space in Marin County and stop projects like a city on the east shore of Tomales Bay or a planned nuclear facility near Bodega Bay. In 1962, Mr. Griffin founded Audubon Canyon Ranch, an environmental non-profit known for its instrumental work to protect landscapes in Marin County including the Bolinas Lagoon, Richardson Bay, Tomales Bay, and parts of what is now the Point Reyes National Seashore. Audubon Canyon Ranch became a nonprofit educational center that has taught generations of people the importance of protecting and respecting our environment.

Furthering his environmental stewardship footprint, in 1972 Mr. Griffin cofounded the Environmental Forum of Marin, which provides environmental training programs for environmental advocates and volunteers in Marin County. For 15 years starting in the 1980's, Mr. Griffin also served as the Sonoma Developmental Center's public health director where he led teams fighting against Hepatitis B and AIDS. In 1990, Mr. Griffin founded the Russian River Task Force, the Russian River Environmental Forum, and co-founded Friends of the Russian River, now known as the Russian RiverKeepers, all of which are instrumental in protecting the Russian River. In 1998, Mr. Griffin wrote a book, *Saving the Marin-Sonoma Coast*, which was later adapted into a 2012 documentary called *Rebels with a Cause*, a local favorite for many environmentalists to this day.

In addition to his many personal and professional accolades, Mr. Griffin's work has been recognized by many environmental groups such as the Environmental Education Council of Marin, which awarded Mr. Griffin the Environmental Leader of Marin Award in 2007. He has also received the Bay Nature Award in 2011 for his lifetime achievement as a conservation leader, the inaugural John Muir Legacy Conservation Award from the John Muir Association in 2013, and the Marin Conservation League's Peter Behr Lifetime Achievement Award in 2020. Further, in 2018 Mr. Griffin was recognized by the University of California at Berkeley, School of Public Health as one of the 75 most influential living alumni. The school also honored him and his loving wife Joyce by creating the Martin and Joyce Griffin Terrace Garden at the school's new campus.

Mr. Griffin has been an inspiration and mentor to me personally and to many environmentalists over the years. Madam Speaker, on behalf of those individuals and many more to come, I urge my colleagues to join us in expressing deep appreciation for Mr. Griffin's many achievements and enduring commitment to protecting the environments of Marin and Sonoma Counties, and in wishing him a very happy 100th birthday.