

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. ROBERT YOUNG

HON. BEN McADAMS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. McADAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents, Mr. Robert Young, for his heroic efforts to protect his neighborhood from a threatening wildfire.

Mr. Young lives in Saratoga Springs, where nearby flames recently forced 13,000 people to evacuate their homes. In a show of great courage, Mr. Young sent his family off in their car while he stayed behind, working to protect his neighborhood despite the back pain that recently forced him out of work. He placed the safety of his community over his own.

As the fire raged, he spent hours in a CAT plowing away at the fields behind the homes of Hepler Lane, creating a firebreak in the hope that, if needed, it would slow the progress of blaze. Thankfully, all homes on Hepler Lane were spared.

In a show of humility, Mr. Young downplays the bravery it took to do what he did. He attributes all credit to the valiant firefighters who battled the flames day and night for a full week.

Communities are built by individuals coming together to sacrifice for the greater good. It is my hope that the story of Mr. Young's heroic actions can be an example to us all.

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT JOSEPH
DONOHUE

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of a dear family member, Bob Donohue. Bob was a loving father, grandfather and wonderful friend.

Bob spent his entire working career with General Motors, starting in the 1950's as a nuclear physicist and retiring in 1996. Bob always had the ability to light up a room and keep people smiling.

Bob enjoyed planning and orchestrating vacations and trips for his children and grandchildren. He loved being around his family and went out of his way to comfort anyone.

Bob was an avid fan of history, physics and mathematics. He often listened to classical music and enjoyed going to orchestra performances. Bob was a true joy to be around and his presence was always delightful.

I give my dear wishes to Bob's wife of 63 years, Marianne, and his beloved children. Bob will be greatly missed but he is now resting easy in Heaven.

May God rest his soul and bring comfort to his family and friends as we mourn his loss and celebrate Bob's life here on earth.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on July 27, 2020 because I had the privilege of advocating for American jobs in northern Minnesota and working with the President's task force to find answers for unsolved Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 167.

ELISA THURSTON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elisa Thurston for receiving the Arvada Chamber's Young Professional Award.

In her current role at the Denver-Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, Elisa manages volunteers, engages donors and builds relationships with the community. She is described by friends and colleagues as passionate, caring and someone who works very hard to make her community a better place. It's clear Elisa has a bright future ahead and her early contributions to our community are obvious.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Elisa Thurston for this well-deserved award and appreciate her contribution to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, due to a death in the family, I was absent from votes on July 24, 2020.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 162; NAY on Roll Call No. 163; YEA on Roll Call No. 164; YEA on Roll Call No. 165; and NAY on Roll Call No. 166.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DOROTHY
PRISCILLA JOHNSON

HON. BRIAN J. MAST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. MAST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of my constituents, Mrs.

Dorothy Priscilla Johnson. Mrs. Johnson passed away earlier this year, on April 25, 2020, after years of faithful devotion to the Stuart community.

Since her move to South Florida in high school, Dorothy invested heavily in the area, marrying and raising five sons. She also worked for and eventually received her Doctorate in Education from FIU, using her education to pour into the lives of her students as a teacher for 34 years. Beyond her work in the classroom, she showed her generosity by giving and volunteering with a number of local organizations and Catholic charities.

Madam Speaker, it's an honor to get to recognize Dorothy and the life she devoted to the flourishing of her family and her community, and I know that those she leaves behind miss her greatly.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM HAGEDORN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. HAGEDORN. Madam Speaker, had I been present for the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill for S. 2163—"To establish the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, to study and make recommendations to address social problems affecting Black men and boys, and for other purposes . . .", I would have voted "yea."

COMMISSION ON THE SOCIAL STA-
TUS OF BLACK MEN AND BOYS
ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act, which will establish a 19-member commission to examine the social disparities disproportionately affecting Black males in America. Commission members will be directed to review homicide rates, arrest and incarceration rates, poverty, violence, fatherhood, mentorship, drug abuse, death rates, disparate income and wealth levels, school performance in various grade levels, and health issues. The commission also will investigate potential civil rights violations affecting Black men and boys.

By authorizing this Commission to conduct this systematic study of the conditions affecting Black men and boys, it will better inform us on the community impacts of relevant government programs and provide recommendations on how we can remedy the underlying causes of these disparities.

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This bill is part of a critical effort to force our nation to examine how racism and social injustices create heavy mental and emotional burdens for Black men and boys. Our society must create an environment that will better enable them to achieve their full potential. This bipartisan effort rises to meet our moment of national reckoning over racial injustice. As a Congress, we must address the social disparities which limit and constrain the success of Black males in America.

As a longstanding member of the Congressional Black Caucus, I am proud to support the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act, and I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this bill.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF HUMBERTO TRUJILLO, JR.

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. GALLEGO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Humberto "Junior" Trujillo, who passed away July 15, 2020. Mr. Trujillo was the Phoenix postmaster for the United States Postal Service (USPS), the first Latino to hold that position.

Mr. Trujillo's tenure as postmaster in Phoenix was the culmination of a career based in hard work and service. He worked for USPS for 31 years, beginning as a mail handler on the night shift and rising steadily through the ranks, as he demonstrated a commitment to excellence and passion for his work. He was sworn in as postmaster in January of 2015. It is also notable that prior to his USPS career, Mr. Trujillo worked as a mason foreman and helped construct the main post office facility near Van Buren and 48th streets that he would later go on to lead.

In addition to his leadership and professional achievements, Mr. Trujillo was known throughout the community as a man of positivity, humor, and faith. His family and coworkers have spoken about his widespread impact on the lives of those around him and his dedication to coaching, community engagement and volunteering.

Mr. Trujillo's story was one of success and determination, ascending through the USPS to become one of its leaders. He is a reminder of the power of hard work and confidence, and the profound impact they can have when combined with compassion and kindness. On behalf of myself, the U.S. Postal Service, and the state of Arizona, I wish to express my gratitude for the achievements of this great man.

PAIGE BROPHY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paige Brophy for receiving the Arvada Chamber's Young Professional Award.

Paige took over the role of Director of the Outdoor Lab Foundation in January 2019 and

quickly got to work rebuilding the team and implementing a successful strategic plan that helped lead the organization to have its largest-ever fundraising year in 2019. Paige's colleagues describe her leadership style as passionate and someone who leads by example.

Under Paige's leadership, the Outdoor Lab program serves more than 900 students in Arvada, allowing them to participate in a life-changing program that helps create good stewards and future community leaders. Paige is passionate about ensuring every student attends Outdoor Lab, regardless of their physical abilities or ability to pay.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Paige Brophy for this well-deserved award and appreciate her contribution to our community.

REMEMBERING C. DUANE DAUNER

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I rise with my California colleagues to remember C. Duane Dauner, who tragically passed on July 13th. Mr. Dauner led the California Hospital Association as CEO for three decades, where he dedicated his life to healthcare reform, access, and coverage for not only Californians but all Americans.

During his tenure as president and CEO, Mr. Dauner represented nearly 400 hospital and health systems, played a major role in the development of the Affordable Care Act, and participated in the development of the California Medicaid reform policy option. As a recipient of the American Hospital Association's Distinguished Service Award, Mr. Dauner exemplified his ability to build consensus and dedication to bettering the healthcare system for patients and hospital alike. Mr. Dauner's legacy will always be remembered, and we are incredibly grateful to have had the ability to work with and learn from Mr. Dauner.

I am pleased to be joined in this statement of remembrance today by: Speaker of the House NANCY PELOSI, Hon. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Hon. TJ COX of California, Hon. RAUL RUIZ, M.D. of California, Hon. MARK DESAULNIER of California, Hon. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO of California, Hon. JIM COSTA of California, Hon. BARBARA LEE of California, Hon. ANNA G. ESHOO of California, Hon. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Hon. JULIA BROWNLEY of California, Hon. ALAN LOWENTAL of California, Hon. JARED HUFFMAN of California, Hon. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGAN of California, Hon. AMI BERA, M.D. of California.

COMMISSION ON THE SOCIAL STATUS OF BLACK MEN AND BOYS ACT (H.R. 1636)

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I am a co-sponsor of the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act (H.R. 1636), which passed the House on July 27, 2020. The social disparities that impact Black men

and boys have long needed special attention. In light of these challenges and the demand for community-based solutions, I established the first D.C. Commission on Black Men and Boys in 2001 to educate Members of Congress and staff on issues and problems Black men and boys face and to support ideas and community initiatives that improve their quality of life.

This commission stoked so much interest in Congress that in 2013, Congressman DANNY DAVIS and I established the Congressional Caucus on Black Men and Boys, which seeks to bring the myriad issues facing African-American men and boys to the forefront of congressional and public attention.

The Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act would create government responsibility for the first time. It would create a Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys within the United States Commission on Civil Rights that would have responsibility for addressing important issues, such as disparities in employment and incarceration rates for African-American men and boys.

When Members are able to meet once COVID-19 subsides, our Congressional Caucus on Black Men and Boys has called for a Caucus hearing to hear directly from the African-American community on the state of justice in America for African-American men and boys following the killings of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by white police officers and Ahmaud Arbery, an African-American jogger killed by two armed white men in Georgia. In both cases videos exposed attacks, marking a new social media era for seeking racial justice in real time. The bill I am supporting today would help further address these important issues.

I stand in strong support of the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act because it makes improving conditions for Black men and boys an official government responsibility.

IN MEMORY OF JOE PAGLIA

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of a dear friend and family member, Joe Paglia.

Joe was a retired police officer and detective that served his community for over 14 years.

Joe was the Chicago Chapter President of the Thin Blue Line Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club and he loved giving back to those wearing a badge.

Joe was a true patriot to his country and he proudly wore the badge to protect his community.

We know Joe is resting easy in Heaven.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PERRY ARTHUR JUSTICE

HON. RUSS FULCHER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, the sun is waning on a generation of warriors that were

the embodiment of a full and meaningful life. I am thankful to have lived in a time where these men and women were pillars of our community and the foundation of their families. Almost 75 years ago today—a price was paid for the life we live today, owed to the men and women that fought in World War II to preserve the foundations of our Republic. One such warrior is Perry Arthur Justice. As part of the Second Engineer Special Brigade operating in the Pacific Theater, Perry saw first-hand the price that must be paid to preserve the peace of this world. Through six campaigns and 22 landings on beachheads throughout the Pacific, the Second Engineer Special Brigade provided mission-critical services to win the battle. Even in the midst of the chaos of combat, surely aware of his impending doom, Perry said “I just wanted Dad to know I died like a man. When I knew I was going to die, I stopped being scared and have never been afraid since.” Amazingly, Perry’s fearless life continued years after his time in the Pacific with his marriage to Norma Ploss, his career at Dow Chemical Company, his time as a teacher, and his legacy carried through his children and grandchildren. Even in retirement, Perry enjoyed his time as editor of the “Farm and Ranch Reporter.” I am always amazed that such individuals in the heat of battle, continuously facing death, came home and lived their lives to the fullest. Truly, Perry Arthur Justice is an example of a life well-lived. He is also a sign of the debt we owe to those who came before us to ensure our freedoms and way of life. The oppression of distant terrors was hurled back at a time when hope was bleak but the Greatest Generation responded as true heroes and prevailed. I am honored to highlight the life of Perry Arthur Justice. May God bless him, his family, and our great country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE WATKINS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. WATKINS. Madam Speaker, I was unfortunately unable to vote due to a personal matter. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 162; NAY on Roll Call No. 163; YEA on Roll Call No. 164; YEA on Roll Call No. 165; and NAY on Roll Call No. 166.

ED TOMLINSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ed Tomlinson for receiving the Arvada Chamber’s Man of the Year Award.

The recipient of the Chamber’s Man of the Year award is selected by a committee and is awarded to a local community leader who has gone above and beyond to selflessly serve their community.

As 2019 Man of the Year, Ed was selected to receive this award as recognition of his

commitment and contribution to the Arvada community over the years. He was twice elected to the Arvada Fire Protection District, the first non-fireman to serve on that board. Friends and colleagues describe Ed as benevolent and community-centered.

In addition, Ed has served on numerous local boards and committees, worked to support local schools, and volunteered his time, treasure and talent for many organizations such as the Arvada Festivals Commission, Adopt a Street and the Arvada Harvest Festival.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ed Tomlinson for this well-deserved award and appreciate his many contributions to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express how I would have voted on S. 2163. I was unable to vote because I was with the Vice President of the United States. If I had been present, I would have voted “YEA” for the bill.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF NICHOLAS GENEROUS, LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOW, TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, as the Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security, I rise to honor Mr. Eric Nicholas Alexandre Generous, or as we call him Nick Generous, upon the conclusion of his service to the Committee as a Congressional Fellow from the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

We brought Mr. Generous onto our staff in April 2019, hoping to utilize his specialized knowledge to enhance the Committee’s oversight and legislative activities. When we onboarded him, little did we know how fortuitous it was that we had someone with a background in epidemiology and data analytics on our staff. When news began emerging about a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Wuhan, China, Mr. Generous was immediately engaged and, over the past six months, he has proven to be an invaluable resource, helping me and the Committee Members navigate the cascading effects and underlying questions around the pandemic.

More broadly, Mr. Generous has served as a reliable resource to our Committee Members and staff on not only COVID-19 but ongoing questions about how the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) can better partner with the scientific community as well as State, local, tribal and territorial governments to enhance detection, preparedness, response to biological, chemical, radiological, and nuclear

threats. Among Mr. Generous’ numerous contributions to the Committee’s work with respect to bolstering resilience within America against disinformation during crises like COVID-19. His efforts are reflected in legislation that the Vice Chair, Representative Lauren Underwood, introduced in June to DHS to analyze disinformation threats that may pose a health to public health or emergency response and to provide federal resources and guidance to help local public health and safety professionals mitigate the impact of such disinformation in their communities.

Throughout his time on the Committee, Mr. Generous displayed a high degree of professionalism and personal commitment to providing Committee Members and staff valuable insight and information. His ability to communicate complicated scientific matters in an accessible manner enhanced the Committee’s ability to carry out its oversight and legislative responsibilities.

We thank Mr. Generous for his service to the Committee and our country and wish him the very best as he returns to the Los Alamos National Laboratory and continues his service to the country by applying his considerable talents to tackling COVID-19.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOE WILLIAMS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Joe Williams, a great Texan who became an angel on July 24, 2020. I salute his lifetime of service and join his loved ones in mourning his loss.

Joe’s dedication to both nation and family reflect the values we hold dear in Central Texas. A fellow graduate of Texas Tech University, he spent a lifetime working in and advocating for the retail and groceries industries. Starting in the 1960’s, Joe spent 24 years at Mrs. Baird’s Bakeries—Bimbo Bakeries USA, before serving as president of the Gulf Coast Retailers Association beginning in 1994 until its merger with the Texas Retailers Association in 2006. Joe finished his career with the Texas Retailers Association as Vice President for Regulatory and Member Services and head of the Texas Food Council.

A tireless champion for the food sector, Joe played a key leadership role in several industry-related organizations, including the American Leadership Forum, Food Industry Association, Food Industry Association Executives Board of Directors, Texas Interagency Task Force for EBT, and the Texas Attorney General’s Employer Task Force. He also served on the advisory board for The University of Houston’s Retailing and Consumer Science Department and was appointed to USDA’s Maternal, Infant, and Fetal Nutrition National Advisory Council, which he chaired in 2006.

Joe’s advocacy wasn’t limited to the interests of the food industry. He also served as the President of his community’s Municipal Water District and served many years on the Board of a local non-profit (SEARCH) that works with the homeless, and in addition served on the Board of The Greater Houston Chapter of the Red Cross. His work at these

organizations speaks to the devotion of one committed to service.

In addition to his leadership in the business and philanthropic community, Joe was a loving husband of more than 50 years to Jackie, father to Jeremy and Jo Leigh, and a proud grandfather. He was a dear friend and mentor to many in both Texas and well beyond our borders.

While we mourn Joe Williams' passing, his presence was a blessing for all who knew him. The positive and lasting impacts he had on the lives of others will remain forever in our hearts.

SUPPORT FOR S. 2163, THE COMMISSION ON THE SOCIAL STATUS OF BLACK MEN AND BOYS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this important legislation. As our country faces a public health and economic crisis, we are in desperate need of the talents of black men and boys to address these unprecedented challenges.

Our country's history of institutional racism has caused tremendous inequality. This legislation confronts the educational and economic disparities experienced by black men and boys for far too long.

This nation will rise when all of us are able to rise together.

I thank my friends, Congresswomen FREDERICA WILSON and LUCY MCBATH, for their inspiring leadership.

HONORING ROBERT BENDORF

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Bendorf and his incredible 31-year career devoted to the people of Yuba County. As Mr. Bendorf retires from his position at the helm of Yuba County, he offers a prime example of the beneficial impact that a single person can have to his or her community.

Mr. Bendorf began his career with the Yuba County Sheriffs department in 1986 and joined the County Administrator's office in 2000. He has been appointed to serve on numerous state and local committees and commissions including AB 109, Court Transfers, County—Court Mediations, CSAC—League of Cities Task Force on Homelessness, the Governor Brown's No Place Like Home Advisory Committee and the CSAC Finance Corporation. He is President of the Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way. Mr. Bendorf has been serving as the County Administrator in Yuba County for the past 15 years.

Along with his duties as County Administrator, Mr. Bendorf also serves as the Director of Emergency Services. Along with a Deputy OES Director and two additional full-time staff, Yuba County has developed a state-of-the-art

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and alternate sites ready at the "flip of a switch." Supplemented by national, state and locally trained section chiefs, EOC equipment is always ready and designed to rapidly be relocated to different locations. In recent years Yuba's EOC has had to activate, along with our partners, for two high water events, the Oroville Dam Incident, CASCADE Fire, CAMP Fire and most recently the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Bendorf's career in Yuba County has been truly noteworthy over the years through his active involvement and work for the betterment of the community. While his presence on the board will surely be missed, the 15 years that he dedicated to serving the residents of Yuba County has undoubtedly left a legacy that will last for many more years to come. On behalf of the people of California's 3rd Congressional District, please accept my sincere gratitude for your dedicated service and best wishes upon your retirement and future endeavors and accomplishments.

TONI AND LARRY WINKLER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Toni and Larry Winkler for receiving the Arvada Chamber's Image Award.

Toni and Larry Winkler employ over 100 people across their three local businesses—WL Contractors, Steel Affairs and the Lamar Street Center. They continuously give back to the community by offering non-profit, military and political discounts, and hosting and supporting events such as the 9Health Fair, which provides free and low-cost health services to the community.

In addition, the Winklers generously donate goods and services to local non-profits such as Food for Thought, Community Table, Ralston House, Police K9 Association, Morgan Adams Foundation and the Jefferson County Business Education Alliance.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Toni and Larry Winkler for this well-deserved award and appreciate their contribution to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, I was unfortunately unable to attend votes on July 27, 2020, due to unavoidable personal obligations.

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 167.

CHILD CARE FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT AND THE CHILD CARE IS ESSENTIAL ACT

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of legislation that is before the House to ensure access to child care, a critical work support for tens of millions of Americans.

Childcare is a necessary work enabler. Conversely, lack of access to childcare hinders the ability of many, including women and marginalized persons, to enter, re-enter, or stay in the workforce. High quality and affordable childcare is a necessity, not a luxury so I am glad that these two excellent bills are being debated today.

Even with recent increases in federal appropriations for programs like the Child Care and Development Block Grant, only about 1 in 6 eligible children received federal childcare assistance prior to the pandemic, fewer children than were helped in 2006.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated prior childcare shortages, making it difficult for essential workers to find care during their work hours—even for those who had reliable childcare before the pandemic. In the meantime, childcare providers have been hit hard, laying off employees and closing permanently or facing the threat of permanent closure. During this pandemic, childcare facilities that want to stay open or reopen are generally serving far fewer children. A recent survey found that the majority (65 percent of those childcare facilities that remain open report operating at less than 25 percent capacity, so that even while open they continue to lose money.

Yet as great as the need was before this pandemic, it may get worse.

One estimate by the Center for American Progress found that nearly 4.5 million existing childcare slots are at risk of being lost permanently.

Without access to childcare, many Americans cannot go back to work. Without support from the federal government, quite frankly, I am concerned that the loss of childcare slots will continue to hinder our communities even long after we hit public health milestones needed to safely reopen.

With the Child Care for Economic Recovery Act (H.R. 7327) and the Child Care is Essential Act (H.R. 7027), House Democrats are again leading the way in helping ensure we meet the real needs facing Americans hard hit by this pandemic. I urge my colleagues on the other side of the aisle in both chambers to join us.

Among other provisions, H.R. 7327 would make the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit refundable, allowing many low- and middle-income families to claim the credit for the first time. To help childcare providers, the bill would create a 50 percent refundable payroll tax credit for mortgage obligations, rent obligations, and utility payments incurred by childcare facilities that have been affected by COVID-19.

H.R. 7327 would also increase mandatory federal funding through the Child Care Entitlement to States (CCES) program for the first time in over decade, raising the amount to \$10 billion per year. The bill also supplies an additional pot of funds—some \$850 million—to help essential workers find childcare.

H.R. 7027 would create a Child Care Stabilization Fund within the existing Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program and invests \$50 billion into that fund to help providers through these challenging times. These funds would be targeted to pay salaries, purchase PPE and cleaning equipment, rent and other fixed costs, and other goods and services necessary to maintain or resume operation.

Additionally, H.R. 7027 would require providers helped by these funds to pay their staff at the same compensation level as pre-COVID-19. Finally, the bill would require providers who open or who remain open to meet health and safety guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state and local authorities. Assisted providers who are closed would have to provide an assurance that they will reopen their program when they are able to implement such guidance.

I am pleased to support these bills and urge my colleagues to do the same.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF WERSELL'S BIKE SHOP

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and extend warmest congratulations to Wersell's Bike shop, owned by Jill Wersell. Her father started the business in 1945, and Wersell's has been a positive addition to the Toledo community for 75 years.

As Wersell's Bike shop celebrates its 75th year of existence, we can also celebrate the many years of service to Northwest Ohio the Wersell family has given. Jill Wersell takes pride in the community in which she was born. Whether it is by spending time working with organizations that help children with autism learn to ride a bike, or donating bikes to children and those in need, giving back to the community is important to Jill and her shop.

Wersell's Bike Shop also sponsors the Toledo Glow Roll where hundreds of bikes decorated in lights ride through Toledo to raise money and awareness for ovarian cancer. The Toledo Glow Roll is a healthy community event that brings family and friends together.

The Wersell family has worked tirelessly serving Toledo families year after year. Their number one priority has always been customer service, which keeps the family at the shop a minimum of six days per week. With countless stories, events, and support, we wish them a very happy 75th Anniversary.

Onward, Wersell's.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, due to a telephone call regarding a personal family matter, I missed one vote in the three-vote series on Monday.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 141, Escobar of Texas Amendment No. 3.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, next month the United States will celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage. On August 26, 1920, our nation finally recognized the right of women to vote with the passage of the 19th Amendment. For the past 100 years, women increasingly have been participating in the democratic process, not only as voters but as those who serve their constituencies in the U.S. Congress, state legislatures, and numerous other elected positions.

While we commemorate this important milestone, we must give thanks to those men and women who worked to ensure that women were fully included in the political process. It took the courage of trailblazers like Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and the women who gathered at Seneca Falls so many decades ago to demand that their voices be heard. As we celebrate the centennial anniversary of women's right to vote, I urge women across our nation to continue to use their voices and actively participate in the democratic process, as they have already for so many years. Our nation's political system, as well as our families, economy, and culture, are made stronger through the full participation of women.

In March, the House celebrated Women's History Month and acknowledged the accomplishments of women across the nation and around the world. Throughout the years, I have been proud to recognize key female figures in my district who have played significant roles bettering South Florida. From educational leaders to dedicated city employees, it has truly been a privilege to celebrate their impressive achievements and highlight the diligent work that they do for Florida's 25th Congressional District.

Over the nearly two and half centuries since our nation's founding, successive generations have worked to extend the sacred promises of liberty to all Americans. We are ever striving toward the more perfect union for which our government was established, and we have come a long way. We have more work ahead of us, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that these foundational rights and freedoms are secured for all Americans.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, and in thanking women across the United States for their activism, leadership, and service in creating the vibrant democracy of today.

ZACHARY MARCOLINA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Zachary Marcolina for receiving the Arvada Chamber's Rising Star Award.

Zachary's passion for helping other people and making his community a better place has been obvious at an early age. He spends much of his free time volunteering to help the homeless, tutor fellow students and coach youth soccer. He also organized a book drive, collecting more than 2,000 books for families in need.

A natural leader, he was captain of his soccer team for all four years at Arvada West High School. Zachary also served as secretary of the National Honor Society and volunteered with numerous organizations around Arvada such as the library, Santa House, various homeless shelters and others.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Zachary Marcolina for this well-deserved award and appreciate his contribution to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID ROUZER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 167.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT R. HOOD ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and Mr. THORNBERRY, as the chair and ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee, it is our honor to pay tribute to an accomplished leader and senior executive of the Department of Defense, Mr. Robert R. Hood.

Mr. Hood has served as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs from August 2017 to July 2020. As he prepares to leave this position, we commend him for his outstanding leadership, advice and sound professional judgement on numerous critical issues of enduring importance to the Department of Defense, Congress, and this Nation.

Robert Hood has served our Nation for more than 18 years serving in various capacities within the Federal Government. His service to our nation includes roles as a Professional Staff Member for the House Committee on Science, Senior Legislative Assistant, Senior Policy Advisor, and Assistant to the Speaker of the House of Representatives for Policy. Mr. Hood also served five years as the Director of Congressional Affairs for the National Nuclear Security Administration, a semi-autonomous agency within the Department of Energy.

Mr. Hood previously served in the White House as a Special Assistant to President George W. Bush in the Office of Legislative Affairs, overseeing coordination with the Senate, including the Armed Services, Homeland Security, Foreign Relations, and Intelligence Committees. Before working on the White

House staff, Mr. Hood served at the Pentagon as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs where he was responsible for promoting the policies, strategies, and budget of the Department of Defense to the United States Congress. Mr. Hood also served as the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) for Budget and Appropriations Affairs, working closely with the Appropriations Committees of the Congress.

For the past three years as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, Mr. Hood deftly managed and guided the Department's congressional relations, ensuring the preparation of key senior leaders for Senate confirmations, Congressional hearings and briefings, while simultaneously developing and leading a highly skilled and focused legislative affairs team. His leadership, knowledge, and personal efforts greatly contributed to one of the most successful legislative years in DoD history, culminating with the establishment of the U.S. Space Force, signed into law on December 20, 2019 as part of the FY 2020 NDAA.

Mr. Hood provided significant contributions and leadership during the development and execution of the Secretary of Defense (SD)'s Congressional Engagement Strategy, ensuring an integrated legislative program directly aligned with the National Defense Strategy. This comprehensive plan supported the department's priorities, aligned tangible legislative objectives to the congressional calendar, and guided the execution of over 4,000 congressional engagements within the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and oversight and alignment of over 10,000 congressional engagements across the Department during his three-year tenure. The strategic execution of these engagements directly led to the attainment of DoD legislative priorities in the Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 National Defense Authorization and Appropriations Acts (NDAAs).

On behalf of the House, we thank Robert R. Hood, his wife Jennifer, and children Evan, Caroline, Megan, Emma for their contributions and dedication to this great Nation. We join our colleagues in wishing him future success as he leaves the Department of Defense.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE 2020 CONGRESSIONAL
MEDAL OF MERIT

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this time to congratulate this year's recipients of the Congressional Medal of Merit, which I am proud to present to 23 outstanding high school seniors of Florida's 8th District for their leadership and dedication, inside and outside of the classroom.

Each year, the most distinguished high school seniors are nominated by their schools to receive this honor in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, commitment to the betterment of their communities, civic works, and leadership in the classroom. This year's recipients are no exception and I am glad that their hard work and dedication can be celebrated and recognized in this way.

This year's recipients for Brevard County are Jenna Reed, Astronaut High School, Donald Burkhardt, Bayside High School, Amber Moore, Cocoa High School, Trevor Evetts, Cocoa Beach Jr/Sr High School, Thomas Foland, Eau Gallie High School, Haleigh Woloszak, Edgewood Jr/Sr High School, Michaela Chua, Heritage High School, Heather Motro, Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy, Edward Brunger, Melbourne Central Catholic School, Carmel Alshaibi, Melbourne High School, Olivia Mehalic, Merritt Island High School, Kristi Howell, Odyssey Charter Jr/Sr High School, Anthony Cardoza, Palm Bay Magnet High School, Corey Pecot, Rockledge High School, Nathaniel Basford, Satellite High School, Danielle Marie, Space Coast Jr/Sr High School, Elijah Viera, Titusville High School, Gavin Keith, Viera High School, and Alyssa Holmquist, West Shore Jr/Sr High School.

From Indian River County, I am proud to honor Hailey Pedreira, Indian River Charter High School, Kylei Oakes, Saint Edward's School, Christopher Cordner, Sebastian River High School, and Benny Rackard from Vero Beach High School.

This year has presented many challenges for students, most of who were unexpectedly forced to transition to online learning and unfortunately didn't get to experience in person graduation ceremonies. I am proud that these distinguished individuals braved through and continued to promote and practice excellence during this trying time.

Let me say to these fine students that while we are unable to congratulate you this year with an in-person ceremony, please know how proud I am of each of your accomplishments and it is an honor to bestow the Congressional Medal of Merit to you this year. I know that you will take what you have learned and go on to serve our community in myriad ways. I look forward to seeing what you will achieve in the future.

I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding these outstanding students for their dedication to excellence.

REMEMBERING JOHN CAMPBELL

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of John Campbell from Goodyear, Arizona.

John married his wife, Wally, on June 17, 1967, and they spent 53 wonderful years together. He was a loving father to Suzanne Winger, Steve Brown, Stuart Brown, and John Campbell II, a grandfather to seven, and a great-grandfather to seven.

John proudly served our great nation in the United States Air Force for twenty-four years. He retired as an accomplished aviator, earning the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

During his time in service, John acquired a long list of achievements and awards including spending over 6,000 hours flying the Air Force KC-135 as a Master Navigator, the meritorious service medal with one leaf cluster, the Air Medal with four leaf clusters, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

After retirement, he continued to serve his community as a deputy registrar of contractors

for the California Contractors State Licensing Board. He also served as a member of Ben Ali Shrine, the Union Kit Carson Lodge No. 58, the National Sojourners, and New Hope OES. He was a proud life member of both the American Legion AWO and the Military Officers Association of America.

On this day, we as a community would like to thank Mr. Campbell for his service to his country, and pray for his family and loved ones during this time of mourning.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
SILVESTRE DURAN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Silvestre Duran, an outstanding member of our Toledo community.

Silvestre worked at the Jeep plant before settling into a long career at the Catholic Diocese of Toledo as its Hispanic Outreach Coordinator. He was one of Ohio's pioneers of Tejano music, hosting his own Saturday radio program, Radio Fiesta, from 1955 to 2008. He saw it as an opportunity to bring joy into the lives of many migrant families who were working the fields and those, like his family, that had settled in the area.

During these busy years, Silvestre also owned and operated a Mexican restaurant in South Toledo called Don Ysidro's. Many churchgoers and late-night revelers would go to Don Ysidro's for all the Mexican favorites. He engaged his entire family in working at the restaurant.

Silvestre was an advocate for the Latino community in the Toledo area during its formative years. He served on countless committees, boards and organizations advocating on behalf of Latino community. He received numerous awards and accolades for his hard work. He taught GED classes early on and worked to get people from the community hired into good paying jobs at the Jeep plant.

He was a founder and served as board President for La Raza Unida de Ohio, and founder and commissioner for the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs. Silvestre was a lifetime member of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) of the AFL-CIO, attending rallies and demonstrations in support of Baldemar Velasquez. Last year, prior to his 90th birthday, he traveled with FLOC to North Carolina to protest the treatment of migrant farmworkers in the tobacco fields.

Silvestre dedicated his last decades of life to music and singing. He could be seen at many Latino social events singing and playing his guitar with the trio Los Distinguidos alongside Francisco Ibarra and Jesse Ponce. His musical influence was passed on to his grandchildren Steve Longoria; Silvestre Roberto and Jose Duran; and Ricky May who all sing and play the guitar and piano.

Silvestre also enjoyed traveling with his family, whether it was visiting Texas or traveling to Spain and Mexico. You could find him at SS Peter & Paul Church attending Sunday Mass every week. He was a man of integrity, inspiration, and kindness.

Whether serving his community, entertaining a crowd, or bringing joy to countless people,

Silvestre will not be forgotten. We offer his family and friends our prayers and hope that they find comfort in the wonderful memories of what Silvestre Duran had meant to each of the people who shared in his life.

"We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community . . . Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own."—Cesar Chavez

RENEE NELSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Renee Nelson for receiving the Arvada Chamber's Woman of the Year Award. The recipient of this award is selected by a committee and is awarded to a local community leader who has gone above and beyond to selflessly serve their community.

Renee's endless compassion and passion for her community has helped ensure the City of Arvada continues to be a vibrant and healthy community, from grass roots up. Renee frequently works around the clock on community projects and helping individuals in their hour of need, as well as helping injured animals. She often spends her vacation days to make Arvada a better place, and on occasion, has even worked without rest or sleep to ensure the completion of community projects. Those that have the privilege of working with Renee describe her as someone who is genuine, hardworking, respectful, and honest.

Renee's passion for volunteerism started early when she became the youngest chair of the Arvada Harvest Festival Committee at just nine years old. Since then, she has never stopped giving back. She has a passion for helping the homeless, reading at schools, and spends much of her time volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, the Jaycees, and the Arvada Historical Society, among others.

Renee is a shining example of an individual with great integrity who selflessly and continuously devotes her time, energy and resources to help her community and those in need. I extend my deepest congratulations to Renee Nelson for this well-deserved award and appreciate her many contributions to our community.

HONORING MARGARET SILVEIRA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Margaret Silveira and to celebrate her retirement after ten years of public service to the city of Lakeport.

Ms. Silveira earned an Associate of Arts degree from Modesto Junior College and graduated magna cum laude from Chapman University with a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership. Since then, she has dedicated her career to supporting California's

rural cities, serving as the Housing and Economic Development Manager for Riverbank and the City Manager for Gustine before being appointed as the City Manager for Lakeport in 2010.

Ms. Silveira has drawn upon her almost thirty years of leadership experience to guide the city of Lakeport through several crises. In the aftermath of the Great Recession, she led the economic revitalization efforts by stabilizing the city's budget, establishing the Lakeport Economic Development Advisory Committee, and creating multiple downtown improvement projects. As Director of Emergency Services, she has helped the city navigate through several winter storms, wildfires, and, more recently, the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Her passion for the city is evident by her efforts to improve the cultural scene in Lakeport through the promotion of public art projects and the construction of a new community center.

Ms. Silveira's success as City Manager can be attributed to her ability to lead staff members and inspire them with her positivity and tenacity. However, her dedication to Lakeport extends beyond her official role as City Manager. She is an active member of both the Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club and serves as a leader in multiple professional organizations, including the Lake County Friends of Medicine College, the Sutter Lakeside Hospital Community Advisory Council, and the California Association for Local Economic Development.

Madam Speaker, Margaret Silveira is the kind of citizen we should all strive to be. The community of Lakeport is certainly better, as a result of her dedicated service. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, due to a personal family matter, I was unable to vote on Roll Call No. 167. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 167.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, due to the birth of a grand child, I was unable to vote on the Legislative Day of July 27, 2020. I am a proud cosponsor of the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act and had I been present for this roll call vote, I would have cast the following: Roll Call 167: Yea.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to correct my vote on Amendment

No. 62 to H.R. 7608 offered by Mr. TONKO and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. This amendment blocks the EPA from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing its proposed rule on the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, which does nothing to strengthen existing air quality regulations. On Friday, July 24, I recorded a vote of Nay. However, I wish to clarify that I support the amendment and continue to strongly support efforts to improve air quality in California's Central Valley and across our nation.

IN MEMORY OF REVEREND
CLINTON RIDDLE

HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK"

FLEISCHMANN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Clinton Elmer Riddle of Sweetwater, Tennessee and recognize his lifetime of service in his community and to our nation. Reverend Riddle passed on December 3, 2019.

Born on February 24, 1921 in Sweetwater, Reverend Riddle is a hometown hero. He graduated from Sweetwater High School in May of 1941. At the age of 21, Clinton Riddle joined the U.S. Army and during World War II he served in Company B—325th Glider Infantry of the 82nd Airborne Division. During his more than 30 months of service in Europe and Africa during the war, Reverend Riddle served with honor and distinction. On June 6, 1944 he survived a crash landing of his "canvass coffin" troop-carrying glider behind enemy lines in Normandy during the D-Day invasion and fought with his unit in the Battle of the Bulge. In all, his unit sustained over 400 days under fire during his time with the B 325th.

Reverend Riddle wedded Blanch Bernice Montooth in 1949 and they would remain married for more than 60 years until her passing in 2010, having reared three children. He pastored four churches including the New Bethany Baptist Church, Murray's Baptist Church, Cedar Valley Baptist Church, and Union McMinn Baptist Church. He also served as the interim pastor for several other area churches.

Beyond his service in the ministry, Reverend Riddle was an active member of his beloved community. He was a member of Sweetwater Valley Odd Fellows Lodge 280, Monroe County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5156, American Legion Post 106, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Reverend Riddle often shared his experiences and memories speaking with classrooms of children in local schools.

Before his passing the City of Sweetwater honored Reverend Riddle, proclaiming February 24, 2019 as Clinton Riddle Day.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CIVIL
RIGHTS LEGACY OF THE HON.
JOHN LEWIS

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I will always remember my last conversation with a

dear friend and colleague, the Honorable John Lewis of Georgia. John had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and he was undergoing treatment. Yet it didn't affect his kindness, his warm smile, or the gentle touch of his hand. John greeted me and we chatted. It was memorable because it was so natural, normal, and it turned out to also be good-bye.

For nearly twenty years I have served in the Congress with John Lewis, a civil rights champion and legend. His personal journey extended from sharecropper fields in Alabama to civil rights leader, Member of Congress to national treasure. John's voice had the moral authority of a man who had been tested by injustice and tormented by the defenders of injustice. John marched on the frontline of America's struggle for civil rights, voting rights, equal rights and he still had the profound goodness to listen to adversaries, seek goodness in all people, and forgive those who hurt him. John Lewis marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on behalf of Black Americans who were treated as second class citizens by Jim Crow laws, but his lifetime of service and sacrifice, his lifetime of love, was for all mankind. John was a powerful force for good, for righteousness, and for justice.

There are many books written about John's civil rights legacy and many more will be written. His life should be a lesson to all of us and especially to future generations of Americans who will continue to work to overcome inequality as our country strives to be a more perfect union. The courage, commitment and compassion of John's life is well documented and rightly honored. There was another John Lewis that I will remember and cherish.

On numerous occasions over the years John and I had the opportunity to sit on the House floor during votes and just chat. We chatted about everyday matters. John loved gardening. He talked with great expertise about flowers. It was a special joy in his life that I loved hearing him talk about. And sometimes a conversation on flowers would lead to one on climate change.

Once, we discussed another matter of seeming significance to John—fishing. He told me he liked to go fishing but obligations and official commitments made finding the time difficult. I invited him to visit me in Minnesota during the winter and told him I would share a special experience with him—ice fishing. Well, John smiled and laughed and very graciously informed me that such a thing made no sense to him and he would pass on the invitation.

John Lewis lived by the "Golden Rule"—Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. He worked so hard to live by that rule that he made it look easy for those of us who are not as strong, disciplined, or courageous. I know John had his struggles, but he was a shining example for all who knew him and my life is richer, more full because of his generosity, kindness, and determination.

The passing of Rep. John Lewis is a sad and painful loss for his family, friends, and his congressional staff who loved him very much. It is also a difficult loss for his Georgia constituents, his congressional colleagues, and our entire nation. May God bless the soul of John Lewis and all who loved him. I am eternally grateful to have known John and called him my friend and colleague.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
ROBERT J. SCHWANZL

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker. I rise today to remember the life of Robert Schwanzl who had a distinguished career and was an outstanding Ohioan. He dedicated his adult life to protecting and serving his community and nation.

Bob was born and raised in the Toledo area. He attended Central Catholic High School, where he decided to join the Army after graduation. He started as a sergeant in the U.S. Army, working in intelligence during the Korean War. Upon returning to Toledo, he served at the Toledo Fire Department for 40 years before retiring in 1998.

Working at the fire department was a source of pride for Bob, saying "it's not work if you love what you do". He worked his way to Fire Chief in 1994, where he proudly took on major responsibilities for his community. He oversaw the first female firefighters complete their training and supported the creation of the Toledo Fire Department's water rescue unit. After his graduation from Owens Tech with a degree in their inaugural Fire Science class, he worked as a fire science instructor at Owens for fifteen years.

Above all his love for his family exceeded all other passions. He and his wife Carolyn spent 53 years together and had four children together and later sixteen grandchildren. Late in his career and through retirement, Bob became highly involved with the Toledo Firefighters Museum, and served as its President since 1993. His family and extended family enjoyed trips to the Museum, listening to Bob explain the exhibits with enthusiasm and pride. This was especially true when he and the other volunteers were able to locate a new artifact from other museums or private owners. Bob also became deeply involved in his church, St. Joe's of Maumee. He was a frequent lector and usher and an active member of the Knights of Columbus, serving as Grand Knight in 2016.

He also enjoyed traveling, whether it was to visit his children and grandchildren or to visit Ireland, where at 85 years old he kissed the Blarney Stone, or Rome, where Bob was able to see the Pope for a second time in his life.

Bob will be remembered for his love and commitment to his nation community, family, friends, and colleagues. He was a man of integrity and an inspiration to countless people throughout his life, demonstrating humility and kindness always. Whether heroically commanding a scene, teaching a class or telling a story, Bob had a commanding voice that cannot be forgotten. He will be remembered admirably by our community. Chief Schwanzl assumed the awesome responsibility of leading one of the largest Fire Divisions in Ohio and ably served for four decades. His dutiful works for the city of Toledo built a finer city and place him in the ranks of citizens who become a father for all of Toledo. May the angels raise him to a place of peace and comfort which he has richly earned.

LARAIN LOCKHART BORMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Laraine Lockhart Borman for receiving the Arvada Chamber's Image Award.

For 33 years, Laraine, as the director of outreach for the Mother's Milk Bank, has been giving back to moms, dads, babies and educating families about the benefits of breast milk. Her tireless efforts to spread the word to local birthing centers, health clinics, midwiferies, pediatrics offices, hospitals and public health departments have helped build a community of support around and for the Milk Bank in Arvada and Denver, and around Colorado and the country.

Laraine is one of the founding members of the Human Milk Banking Association of North America and actively sits on their board, helping to advance the cause nationally and internationally. She is instrumental in shaping the lives of many children, their children, and now their children's children. She does all of this because it's her biggest passion, her life's work and her purpose.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Laraine Lockhart Borman for this well-deserved award and appreciate her contribution to our community.

FORMER REP. CHET EDWARDS REMEMBERS THE LATE REP. JOHN LEWIS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, on July 21, our former colleague, Chet Edwards, who represented Texas's Eleventh District from 1991 to 2010, wrote an op-ed in the Waco Tribune to share his remembrances of our friend Rep. John Lewis, who today will depart the Capitol for the last time before returning home to Atlanta for his funeral and burial. I am privileged to share Mr. Edwards's moving article about his friendship with Rep. Lewis and include it in the RECORD.

[From the Waco Tribune July 1, 2020]

HOW WE CAN HONOR JOHN LEWIS

(By Chet Edwards)

In his Gettysburg Address, President Abraham Lincoln spoke eloquently of his humility in the wake of great service and sacrifice for our nation when he said: "In a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract . . ."

Today, as I think about the passing of Congressman John Lewis, I find it difficult to conjure the words to adequately hallow his lifetime of service, sacrifice and courage.

Our founding fathers embedded in the first sentence of the Constitution the ideal of making ours "a more perfect union." In doing so, they sent a message to every one of us in each generation that true patriotism is about making ours "a more perfect union."

By that high standard, John Lewis was a true patriot. His entire life was committed to bringing our nation ever closer to the principle enunciated in our Declaration of Independence that “all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights . . .”

At the age of 23, on Aug. 28, 1963, just before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his historic “I Have a Dream” speech, a youthful John Lewis spoke powerfully about the need to ensure real freedom for all Americans. John led the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee; rode in the Freedom bus rides in the South; and on March 7, 1965, led the march in Selma, Alabama, in support of a national voting rights act at a time when black World War II and Korean War veterans were being denied the right to vote all across the South. The nationally televised image of John nearly losing his life that day, of peaceful marchers being brutally beaten by Alabama state troopers, awoke a powerful conscience across our nation and led to passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. It made our nation a more perfect union.

I served in Congress with John Lewis for 20 years. For eight years we worked together almost daily as two of the four Democratic chief deputy whips in the U.S. House of Representatives. Every time I was in his presence, I knew I was in the presence of true greatness . . . and goodness. John was a historic figure, one of the Big 6 of our nation’s Civil Rights Movement, but he was also one of the most decent, kind and humble persons I have ever known.

History will record that John Lewis made our nation a better place, a more perfect union. I agree. But what I respected most about John was that, despite all of the racial hatred he faced in his life, there was not one ounce of hatred in his body or soul. Not ever.

One day in a conversation just off the House Floor, I asked John how he kept from hating those who had mistreated him and even tried to kill him. He told me that the real key to his life, and to the Civil Rights Movement’s progress, was the ideal of Christian love—to love one’s neighbor as thyself and to even love one’s enemy. John stayed committed to those principles of his faith and to the cause of non-violent protest, even when others within the Civil Rights Movement criticized him for not supporting violence and when many white Americans threatened him.

Make no mistake. John Lewis was passionate about the cause of justice; he was willing to go to jail more than 40 times in agitating for change in America. But his actions were always peaceful and he was always motivated by love, not hate. I used to savor it when John would get a twinkle in his eye talking to young people and encouraging them to get into “good trouble.”

John Lewis was the conscience of Congress, and in 2001 I saw the power of the bipartisan respect he had earned. In the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on our nation, then-Majority Leader Tom DeLay offered a resolution on the House floor that said it was the “necessary duty” of all Americans to pray for our nation. As a person of faith, I was concerned that prayer, a solemn choice between a person and God, would be demeaned by Congress in declaring prayer to be a government-mandated “necessary duty.” On a nearly vacant House floor, I found John and asked him to speak against this misguided resolution. John, never one to back off from fighting for his principles, spoke eloquently from the well of the House about his reverence for prayer and the constitutional separation of church and state. In a testament to the respect he had among his colleagues, we were able to defeat this badly flawed resolution.

As someone who will always cherish the blessing of knowing John Lewis, I am thrilled that across America today journalists and citizens from all walks of life are honoring John with heartfelt words of praise. As I hear those well-deserved words about this great and good American, I’m also challenged by the question posed by President Lincoln at Gettysburg. After recognizing that we could not further hallow the ground of those who died at Gettysburg, Lincoln went on to ask how we could truly honor those who died there. He said these powerful words: “It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion . . .”

John Lewis dedicated his life, and risked his life, in the of racial justice and the right of all Americans to vote. I will never forget when he spoke at the Waco Convention Center and shared stories of the sacrifices made and lives lost in the Civil Rights Movement and its effort to protect for all Americans the fundamental right to vote. You could hear a pin drop in a room of hundreds of people when he leaned over the lectern and said, “Given the sacrifices I have seen, I cannot imagine anyone not exercising the right to vote.”

John Lewis never thought that patriotism was to love our country or leave it. As the son of Alabama sharecroppers and as a child who could not check out books at his local library because of the color of his skin, he learned that we should love our country despite its imperfections and commit ourselves to making it “a more perfect union.”

If we truly want to honor the life of John Lewis, we should each be dedicated to his unfinished work of bringing about racial justice in our community and nation and protecting the right to vote for all Americans, for which he nearly gave his life 55 years ago in Selma, Alabama.

If we truly want to honor the life of John Lewis in an age of political division and animosity, we should each do better in honoring his faith in the power of love, in the power of hope, in the power of respecting others. We should strive for the ideal that he called the “beacon” of his life—the ideal of a “beloved community.”

Here on earth, John Lewis marched with the people for a divine cause. Now, in heaven, he will soar with the angels. He will reap what he sowed here on earth.

God speed, my dear friend. And thank you for teaching us so much by the sermon of your life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been present for roll call vote number 167, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act, I would have voted yea.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I was not present to vote on July 27, 2020, due to a personal matter. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call 167—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 2163.

SUPPORTING H.R. 7027, THE CHILD CARE IS ESSENTIAL ACT AND H.R. 7327, THE CHILD CARE FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 7027, the Child Care Is Essential Act and H.R. 7327, the Child Care for Economic Recovery Act. Taken together, these bills make critical investments in our nation’s child care programs to meet the short and long term needs of America’s families which are so long overdue.

The next frontier is high quality, affordable, universal child care. Without it, American workers and in particular women to whom child care often falls, will not be able to reach their full economic potential. In the short term, Americans will not be able to return to work and the economy will not be able to reopen unless there are adequate, safe child care options for parents. 13 percent of Americans report having to reduce their work hours or leave their jobs because they don’t have access to child care during the pandemic.

Options for affordable child care are already scarce in many parts of the country, if available at all, and child care providers operate on very thin margins. This has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, which threatens to permanently close thousands of child care providers, resulting in a permanent loss of 4.5 million child care slots according to the Center for American Progress.

Congress has sought to address the most immediate child care crises created by the pandemic by providing over \$4 billion for existing federal programs that support the care and education of young children and their families and expanded funding for child care providers to meet payroll, benefits, rent and other expenses. The House-passed HEROES Act provided an additional \$7 billion for child care providers, but this is a relatively small amount compared to the growing need for stabilization of the child care sector as the pandemic rages on.

H.R. 7027 doubles down on the House’s commitment to child care providers by creating a \$50 billion stabilization fund to be used for grants to child care providers to pay for increased costs during periods of low enrollment during the COVID-19 crisis and requires employers to keep child care workers on payroll to ensure that these providers will be able to reopen their doors once the pandemic ends. Most importantly, this stabilization funding requires child care providers operating during

COVID-19 to meet strict health and safety guidance that ensures American children are kept safe from the virus.

H.R. 7327 makes critical investments in the long term needs of child care providers and expands the availability of high quality child care in our country. It provides funding to states for existing child care programs, invests in child care infrastructure, and fills in gaps in child care for essential workers on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill also makes the Child and Dependent Care tax credit fully refundable and creates new tax credits for employees and employers to access child care.

Together, these bills will address one of our nation's enormous challenges—access to high quality, affordable child care. I'm proud to support both H.R. 7027 and H.R. 7327 and I urge my colleagues to vote for them.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Thursday 7/23 due to a previously scheduled minor medical procedure.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 157, NAY on Roll Call No. 158, NAY on Roll Call No. 159, NAY on Roll Call No. 160, and NAY on Roll Call No. 161.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN
STEPHANIE DUARTE, OHIO NA-
TIONAL GUARD

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Captain Stephanie Duarte, Ohio National Guard, 237th Brigade Support Battalion. During the COVID-19 pandemic, many people in our communities rose to high occasion to support those in need—nurses and doctors turned into family for patients and their loved ones, neighbors turned into delivery services and PPE manufacturers, and National Guardsmen turned into hunger lifelines. Cpt. Duarte was one of those tireless servants.

Cpt. Duarte serves as Officer in Charge at the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio in my district. As COVID-19 surged and job security waned, many were forced to turn to local food banks for the first time. Understanding this harrowing position, Cpt. Duarte ran into action without hesitation. Among many notable efforts in this assignment, she helped to organize, coordinate, and implement Second Harvest's No Touch Drive Thru Mobile Pantry distribution. This process remains instrumental in efforts to feed the overwhelming demand of new families in need of assistance, and in an expedited means. Her strategic leadership was invaluable in developing and implementing such a monumental challenge. Because of her dedication, the people of Lorain, Erie, Huron and Crawford counties were given food and more importantly, hope.

On August 7, 2020, Cpt. Duarte will depart from her duties at Second Harvest Food Bank as she moves onto a new assignment with the Ohio National Guard. Her unparalleled leadership and keen sense of intellect and duty will not be forgotten. Her system and capable guidance has ensured that the remaining guardsmen can continue the mission without hesitation or interruption. That is a sign of true leadership, mission above self. We wish her all the best as she continues to serve her country.

Captain Stephanie Duarte, a hero during one of America's darkest hours. The people of Ohio's 9th Congressional District, Ohio, and America owe her a debt of gratitude. God-speed, and I thank Cpt. Duarte for her enduring spirit and service.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE
AMERICAN LATINO ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2420. This bill would direct the Smithsonian Institution to create a National Museum of the American Latino. This museum would highlight the important contributions made by Latinos and Latinas throughout the history of the United States.

As a Texan, I have seen firsthand the contributions made by Latino Americans through science and culture. The history of Texas is intertwined with contributions made by people of Latin origin. From their role in Texas declaring its independence from Mexico, to the food we eat and the music we listen to today. Simply put, my state would not be where it is today without these individuals and their cultural influences.

For too long, we have failed our brothers and sisters in the Latino community by not giving them the space to share their journey through the history of our country. In fact, it is likely that anti-immigrant voices that arise from some corners of our country are there simply due to a lack of knowledge and understanding of the roles Latino Americans have played throughout the history of the United States and the impact that they have on our culture today.

Madam Speaker, it is my hope that the National Museum of the American Latino will provide clarity to all Americans on the important role of Latino Americans in our American story. I hope this museum will also allow the over 58 million Latinos and Latinas that call the United States home to remember and celebrate how their values, culture, and heroes are also those of this country.

JED LADD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jed Ladd for receiving the Arvada Chamber's Image Award.

A staple in our community, Jed is known by friend and colleagues as someone who cares very much about the City of Arvada and who has a great sense of humor. In his role at the Lamar Street Center, he helps promote the 9Health Fair as well as volunteers for multiple local causes. He's always looking for new ideas and ways to help out fellow neighbors.

He also owns Laddy's, a local restaurant, where he holds the claim to fame for Arvada's Shortest Parade to celebrate the sidewalk he was required to put in outside the restaurant. He was required to put in a sidewalk.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jed Ladd for this well-deserved award and appreciate his contribution to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I was regrettably absent for votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 167.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, while I unfortunately was unable to attend the vote series on July 27, 2020 due to events in my district, I would have strongly supported S. 2163, the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act. I was proud to have previously voted for this legislation on June 25, 2020, as part of the JUSTICE Act. I believe we must continue to address inequality, expand opportunity and prosperity for Black men and boys in our country, and make the American dream accessible to all.

REMEMBERING THE ACHIEVE-
MENTS OF ENTREPRENEUR AND
PUBLIC SERVANT WILLIAM
COLE, JR.

HON. CAROL D. MILLER

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mrs. MILLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously recognize, Mr. William Paul Cole, Jr. Paul was born to William Paul Cole, Sr. and Harriet Foote Cole on December 21, 1931, in New York City, New York. However, Bluefield, West Virginia, is where the Cole Family planted its roots and where Paul grew up. Paul started serving the Bluefield Community in his adolescence and teenage years by working alongside his father and grandfather at the Cole family-owned West Virginia Hotel. Entrepreneur and Community leaders themselves—Paul's father and grandfather taught him the beginnings of business management, entrepreneurship, and public service; skills he would cultivate throughout young adulthood, which lead to many successes later in life.

After Paul graduated from Beaver High School in 1949, he left Bluefield to further his education at Davidson College. He returned home in 1954 with his degree in-hand. That same year, he married the love of his life, Carol Ann McHugh. To provide for his wife and future children, Paul joined the United States Army. He served our country fearlessly in active duty for two years and continued his service in the Reserves until reaching the rank of Captain. He would later attend Harvard School of Business, earning a Master's in Business Administration.

Thereafter, he was hired by IBM to work at their Headquarters in New York City as a Systems Engineer. He pursued this role and lived in New York City until his father's unexpected death in 1965. He quickly took a one-year "leave of absence" from IBM—which he never came back from—and returned to Bluefield to take over the Cole family estate.

Paul took up his father's mantle as the Head of Operations over the Cole Motor Company. At that time, the Company was internationally known as a Harvester Dealership. Through his up-bringing and education, Paul was a natural Captain at the Helm. His leadership brought forth many opportunities for the Company. The two most prominent were the formation of Truck City Parts in 1975 and the purchase of Evans Chevrolet in 1982 (Later to become Cole Chevrolet).

As his father and grandfather did, Paul continuously sought ways to give back to the community. He was elected to Bluefield's Mayoral office in 1981. He was consecutively re-elected between the years of 1981 and 1993. He served one nonconsecutive term from 2000 to 2001. Paul is known as Bluefield's longest serving Mayor. Pulling from his business experiences, Paul brought integrity, honesty, and fiscal responsibility to the office. The city truly thrived under his leadership.

A list of Paul's other accomplishments includes—Chairman of the American Truck Dealers Association from 1978 to 1980, lifelong member of the West Virginia Auto Dealers Association and was elected for a period of time as their President, the first West Virginian to be inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame, lifelong member of the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce and was elected for a period of time as their President, lifelong member of the Bluefield Rotary Club and was elected for a period of times as their President, received an honorary Doctorate Degree from Northwood University for his leadership in helping to establish a Truck Marketing Curriculum, traveled with Bluefield State College's delegation to Taiwan to help establish a partnership between Bluefield State College and three higher education institutions within the People's Republic of China, lifelong member of Mesa, inducted into Bluefield High School's High of Fame in 2003, Bluefield State College named their School of Business after Paul's namesake in 2010, husband, father of three, grandfather to thirteen, and great-grandfather to fourteen.

Today, Paul's legacy can be seen all throughout Appalachia. The Cole Automotive Group, formally known as the Cole Motor Company, is now operated by generations of Coles—all striving to uphold the precedent of excellence achieved by Paul, his father, and grandfather. With many locations in Bluefield and in the surrounding areas, the Coles continue to provide an exceptional service to my

constituents in West Virginia's Third Congressional District.

May God bless William Cole, Jr. I wish I could thank him for all he did for the great State of West Virginia. He will always be remembered by his family, friends, and the countless people he impacted throughout his life. I send my sincerest condolences to the Cole family, especially his wife, Carol Ann, and children, Bill, Tom, and Charles.

REMEMBERING DOÑA GRACIELA
CRUZ

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Doña Graciela Cruz. It is with a heavy heart that I reflect on our loss of a valued member of our community in my district. Ms. Cruz, who passed in early June, left us with a legacy of compassion and kindness, which lives on in both the memories of her loved ones and those in Williamsburg she inspired.

Ms. Cruz spent the majority of her life in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, and sought to repay her community for the kindness it showed her. She did not spend her days idly, instead preferring to pour her energy into the neighborhood around her. In the 1970's, she served as the coach for a women's softball league at McCarren park, teaching others how to find the same joy she had for her favorite sport. Throughout her life, she was an active member of her local church, regularly putting all of her effort into events and activities for the local youth. Her work with the children was borne of a true love for seeing those around her flourish.

Ms. Cruz possessed the strong spirit of an activist, putting that energy towards the betterment of her community where we needed it most. She always believed in political empowerment and the importance of encouraging more people to vote. Some might say she loved two sports equally: softball and politics.

Ms. Cruz, along with other members of her community, fought to start a garden in her neighborhood, later known as the Keap Street Community Gardens. Despite opposition from some local elected officials, Doña Graciela persevered. She and neighbors broke down both physical and political barriers to take a previously unused space and transform it into a valuable community anchor.

Over many decades, she became a steadfast activist for tenants' rights, and attended countless rallies over the years to fight for fair, livable housing. Her devotion is truly inspiring to everyone she knew, myself and my staff included.

Doña Graciela is survived by her children, extended family, and friends, as well as a community that has felt her loss deeply. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. I hope they may take some comfort during these difficult times in knowing just how deeply she is missed by us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Friday 7/24 due to a previously scheduled minor medical procedure. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 162, NAY on Roll Call No. 163, YEA on Roll Call No. 164, YEA on Roll Call No. 165, and NAY on Roll Call No. 166.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MIAMI
CITY BALLET

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of the Miami City Ballet on the occasion of its 35th anniversary.

The Miami City Ballet was founded in 1985. A majority of the company's performances are made up of the work of George Balanchine, one of the most influential choreographers of the 20th Century. Today, the Miami City Ballet is widely considered the chief interpreter of Balanchine's choreography. The foundation of the company's repertoire—consisting of more than 100 ballets, including 12 world premieres—was built on Balanchine's style and technique but has now expanded to include notable classical works and new groundbreaking, contemporary artists. The Miami City Ballet has performed in more than 100 cities in the United States, and internationally throughout Canada, Europe, Israel, South and Central America.

This year, the Miami City Ballet is returning to its original home on Lincoln Road in Miami Beach to celebrate its 35th anniversary season with "A Love Letter to South Florida". I am proud this organization is representative of our Miami community with its diverse international ensemble of over 50 dancers. It is an honor to join the South Florida community in celebrating the Miami City Ballet's vibrant history.

Through engagement programs aimed at diminishing barriers to access to the arts, the Miami City Ballet continues to give back to our community, serving over 19,000 youth, seniors, and historically underserved populations at home. As the Miami City Ballet honors South Florida with their love letter to the community, I am grateful for all this organization has done to contribute to the rich culture of the Magic City.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE
AMERICAN LATINO ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as an original cosponsor and senior member of Democratic congressional delegation from

Texas, the Committee on the Judiciary, I rise in strong and enthusiastic support of H.R. 2420, the "National Museum for the American Latino," which the newest museum of the Smithsonian Institute.

The United States is a symbol of democracy, freedom, and economic opportunity around the world, and the legacy of Latinos is deeply rooted in the very fabric of the history, democracy, freedom, and economic opportunity of the United States.

As hard as it is to imagine, currently there exists no national museum within the Smithsonian Institution that is devoted to the documentation and explication of Latino life, art, history, and culture.

This legislation rectifies this regrettable situation.

The major purpose of the Museum is to illuminate the story of Latinos in the history of the United States for the benefit of all by featuring Latino contributions.

Another important purpose of the museum is to provide for the collection, study, research, publication, and establishment of exhibitions and programs relating to Latino life, art, history, and culture.

That life, art, history, and culture encompasses Latino contributions in the early history of what now encompasses the United States of America and its territories.

Madam Speaker, Latino contributions in the armed services date from the earliest days of the American Revolution to current military activities in defense of our freedoms.

The National Museum of the American Latino will also document and preserve the history of Latino contributions to the freedom, well-being, and economic prosperity of all people in the United States through historical movements, entrepreneurial and charitable activities of Latinos; as well as contributions by Latinos to the social, natural, and physical sciences; and art, history, and culture, including food, music, dance, film, theater, sports, and other forms of popular culture in the United States.

Finally, the Museum will collaborate with research centers of the Smithsonian Institution, and other museums and educational institutions throughout the United States and abroad, to promote the study and appreciation of Latino life, art, history, culture, and its impact on society in the United States.

Madam Speaker, I am proud that Texas is generally regarded as the most Hispanic state in America, and Texas is rich with the history of Latinos in America.

The state of Texas is 39.2 percent Hispanic, which is 22.47 percent more Hispanic than it was in 2010, and there are six cities along the Texas/Mexico border where the population is effectively 100 percent Hispanic, including Hidalgo, Texas.

The Hispanic population in my home city of Houston is 44 percent; corresponding numbers are 42 percent in Dallas, 80 percent in El Paso.

According to the 2010 census, in Texas, Hispanics accounted for nearly half of all births.

Finally, Madam Speaker, the establishment of the National Museum of the American Latino will be consistent with the purposes of the Smithsonian Institution, created by Congress in 1846, "for the increase and diffusion of knowledge."

I urge all Members to vote for H.R. 2420, the National Museum for the American Latino Act.

REMEMBERING EVELYN CARSON

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Evelyn S. (Edwards) Carson, better known to her friends and neighbors in New Bern as Evelyn Edwards, died peacefully at her home in Greenwich, CT, on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Carson, until her retirement from Civil Service, was a budget analyst at NARF, located at the Marine Corps Air Station in Cherry Point, NC. Evelyn was the widow of her childhood sweetheart, Henry Walton Edwards who was the father of her only child, Linda Edwards McMahon. She subsequently married John Carson and was also his widow. Mrs. Carson moved to Connecticut to be closer to Linda and her husband Vince, their two children, Shane, his wife Marissa; Stephanie and her husband, Paul. She was either at the hospital or there within minutes when all six of her great-grandchildren were born. Mrs. Carson was 93 years of age and by all accounts of everyone who knew her, lived her life to the fullest and urged everyone to do the same.

In addition to her immediate family, Mrs. Carson is survived by her brother Lawrence Strickland of Virginia Beach, VA, and sister, Cindy McHone of Knoxville, TN, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations be made in Evelyn's Memory to The Connor's Cure Fund, c/o Children's Hospital Foundation, 4401 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15224 or at givetochildren.org/donate.

Visitation was held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sunday, July 5, 2020 at Cotten Funeral Home, followed by Her funeral service at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel. Burial followed Greenleaf Memorial Park.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 30, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

AUGUST 4

9 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John E. Whitley, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Shon J. Manasco, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, and Michele A. Pearce, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, all of the Department of Defense, and Liam P. Hardy, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Venezuela, focusing on security and humanitarian situation.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission.

SD-106

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on the Constitution

To hold hearings to examine the right of the people peaceably to assemble, focusing on protecting speech by stopping violence.

SD-562

AUGUST 5

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Trade Commission.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine Federal and industry efforts to improve cybersecurity for the energy sector, focusing on how to improve collaboration on various cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection initiatives.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, "American Nuclear Infrastructure Act of 2020".

SD-106

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Crossfire Hurricane investigation.

SD-G50

AUGUST 6

9 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jason Abend, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Bradley D. Hansell, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, Lucas N. Polakowski, of Virginia, and Louis W. Bremer, of Connecticut, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50