

Robert was active duty with the U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1955, then started in the Navy Active Reserve until his retirement as a commander in 1980. As a Navy Air Operations Officer, he received numerous awards and designations.

As a fellow graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law, I had the pleasure of working with Robert on many occasions, and I will miss his passion, professionalism, and friendship.

I offer my sincere condolences to his beloved wife, Pat, and their children. They can be proud of the legacy of service that Robert leaves behind.

RECOGNIZING NICKY CHRISTOPHER

(Mr. FITZPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an amazing member of our community. Nicky Christopher is a 12-year-old from Yardley, Pennsylvania, who has been working to brighten the day of people across our community.

Over the last several months, Nicky has decorated dozens of homes to celebrate birthdays, graduations, and bar and bat mitzvahs and other causes for celebration.

In an amazing show of community spirit, families have donated supplies and decorations to help Nicky continue to bring joy across our community. And while Nicky receives some cash donations, he takes any money that is not spent on supplies, and he donates that money to children who have been displaced from their homes.

Mr. Speaker, Nicky's kindness and generosity are an inspiration for our entire community and our entire Nation. I know that he has been able to brighten the day of so many people in our community when they have really needed it the most.

Last month I had the opportunity to meet Nicky over Zoom, and I cannot say enough about what an amazing young man he is and how proud I am to represent him in Congress and how incredibly proud his family must be.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Nicky for bringing so much light to our community and to our Nation. We need more people like him.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ERIC MEYERHOFF

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of beloved Savannah architect Eric Meyerhoff, who passed away at the age of 91.

Eric was a gift to the Savannah community, who blessed it with his gift of

imagination. Eric helped create the Savannah Riverfront and more than 74 projects in the historic district, including the World War II monument titled, "A World Apart," which is located on River Street.

Eric played a large part in making the beautiful city what it is today, and he spent over 50 years bringing his vision for Savannah to life. Although Eric was extremely committed to Savannah's architecture, he was even more committed to his people.

Eric and his family escaped Nazi Germany in the 1930s, so he had many impactful stories that touched countless lives.

Eric was also a veteran. Eric served as a translator in the United States Army.

Eric was a graduate of the University of Florida and was a huge Florida Gators fan.

Although most in the Savannah community knew Eric as a renowned architect, he was also a devoted teacher, provider, husband, and father.

I am thankful for the life Eric lived, and he will leave a lasting impact on Savannah with his architectural creations. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this most difficult time.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF ED EWING

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of a great World War II veteran, Ed Ewing from Redding, California.

Ed is a U.S. Army veteran, who once dreamed of being a doctor but then found his way to be a longtime owner and operator of Economy 4 Cycle Marine.

Ed began his business in Redding in 1960. He tried to retire in 1985 and did so for 6 years, but he reopened his doors again and worked until just a few years ago, finally retiring at 98 years old.

Ed knows Bearcat outboard motors inside and out, and he had people seeking out his expertise from all over the country.

At his birthday party this past weekend, I am told that Ed still appeared to be running on all cylinders.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Ed a happy birthday and I wish him and his family a wonderful year ahead.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1067, I call up the bill (H.R. 7617) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1067, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116-60, modified by the amendment printed in part A of House Report 116-461, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 7617

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Defense, Commerce, Justice, Science, Energy and Water Development, Financial Services and General Government, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2021".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO ACT.

Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference to "this Act" contained in any division of this Act shall be treated as referring only to the provisions of that division.

SEC. 3. REFERENCES TO REPORT.

(a) Any reference to a "report accompanying this Act" contained in division A of this Act shall be treated as a reference to House Report 116-453. The effect of such Report shall be limited to division A and shall apply for purposes of determining the allocation of funds provided by, and the implementation of, division A.

(b) Any reference to a "report accompanying this Act" contained in division B of this Act shall be treated as a reference to House Report 116-455. The effect of such Report shall be limited to division B and shall apply for purposes of determining the allocation of funds provided by, and the implementation of, division B.

(c) Any reference to a "report accompanying this Act" contained in division C of this Act shall be treated as a reference to House Report 116-449. The effect of such Report shall be limited to division C and shall apply for purposes of determining the allocation of funds provided by, and the implementation of, division C.

(d) Any reference to a "report accompanying this Act" contained in division D of this Act shall be treated as a reference to House Report 116-456. The effect of such Report shall be limited to division D and shall apply for purposes of determining the allocation of funds provided by, and the implementation of, division D.

(e) Any reference to a "report accompanying this Act" contained in division E of this Act shall be treated as a reference to House Report 116-450. The effect of such Report shall be limited to division E and shall apply for purposes of determining the allocation of funds provided by, and the implementation of, division E.

(f) Any reference to a "report accompanying this Act" contained in division F of this Act shall be treated as a reference to House Report 116-452. The effect of such Report shall be limited to division F and shall apply for purposes of determining the allocation of funds provided by, and the implementation of, division F.

SEC. 4. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

(a) Each amount designated in this Act by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 shall be available (or rescinded, if applicable) only if the President subsequently so designates all such amounts and transmits such designations to the Congress.

(b) Each amount designated in this Act by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 shall be available (or rescinded, if applicable) only if the