

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID ROUZER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, due to travel with the Vice President on July 29, 2020 in North Carolina, I was not able to be in the Chamber and present to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 168; NAY on Roll Call No. 169; YEA on Roll Call No. 170; NAY on Roll Call No. 171; and NAY on Roll Call No. 172.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I was not in attendance to cast votes on consideration of the Defense, Commerce, Justice, Science, Energy and Water Development, Financial Services and General Government, Homeland Security, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2021 (H.R. 7617) and the related amendments. Had I been present, I would have vote YEA on Roll Call No. 174; YEA on Roll Call No. 175; NAY on Roll Call No. 176; NAY on Roll Call No. 177; and YEA on Roll Call No. 178.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, today I rise because the country has lost a true American hero. A giant whose sacrifices and relentless pursuit of equality paved the road for so many of us who stand here now.

One of the greatest honors of my life was serving with Congressman Lewis. Occasionally, I'd have the privilege of walking with him to this very Chamber. Along the way, there wasn't a single Capitol employee whom he didn't greet effusively, and often by name. Put simply, he was a truly generous, humble and decent man.

We find ourselves in times when we must struggle not only for the safety of our communities, but also the soul of our nation.

But as Mr. Lewis said, "Freedom is not a state; it is an act . . . it is the continuous action we all must take, and each generation must do its part to create an even more fair, more just society."

It is, indeed, difficult times like this for which we are made—times when we must embody

the spirit and drive for freedom in every one of our actions.

Our fight continues while Mr. Lewis has earned his rest, and we benefit always from his life-long example and the paths he forged for each of us.

From an indebted nation, thank you to Mr. Lewis for his endearing spirit and example.

HONORING FREDERICK WILLIAM RUSTEBERG

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the extraordinary life of Frederick William Rusteberg of Brownsville, Texas. Mr. Rusteberg played an instrumental role in the economic and educational development of the Brownsville community.

Born in Brownsville, Texas, on July 1, 1946, Mr. Rusteberg attended Brownsville High School and then Texas A&M University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in finance. He later attended Texas Tech University, where he completed his graduate studies and met his future wife, Frances Hill.

In his youth he trained as a Huey helicopter pilot and served in the U.S. Army as a First Lieutenant in South Korea. He later returned to Brownsville where he worked as the assistant Port Director at the Port of Brownsville. He then went on to become the Vice-President at First National Bank, and in 1984, became the founding President and CEO of IBC Bank in Brownsville, where he served for over 35 years until his retirement.

Mr. Rusteberg was not only a successful businessman; he was also a respected leader in his community. He served on many academic and city boards throughout his career where he helped to build the city of Brownsville's economy and raise millions of dollars to support education in the Rio Grande Valley. His family established the first scholarship endowment at the University of Texas at Brownsville, now known as the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Mr. Rusteberg was a man of great character who helped inspire and motivate those around him. In an interview with UT Brownsville Mr. Rusteberg said, "I believe we have a certain amount of control over our destiny—you can either sit by and watch things happen, or you can help make them happen." Mr. Rusteberg made great things happen.

Mr. Rusteberg is survived by his loving wife Frances, his children William (Tammy) Rusteberg and Liz Rusteberg (Chad) Hainley, his two grandchildren Jessie and William Hainley, and his sisters Joy (Bill) Burns and June (Adolph) Dittman.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Mr. Frederick William Rusteberg. He will be remembered as a great banker, a great boss, a great mentor

and a great friend. He was a fundamental part of the South Texas community and his legacy will forever be remembered. I join his family in honoring his exemplary life.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS IMPROVE- MENT ACT OF 2020

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Courts Improvement Act of 2020. This bill would make several important changes to improve the operations of the D.C. Courts.

First, this bill would remove the consent requirement for D.C. Superior Court magistrate judges in certain situations. Currently, consent from the parties involved is required for a magistrate judge to perform duties in the Civil, Criminal and Probate Divisions of the Superior Court. Removing this requirement from the Civil and Probate Divisions in certain matters will further the efficiency of the judicial process. The bill also authorizes magistrate judges to issue search and arrest warrants and gives all magistrate judges contempt authority.

Next, the bill updates several aspects of juror service in the Superior Court. First, it ties Superior Court juror pay to the pay jurors receive in federal court. Currently, the Board of Judges of the Superior Court has authority to set the pay of jurors, but it is capped at the rate paid to federal jurors. Despite this, Superior Court jurors are currently paid less than federal jurors. The bill also modernizes juror summonses by allowing jurors to complete the questionnaire electronically, which will save the court money on postage and staff time. The bill further allows jurors who are 70 years old or older to be excused from jury service if the individual so chooses.

The bill also makes improvements for the employees of the courts. D.C. Courts non-judicial employees and Public Defender Service (PDS) employees are deemed to be federal employees for the purposes of early retirement provisions in federal law, but the Courts and PDS do not currently have the permanent authority to make voluntary separation incentive payments or "buyouts"—to employees who separate by voluntary retirement or by resignation, unlike the authority possessed by federal executive and judicial branches. The D.C. Courts and PDS currently have this authority in fiscal year 2020 under the fiscal year 2020 District of Columbia Appropriations bill, but this bill would provide permanent authority.

Next, this bill allows the D.C. Courts to pay attorneys appointed to represent indigent defendants in criminal proceedings and indigent children in delinquency and need of supervision proceedings up to the amount currently allowed in federal court. The D.C. Courts' current rate has not been updated in eight years,

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and is \$42 per hour less than the federal rate. Similarly, the bill eliminates the \$25 hourly rate fixed rate for D.C. Criminal Justice Act investigators. Federal investigators in D.C. are currently paid \$65 an hour, and up to \$75 an hour in death penalty and other complex cases.

This bill also would move the appointment and removal of the Register of Wills (ROW) and supervisory responsibilities from the Superior Court and the Chief Judge of the Superior Court; respectively, to the Executive Officer of the D.C. Courts. This change would provide the Executive Officer oversight of the personnel for the entire Probate Division, including the ROW, which will improve efficiency in making personnel decisions and in the overall administration of the Probate Division.

While both the federal government and the District of Columbia government have statutory authority to give retroactive pay increase to employees on board at the time the increase is ordered and to employees who have retired (not resigned) or died between the date the increase becomes effective and the date it is ordered, the D.C. Courts do not have this authority. This bill corrects this deficiency.

The bill also makes corrections to portions of the D.C. Code that reference the Domestic Violence Division where it still refers to its old name, the Domestic Violence Unit, and updates how title 11 of the D.C. Code references individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Under the Home Rule Act, Congress has exclusive jurisdiction over title 11 of the D.C. Code (relating to organization and jurisdiction of the local D.C. Courts). Because of this, in recent history, legislation to improve the operations of the D.C. Courts has been enacted into law every few years. I hope this bill will likewise be adopted, and hopefully in a bipartisan manner.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

RECOGNIZING CLARKDALE POLICE
OFFICER CARLOS GODINA

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the valor of Clarkdale, Arizona Police Officer Carlos Godina on February 27, 2020. Officer Godina's selfless action in the midst of a confusing and dangerous scene relieved a family in deep distress.

Responding to assist a medical call, Officer Godina found an active crime scene as a suspect had attacked a grandmother and her grandchild with a blunt object. In fact, shortly after arriving, the suspect charged Officer Godina with the same object, forcing Godina to use nonlethal force to push the suspect inside and away from the woman.

It was this time that Officer Godina learned that the injured child was also inside the home, and without hesitation, he rushed into the house, again confronted by the suspect who was now also wielding a butcher knife. Determining that the child was in a critical state, Godina called upon the suspect to subdue so the child could be cared for. Instead, the suspect charged with both weapons, requiring Godina to use lethal force.

Officer Godina's composure saved the grandmother's life and preserved the suspect's life as long as possible. While I am heartbroken to announce that the child succumbed to his injuries, Godina's selfless action allowed medical attention to provide enough time for the mother to spend the last minutes of their child's life with them.

Madam Speaker, I am here to recognize Officer Godina's bravery and professionalism in this active and dangerous situation. Officer Godina displayed the best qualities of our country's police officers, and at a time when police across the nation are wrongly looked down on, Officer Godina reminds us of our officers' service to the nation and the constant safety we take for granted on the backs of their sacrifice.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, due to a recommendation by the Attending Physician to quarantine due to an interaction with a person having a confirmed COVID-19 infection diagnosis, I was unable to be present during House votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 168; NAY on Roll Call No. 169; YEA on Roll Call No. 170; NAY on Roll Call No. 171; NAY on Roll Call No. 172; NAY on Roll Call No. 173; NAY on Roll Call No. 174; NAY on Roll Call No. 175; YEA on Roll Call No. 176; YEA on Roll Call No. 177; and NAY on Roll Call No. 178.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF ROSA JAMES

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of Ms. Rosa James: an invaluable leader in Kansas City's African American community who dedicated her life to improving public education issues, encouraging voter registration, and addressing civil and racial injustices. On Tuesday, July 22, 2020, Ms. Rosa James was called home to heaven after a profoundly impactful 86 years of life and service.

Ms. Rosa James was born and raised in Charlotte, North Carolina where she received the bulk of her education. In the early 1960s, Ms. James moved to Kansas City, Missouri where she served as a reading specialist for the Kansas City Public Schools for the next 36 years. Ms. James retired from this work in 1998 but remained committed to serving the education system. Ms. James also befriended and mentored future superintendent Mark Bedell—a testament to her desire to positively shape education in Kansas City for generations to come. Ms. James' retirement would only be the beginning of her journey to solving persistent issues and working to dismantle injustices.

Ms. Rosa James also spent many years of her life bridging the racial divides that continue

to persist throughout our nation today. As someone who came of age and worked when the African American Civil Rights movement was at its peak, Ms. James dedicated herself to furthering the movement and actively advocated for the adoption of various civil rights bills in the 1960s. Even after the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed, Ms. James continued to work toward racial justice, serving as a board member for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and as an executive committee member for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Her work with the NAACP earned her the Kansas City Spirit Award and the NAACP President's award. Ms. James also served as the 7th-ward committeewoman for the Jackson County Democratic Committee, helping distribute ballot information on election days, and would serve as a member of the municipal judicial nominating commission.

The profound impacts Ms. Rosa James had on the Greater Kansas City area extended to the citizens and those she worked with and mentored as well, always having a positive effect on everyone with whom she interacted. Dr. Mark Bedell, Superintendent of Kansas City Public Schools, said that Ms. James "was a great, great lady who genuinely cared about this school district and the children in this community." Each and every person that knew Ms. James, even those whom she simply helped register to vote, attest not only to her incredible commitment to bettering the community and the city, but also to her warm-hearted kindness that filled the room.

Ms. James was someone who had a passion for public service, positive change, and bringing about that change. In every instance where there was an injustice, she was there, standing alongside others attempting to fix it. Her immeasurable commitment to bettering public schools, registering voters, and addressing racial injustices, along with her cheerful nature and friendly demeanor, left a lasting impact on many Kansas Citizens. Her legacy is defined by meaningful change, leadership, selflessness, and compassion. Madam Speaker, please join Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring the life of Ms. Rosa James.

CITIZEN COSPONSORS OF THE
GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, on June 25, the House passed the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act to address systemic racism and police misconduct, increase accountability and transparency, and change the culture of law enforcement. Since passage, thousands of Americans have visited the website JusticeinPolicing.us to learn about the bill, weigh in with their support, and sign on as citizen cosponsor in support. I would like to include in the RECORD the following names of citizen cosponsors:

Rosemary Cavazos, Kyle, TX; Barbara Lino, New York, NY; Teresa L. Fincham, Prince Frederick, MD; Javier Cavazos, Kyle,

TX; Ethan Gates, Lubbock, TX; Sheyna Gifford, Saint Louis, MO; Melissa Duncan, Bowie, MD; Sonia Gazer, New York, NY; Noah Bailey, Ridgewood, NY; Amy Aasheim, Excelsior, MN; William Rhodes, Knoxville, TN; Sylvia Elerick, Temple City, CA; Helm John, Bowie, MD; Kim Bell, Vernon Hills, IL; Shaun Brown, Laguna Beach, CA; Manuel Jesus Rivera-Matute, Wilmington, NC; Sarah Pope, Brooklyn, NY; Dean Anderson, Saint Paul, MN; Sally Lopez, Northridge, CA; Deeda Seec, Salt Lake City, UT.

Lourdes Vela-Arias, Bronx, NY; Sandy Kingcaid, Nazareth, PA; Regina Lynn Clement, Providence, RI; Linda Miles, Hopewell, NJ; Tarina Ahuja, Ashburn, VA; Tesia McLaughlin, Doylestown, PA; Brianna Morel, New York, NY; Jenna Curtis, Saint Cloud, FL; Catherine Hannah, Charlotte, NC; Marisa Dobson, Baltimore, MD; Nick Gothard, Ashburn, VA; Sheila Weiss, Alexandria, VA; Molly, New York, NY; Laura Mead, New York, NY; Amy Buss, Thousand Oaks, CA; Gillian Ladd, San Francisco, CA; Sydney Thomas, Fort Worth, TX; Yael Velvel, Silver Spring, MD; Elizabeth, Columbus, OH; Ana Ortiz, Miami, FL.

K.B. Montgomery, Minneapolis, MN; Abiya Baqai, Fremont, CA; Gary Siconolfi Jr, Wesley Chapel, FL; Brianna Harlan, Ridgewood, NY; Kyla McCallum, Ann Arbor, MI; Jeremy Jung, Torrance, CA; Susan Huybensz, Deep River, CT; Mike Shadrack, Staten Island, NY; Cecily Smith, New York, NY; Claudine Sapini, Lynbrook, NY; Susan Hanlon, Manchester Township, NJ; Tyshan Broden, Desoto, TX; Emily Guerrero, Fort Worth, TX; Katie Robleski, Milwaukee, WI; Adolph Anguiano, Auburn, IN; Carrie McGurn, Ventura, CA; Diane Pisano, Bowie, MD; Eryn Mikulicz, Pittstown, NJ; Duchess Swift, La Plata, MD; Dawn Stegall, Henrico, VA; Robert E. Reynolds, Jr., Lanham, MD.

Matt Levine, Minneapolis, MN; Cheyenne Knavel, Avon, OH; Ada Garcia-Casellas, Chevy Chase, MD; Safa Chohan, Centerville, VA; Laura Udell, Chicago, IL; Maddy Goffredo, Stirling, NJ; Anna Cyr, Leeds, ME; Robin Schumacher, Spring, TX; Lynn Price, Deary, ID; Bill Hamm, Frisco, TX; Tracy Falco, Los Angeles, CA; Paul Foreman, Loveland, CO; John Hatchett, Sunnyside, NY; Gayle Zerr, Tampa, FL; Debra Macheca, Lawrence, KS; Tonya Alston, Fairfield, CA; Stephen James, Desoto, TX; Raymond Trabulsy, Trenton, MI; Cynthia Bowman, Sewell, NJ; Becci Lee, Arlington, TX; Hollis Amsden, Seattle, WA; Rasheed Townsell, Waldorf, MD.

John Guldan, Lake Villa, IL; Gracie Renner, Painesville, OH; V'Nell DeCosta, Fort Washington, MD; Manuel Zuniga, Saint Paul, MN; Tim Kubasak, Gilbert, AZ; Kathryn Guerriero, Ashburn, VA; Paul, Monroe, WA; Rob Michaels, Wilmington, OH; Charles D Moses, Englewood, CO; Mark Haimowitz, Bridgeville, DE; Miguel A Hernandez, Brooklyn, NY; Ranae McAllister, Saint Johns, FL; Jan Largent, Stillwater, OK; Gwendolyn Black, New York, NY; Rochelle Villarrial, Farmersville, CA; Christina Pavlov, Saint Charles, MO; Jeremy Smith, San Ramon, CA; Henry Nguyen, Orange, CA; Cassandra Brooks, Wake Forest, NC.

James White, Middletown, DE; Jan Mayhall, Dallas, TX; Lisa O'Rell, Olympia, WA; Judith McCowan, Pikesville, MD; Andrea Tidd, Spring Valley, CA; Jen Kluger, Basking Ridge, NJ; Cynthia Geter, Greensboro, NC; Benjamin Briu, Bronx, NY; Brita Agee, Van Wyck, SC; Stephen Price, Annapolis, MD; Judith Luchsinger, Lakeport, CA; Rachael Stevens, Jenkintown, PA; Susan Johnson, Callaway, MD; Elsa Aguirre, Miami, FL; Betty Shaw, Bowie, MD; Crystal Chambers, Houston, TX; Andre Davis, Norcross, GA; Syl Anthony, Pittsburgh, PA; Jeremy Sander, Hawthorne, CA; Alexandra

Paul, Merrick, NY; Mario David Portillo, Ruckersville, VA.

Mary Martin, Norman, OK; Raul R. Rodriguez III, Victorville, CA; Amanda Trudell, Vancouver, WA; Colleen Naseem, McLean, VA; Molly Gravalin, Fargo, ND; Julie Heine, Capistrano Beach, CA; Jacqueline Alvarado, Chevy Chase, MD; Maanasi Gupta, Ashburn, VA; Cynthia Twigg, Orrstown, PA; Stephanie Olcott, Temple Hills, MD; Ni Ni Than, New York, NY; Jorge Quintana, Helena, MT; Lisa Kellison, Orlando, FL; Amanda Founi, Sacramento, CA; Laurel Jensen, College Park, MD; Brian Garvey, Waldorf, MD; Gerald Adams, Port Republic, MD; Kelsey Branch, Baltimore, MD; Ingrid Kapteyn, New York, NY; Rolando Olmeda, Toa Baja, PR.

Miguel Bahena, Carrollton, TX; Maurice Williams, Arlington, TX; Henry Roller, Seattle, WA; Allison Beck, Ventura, CA; Bryan Getchell, Seattle, WA; Jay Miller, Washington, VA; Barbara Amador, Oceanside, CA; Heather Holley, Los Angeles, CA; Victor Thabo Moalusi, Saint Louis, MO; Juliette Smith, Smithsburg, MD; Patricia Allen, Bellflower, CA; Eve Antekeier, Oceanside, CA; Sabrina Felton, Union City, GA; Jacquelyn Ned Mann, Greenbelt, MD; Tara Muir, Newtown, CT; Sheyla Jaimes, Oceanside, CA; David Walleiser, Ruthven, IA; Ginger Wallace, Louisville, KY; Reggie Singleton, Lakewood, NJ; Kiara Ortiz, Washington, DC.

Tim Schroeder, Yakima, WA; Edrin Williams, Washington, DC; Michael Davis, Elk Grove, CA; Eric Rilko, Franklin, TN; Cathy Harrison, Circle Pines, MN; Mason Brooks, Glenn Dale, MD; Aixa Torres, New York, NY; Matthew Mason, Albuquerque, NM; Lanaya Van Driesen, Henrico, VA; Leona Aubin, Mattoon, IL; Michael Malizia, Tampa, FL; Justyce Brooke, Walla Walla, WA; Sean Schlecht, Livermore, CA; Tara, Carmichael, CA; Elliot Beckelman, San Francisco, CA; Patrick Foran, San Jose, CA; An Nuyen, Brooklyn, NY; Katherine Bajuk, New York, NY; Alan Bernard, Sylmar, CA; James R Simpson, Davidsonville, MD; Wendy Wheatcroft, San Diego, CA.

Kellan A McPhail, Austin, TX; Maribel, Kissimmee, FL; Victoria Connery, Green Bay, WI; Marc Williams, Indianapolis, IN; Mita Dey, San Jose, CA; Anne Marie Loesch, Chicago, IL; Ann Sprayregen, New York, NY; Jasmine Rehman, Brandon, FL; Alex Watson, New York, NY; Christina Shaffer, Henrico, VA; Julius Dennis, Jacksonville, FL; Michael Anderson, Katonah, NY; Soledad Heredia, San Mateo, CA; Lori Kroner, Bowie, MD; Kathy Malizia, Tampa, FL; Chelsea Riley, Statesboro, GA; Lindy L Cavness, Dallas, TX; Andrew Atzert, New York, NY; Gabriella Martinez, Stockton, CA; Jessie Chappell, Edwardsville, IL.

Delvin Walters, Bowie, MD; Charlotte Dumont, Chelsea, MA; Angel Altamirano, Duluth, GA; SalTa, Minneapolis, MN; Bill Weitze, San Jose, CA; Lisa Cyrns, Compton, CA; Jan D Russak, Martinsville, NJ; Shannon Dickey, Des Moines, IA; Nicholas Long, Columbus, IN; Marshall D. Stein, Chestnut Hill, MA; Vicki Lederman, Summit, NJ; Kristine Erickson, Chandler, AZ; Sarah Clark, Virginia Beach, VA; Giovanna Mussapp, Atlanta, GA; Chuck Bailey, Daly City, CA; Rocio Garcia Chaudhry, Fort Worth, TX; Elijah Willis, Pinole, CA; Valter Ezerins, Saint Leonard, MD; Robert Bouchard, Alpharetta, GA; Tara Francis, New York, NY.

Lacy Houston, Houston, TX; Tajan R Kenkre, San Jose, CA; Zihan Zhao, Flower Mound, TX; Donna Owens, Tucson, AZ; Nicholas Kusner, Brooklyn, NY; Alexa Cooley, Monroe, MI; Michael potter, Park Hill, OK; Athena Miceli, Augusta, GA; Stacey Garcia, Hayward, CA; Rachael Tupper-Eoff, Livermore, CA; Peter Gabel, San Francisco, CA; Suresh Dianand, Brooklyn, NY; Sara Allen,

Gray, GA; Amanda Henderson, Milwaukee, WI; Kristin Erb, Minneapolis, MN; Shari Stratton, Denver, CO; Barry Fellman, Thorofare, NJ; Duncan Crabtree-Ireland, Los Angeles, CA; Daryl Gillespie, Richmond, VA; Dianne West, Decatur, IL.

Andy Alcindor, San Diego, CA; Gary Thomas, Waldorf, MD; Christine Dunlop, Akron, OH; Aislinn Ewing, Fpo, AP; Erick Jason Medal, Lynwood, CA; Rachel Reynolds, Findlay, OH; Adiba Barney, Cornelius, NC; Ellen Andrews, New York, NY; Darcy Johnson, San Diego, CA; Susan Bowen, Kingman, AZ; Austin Gates, Lubbock, TX; John Stewart Street, Charlotte, NC; Drina Semenjuk, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA; Jessica Lucas, Reynoldsburg, OH; Penelope Lester, Livingston, TX; Eugene Debs, San Francisco, CA; Antanas Ezerskis, Folsom, CA; Natasha Missick, Los Angeles, CA; Bryan Dentici, Gainesville, FL; Davina Foti, Exeter, NH; Elias Trevino, Lubbock, TX; Monica Nydick, Freehold, NJ; Corey Goelz, Mercer Island, WA.

Barbara Powers, Summit, NJ; Marilyn Kuray, Gaithersburg, MD; Pamela Vaughn, San Francisco, CA; Jo Dunlop, West Liberty, OH; Alby Joseph, Westbury, NY; Han Yu, Los Angeles, CA; Rena Mason, Beaumont, CA; Barbara Huff, Agoura Hills, CA; Evan Gole, Los Angeles, CA; John Sakala, Morehead, KY; Steven Dobrosielski, Bowie, MD; Mike Linksvayer, Emeryville, CA; Pamela Ale id, Troy, NY; Beth Van Zant, Richardson, TX; Michael Fullerton, Carlsbad, CA; Susan Azam, Hartsdale, NY; Jean Bjugstad, Somerville, NJ; Rebecca Chapman, Indianapolis, IN; Amy Hogue, Denver, CO; Sachiko Galassetti, Irvine, CA; Laura Tegtmeyer, San Jose, CA.

Steve, Rocky Hill, CT; Kathryn Jones, Henrico, VA; Ronnie G Ledford, Booneville, AR; Melony McGant, New York, NY; Kevan A Amjadi, San Clemente, CA; Cassie LaMacchia-Meeks, Los Osos, CA; June E Peschel, Sioux City, IA; Tyrrik Grooms, Tampa, FL; Teri Barker, Boise, ID; Ed Crump, Annapolis, MD; Shelley Ward, Westminster, MA; Libby Sarver, Charlotte, NC; C. A. Van Zant, Keller, TX; James White, Columbus, OH; Kiera Foran, San Jose, CA; Valerie Coe Lowder, Lilburn, GA; Tim Stewart, Saint Cloud, MN; Heather Robinson, Olathe, KS; Lynda Young, Greensboro, NC; Thomas Gannon, San Lorenzo, CA; Zachary Gerstel, Westfield, NJ; Oliver Polo, San Diego, CA; Vanessa Lopez, Wildomar, CA.

Ebony Clark, Brooklyn, NY; Brenda Iglesias, South Gate, CA; Jordan Smith, Bellingham, WA; Mary Highins, Malibu, CA; Doug Nedrich, Leesburg, VA; Nichelle Davis, Atlanta, GA; Joel Ickes, Kalkaska, MI; Cassandra Carl, Auburn, NY; Royce, Post Falls, ID; Jenny Polcari Fiore, Kingston, NY; Kris Lewis, Bellingham, WA; Jordan Krsnak, Moorhead, MN; Rand DeCastro, Portland, OR; Sheila Wills Marsh, Omaha, NE; Sonya Youngblood, San Augustine, TX; Chris White, Walla Walla, WA; Lisa Cassandra, Los Angeles, CA; Terri Coulter, Oklahoma City, OK; Yvonne R. Lucas, New York, NY; Kim Ho, Dublin, CA; C Wilson, Inglewood, CA; Laura Medina, Orlando, FL.

Timothy Monea, North Canton, OH; Carolyn Hall, Waldorf, MD; Brenda Sokolowski, Boynton Beach, FL; Syundai Johnson, Houston, TX; Mara, Berkeley Heights, NJ; Elizabeth Sereduk, Merchantville, NJ; Albert Smith, New York, NY; Gloria Immel, Hobart, IN; Mari Washington, Washington, DC; John Jackson, White Plains, MD; Andrew Pollard, North Beach, MD; Janice Hunter, Prince Frederick, MD; Kelly, Brooklyn, NY; Junior Mwemba, Arlington, VA; Shaina, Evansville, IN; Caren Akin-Lynn, Charlotte, NC; Maurice Bowers, Chino Hills, CA; Di Perry, Waldorf, MD; Barbara C Gardner, Bowie, MD; Eugenia Montesinos, Brooklyn, NY; Mr. &

Mrs. Lorenzo White, Debary, FL; Callie Koelbel, Saint Leonard, MD.

Lorraine Mangan, Tucson, AZ; Ann, Downingtown, PA; Sandy Bumgardner, Corpus Christi, TX; Tim Patton, Grand Blanc, MI; Rebecca Johnson, Philadelphia, PA; Raymond Hayes, Mechanicsville, MD; JESSICA, Massapequa, NY; Manuel Massa, Baldwin, NY; Cohen Cohen-Kowan, Tivoli, NY; Mark Ruocco, Gaithersburg, MD; Lauren Langlois, Providence, RI; Steven M. Jones, Hopewell Junction, NY; Casey Terrault, Ingleside, IL; Malaika Brown, West Covina, CA; Carlene Kingston, Charlotte, NC; Isabella Emmanuilidis, Winter Haven, FL; Rebecca Hall, Bowie, MD; Sandra Freund, Bastrop, LA; Megan Parker, Brooklyn, NY; Fauzia Nusrat, Herndon, VA; Shirley Johnson, Alexandria, VA; Simon, Brooklyn, NY; Lisa Thor, Astoria, NY.

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David Wright, San Francisco, CA; Hannah Ashe, Potomac, MD; Kenneth Yun, Encinitas, CA; JC Smith, Van Wyck, SC; Athena Cairo, Richmond, VA; Rachel Regal, Richmond, VA; Brandon Righti, Smmnit, NJ; Susan Solarz, Carmichael, CA; Abigail Stanton, Sewell, NJ; Gillian Friend, San Anselmo, CA; Jerry Adams, Crofton, MD; Mack Guillory III, New Orleans, LA; Liz Clubb, Claremore, OK; Erin Bakes, Miami, FL; Jeanne Boyle, Metuchen, NJ; Shirley Neal, Ponca City, OK; Allison Michael, Phoenix, AZ; Scott Rossillo, Brooklyn, NY; Ellen Halbert, Drayden, MD; Danilisa Jerez, New York, NY; Bianca Tedesco, Pompano Beach, FL; Mary Kay Baldino, Arlington Heights, IL; Carley Adams, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Kate Veith, Warrington, PA.

Niall McLaughlin, Phoenix, AZ; Dennis Flynn, Cherry Hill, NJ; Dennis Flynn, Cherry Hill, NJ; Paige Harrison, New York, NY; Emma Vitoreira, Millington, NJ; Pieter Turley, Seattle, WA; Anthony Escudero, Chicago, IL; Karen O Fort, Chicago, IL; Katrell Lee, Bowie, MD; Meredith Moore, Vero Beach, FL; William Bradley, Chicago, IL; Nia Raymond, Chicago, IL; Karen Anderson, Chicago, IL; Jerry Tuttle, Suffolk, VA; Catherine Goodman, Chicago, IL; Jim Parks, Elmhurst, IL; James Aguirre, Elmhurst, IL; Kitty Monaghan, Chicago, IL; Karthik Yarlagaadda, Elmhurst, IL; Dan Hickey, Chicago, IL; Tara Maye, Harwood Heights, IL; Jessica Jorsch, Chicago, IL.

Christopher Haynes, New York, NY; Alexandra Becker, Chicago, IL; Beth Hatcher, Chicago, IL; Bonnie Rothman, Chicago, IL; Matthew Rynkiewicz, Chicago, IL; Luis Alcaraz, Chicago, IL; Roxanna Krawczyk, Chicago, IL; Evelyn Fitzgerald, Chicago, IL; Kristin MacKenzie, Chicago, IL; Elizabeth J Mendoza, Glenview, IL; Anita Butler, Chicago, IL; Karen Paul, Oak Park, IL; Stephanie Zidek, Chicago, IL; Ryan Kelly, Chicago, IL; Masha Yakovleva, Chicago, IL; Emily Mathews, Skokie, IL; Grace Peary, Elmhurst, IL; Lauri Everson, Chicago, IL; Sinead, Chicago, IL; Stephen Gleich, Chicago, IL; LuAnn Kowar, Chicago, IL; Stephanie Cordero-Gonzalez, Chicago, IL; Wade Elkins, Chicago, IL; Sharon Leiter-Weintraub, Western Springs, IL.

Bowie Han, Chicago, IL; Rob Lang, Arlington Heights, IL; Malak Afaneh, Chicago, IL; Grace Rice, Chicago, IL; Laura Adkins, Chicago, IL; lane calkins, Naples, FL; Laura Vanden Berg, Chicago, IL; Lee P Lundaal, Clarendon Hills, IL; Mercedes Badia-Tavas, Chicago, IL; Jane Hart, Chicago, IL; Jennifer Berg, San Antonio, TX; Tipu Puri, Chicago, IL; Morgan Lang, Washington, DC; Lipa Bick, Richmond, VA; Gerardo Mora Jr, Park Ridge, IL; Allison Wolcott, Chicago, IL; Jason Duarte, Chicago, IL; Dorothy Edwards, Petersburg, VA; Deanna M Beaton, Chicago, IL; Stephanie M Sinder, Chicago, IL; Amanda Sprick, Chicago, IL; Michelle Wiese, Elmhurst, IL; Edward Walbridge, Chicago, IL; Lisa Goldner, San Antonio, TX; Courtney Elledge, Chantilly, VA; Dustin Yoder, Chicago, IL; C Lee, Chicago, IL; Annie, Chicago, IL.

David Meyerson, Chicago, IL; Terri Tauber, Berkeley Heights, NJ; Thomas Sarelas, Chicago, IL; Jessica McGehee, Wheaton, IL; Ally Dinkle, Brookfield, IL; Amanda Ortiz, Folsom, CA; Andrew La Fond, Evanston, IL; Kelsey Howard, Chicago, IL; Randi Ploszaj, Chicago, IL; Alma Bahman, Chicago, IL; Erika McKnight, Chicago, IL; Leon Alirangues, Plainfield, NJ; Susan Crawford, Chicago, IL; Natallie Santana, Chicago, IL; Lisa Bent, Chicago, IL; Vince Samar, Chicago, IL; Jane Ramsey, Chicago, IL; Mark Brouwer, Chicago, IL; Lara Cho, Forest Park, IL; Sarah Alshabibi, Chicago, IL; Roi G Montalvo, Chicago, IL; Beverly Davis, Union, NJ; Laurie Meyers, Long Beach, CA.

Jayne E. Soulman, Chicago, IL; Jason Swanson, Chicago, IL; Sylvia Petta, Oakland, CA; Cathy L. Reed, Oak Park, IL; Brian LaDuca, Dayton, OH; Paulette Livers, Chicago, IL; Diana O. Chu, Chicago, IL; John McGowan, Chicago, IL; Greg Ekey, Chicago, IL; Eduardo Ortiz-Perez, Melrose Park, IL; Michelle M Piette, Chicago, IL; Stacy Correia, Chantilly, VA; K. E. Niedner, Chicago, IL; Eugene Fisher, Berryville, VA; Sandra Kroll, Long Beach, CA; Jon Gerstein, Chicago, IL; Allison Ebsen, Elmhurst, IL; Angel Fitzpatrick, Chicago, IL; Rachel Ranney, Oakland, CA; Christa Alvarez, Chicago, IL; Lyudmyla Baron, Huntington Park, CA; George Thomson, Chicago, IL; Drew Steele, Chicago, IL; Leona A Grage, Wood Dale, IL; Rita Buczynska, Chicago, IL; Lauren Garbacz, Columbus, OH; Jo G, Chicago, IL.

Lirone Losoff, Chicago, IL; Susan Yessne, Chicago, IL; Alton Lynum, Chicago, IL; Winnie Miranda, Chicago, IL; Jodi Daniel, Chicago, IL; Pat Alexander, Jackson, MS; Kimberly Black, Chicago, IL; Jonathan Schulz, Chicago, IL; Osama Mohamed, Fairfax, VA; Madelyn Bagby, Chicago, IL; Petrina Moore Pervall, Sterling, VA; Zoe M Prevatt, Chicago, IL; Rebecca Jensen, Centreville, VA; Shirley Garland, Chicago, IL; Sally Drucker, Chicago, IL; Luis Anton, Chicago, IL; Margery Heyl Rushmer, Chicago, IL; Melanie Rosales, Palatine, IL; Lawrence Keller, Long Beach, CA; Karen Godfrey, Stephenson, VA; Patrick Lange, Chicago, IL; Cynthia Handrup, Chicago, IL; Maia Taveras, Miami, FL; John and Marie June Hendricks, Winchester, VA; John Hall, Chicago, IL; Alisa Buck, Saint Leonard, MD; JoEllen, Wilkes Barre, PA.

Angeline Moore, Upper Marlboro, MD; Karen Pendergrass, Spring Hill, TN; Michele Yulo, Tucker, GA; Donna R Miller, Rochester, MN; Kathryn Liscomb, Chicago, IL; Dov Lebowitz-Nowak, Brooklyn, NY; Joan Barnidge, Saint Louis, MO; Sally Nista, Philadelphia, PA; Cheryl L White, Glenview, IL; Jessica Gottsleben, Pompano Beach, FL; Melinda Seeman, Jupiter, FL; Mary Ingraham, Seattle, WA; Stuart H. Gollinger, Port Saint Lucie, FL; Ali mehidi, Charlotte, NC; Hannah Linn, Washington, DC; Erin

Kelleher, Chicago, IL; Priscilla Fogle Johnson, Lexington, KY; Tina Gurney, Westminster, CA; Kristin Gecan, La Grange, IL; Shannon Terry, Renton, WA.

Stephanie Hough, Ashburn, VA; Jadine Hill, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Faith O'Leary, Chicago, IL; Samantha Douglass, Estero, FL; Marian Siegel, Long Beach, CA; Joy Lowell, New Port Richey, FL; Toba M Winston, Chicago, IL; Judith C Leonard, Delray Beach, FL; Devin Anderson, Ottumwa, IA; Katharine, Chicago, IL; Victoria Hines, Chicago, IL; Jennifer E Roberts, Sterling, VA; Juliana Flint, Troy, NY; Pat Hopson, Chicago, IL; Vincent L Jackson, Southfield, MI; Brent Moore, Mantachie, MS; Jennifer Gladys, Glen Ridge, NJ; John Sandstrom, Elmhurst, IL; Christopher Henderson, Long Beach, CA; Linda Braun, Silver City, NM; Charles Hamer, Gainesville, FL; Connie Tolleson, Bullhead City, AZ; Susan Edgar-Lee, Boynton Beach, FL; Norm Caudell-Lopez, Mount Airy, NC; Drea Howenstein, Chicago, IL; Cynthia Hurt, Modesto, CA; Charlene R Vaughn-Diaz, Atlanta, GA; Lisa Kerr, Charleston, WV.

Marcelo Duran, Long Beach, CA; Amy Rittenhouse, Winthrop Harbor, IL; Jennifer Lazo, Los Angeles, CA; Genevieve Crawford, Thousand Oaks, CA; Victoria Delaney, Binghamton, NY; Larry Day, Ashburn, VA; Marianne Rampulla, Flemington, NJ; Steve Paige, Spanaway, WA; David J. Cambra, Vallejo, CA; Anne Kiefer, Penn Yan, NY; John Ballo, Bensenville, IL; Kelli Pateroster, Chicago, IL; Rachel Halper, Syosset, NY; Tonya Rusdo, Sarasota, FL; Vitalia Farias, Fall River, MA; Wise, Santa Cruz, CA; Mackenzie Dafferner, Chicago, IL; Derek King, Hartland, WI; Chloe Itoh, Long Beach, CA; M Barbosa, Long Beach, CA; Melanie Wynne, Healdsburg, CA; Jona Minor, Long Beach, CA; Kimberly White, Spring, TX; Cee Lee Foster, Holliston, MA; Jennifer, Chicago, IL; Dorian Eberly, Olympia, WA; F. Dugas, Sarasota, FL; Jane Smithson, Redwood City, CA; Garrett Thompson, Los Angeles, CA.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CONGRESSMAN G.V. "SONNY" MONTGOMERY

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, the State of Mississippi is known for many things—its magnolias, catfish, southern charm, and Sonny Montgomery. Today, August 5, is the 100th anniversary of his birth and I would like to take the opportunity to pay tribute to this legendary figure in Mississippi history.

Congressman Sonny Montgomery was a soldier, a public servant, a Veteran, and a southern gentleman. His friends called him "Mr. Veteran" and "Mr. National Guard." He loved his family, his friends, his university, his state, his country and our God.

No one could meet Sonny Montgomery and not love his infectious smile and genuine warmth. He had an easy grin that made almost everyone he encountered feel like an old and trusted friend. While he travelled around the world, everyone knew Sonny's home was Meridian, Mississippi. And Mississippians knew and loved Sonny and they will for many generations to come.

Sonny Montgomery was guided by faith and principle. His strong character and integrity endeared him to many no matter their political allegiances or social status. He was genuinely

well liked on Capitol Hill, and no one on either side of the aisle ever questioned his sincerity, his integrity, or his independence. Sonny believed that partisanship should never get in the way of what he saw was good for the nation.

His philosophy for life and leadership focused on faith, patriotism, relationships and perseverance. This is what Sonny Montgomery called “staying the course.”

After graduating from Mississippi State University in 1943, Sonny Montgomery was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He served with the 12th Armored Division in Europe during World War II and earned the Bronze Star Medal with “V” for Valor device for capturing a German machine gun nest.

After World War II, he joined the Mississippi Army National Guard. In 1951, he served on active duty again during the Korean War as a member of the 31st Infantry Division. In May 1961, as a Lieutenant Colonel, Sonny escorted a group of Freedom Riders from the Alabama border to Jackson. Our late colleague John Lewis was on that bus. Sonny retired as a major general in 1980 after 35 years of military service.

On January 3, 1967, Sonny Montgomery was sworn in as a Congressman from the district I represent today. Sonny's greatest legislative victory is the enactment of the bill which bears his name—the Montgomery GI Bill. As a World War II Veteran, he believed the country should provide educational benefits to its service members, and the combination of military service and a college degree would make these individuals valuable assets to the country. Sonny Montgomery saw the educational shortfall as a direct threat to America's military readiness and national security and used the GI Bill to reinvigorate the volunteer base of America's military.

In October 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed into law the Montgomery GI Bill. Under the new education benefits, Veterans with two years of active service who contributed \$1,200 of their own money were eligible to receive tuition payments of \$300 a month for 36 months. The new GI Bill was also the first to offer education benefits to National Guard and Reserve personnel.

Another of Sonny Montgomery's achievements was the creation of the Department of Veterans Affairs. His bipartisan efforts elevated the Veterans Administration into an official cabinet department in March 1989. President George H. W. Bush offered Montgomery the position of secretary of the new department, but he decided to continue to serve the people of Mississippi in Congress.

As freshman members of the 90th Congress, Sonny Montgomery and George H. W. Bush began a friendship that lasted until the Congressman passed away. It is said this bipartisan coalition was only challenged during their “do or die” dollar a game paddleball matches in the House gym with more bragging rights on the line. President Bush wrote, “While I served in Congress and after that in the Executive Branch of government, Sonny remained a close confidant, a man whose judgement I always trusted, a man whose friendship gave me comfort when the going got tough.” Sonny was a frequent visitor to the White House and often spent holidays with the Bush family.

Sonny Montgomery served along with the administrations of seven presidents during his

three decades in the House chamber. His legacy of public service stretches across generations and party lines and is a testament to America's strong national defense. Sonny retired from Congress in 1997 and returned to Meridian. Sonny was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George W. Bush in 2005.

Sonny Montgomery was a loyal son to Mississippi, from his birth to his passing, he was one of ours. But his work and legacy belong to America. We are all indebted to Sonny for making our great nation what it is today.

Sonny Montgomery said, “Patriotism is a pretty simple word, but also a beautiful word to most Americans.” Sonny Montgomery exemplified patriotism. The gentleman from Mississippi is recognized and remembered on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL MITCHELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call No. 178, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 178.

IN HONOR OF PASTOR JOHN POWELL

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of an incredible servant, John Powell, Senior Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church of New Caney, Texas.

After stopping on the roadside to help someone in distress, Pastor Powell was tragically killed when he was struck by a passing truck. Robert Downen, a reporter with the Houston Chronicle, wrote a very touching article about Pastor Powell's life and the example he set for others—one of selfless service. According to Robert Downen's account, Pastor Powell and a friend were driving in Sherman, Texas, when they spotted a car catch fire on the side of the road. Pastor Powell immediately stopped, grabbed his emergency kit bag and rushed to help. Just as he and his friend arrived at the scene, the brakes failed on an approaching semi-truck and it veered toward the group. Pastor Powell took decisive action and was able to push one individual out of the way, saving their life. Unfortunately, the young pastor was unable to get out of the way himself, and was killed.

Pastor Powell grew up in Kansas City, Missouri, where he knew from a young age that he wanted to pursue ministry. That desire led him to enroll in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky where he earned his Master of Divinity degree. While at the seminary, he showed his care and concern for those less fortunate and began leading worship services at local homeless shelters.

After graduation, Powell took on a challenging assignment and became the pastor of

a small Baptist church in the West Texas town of Hamlin. When later reflecting on the lessons he learned during that time, Powell said, “Success is faithfulness, even when it's hard, even when you want to give up.”

In 2016, Powell and his family moved to the Eighth Congressional District of Texas, where he established the Emmanuel Baptist Church in New Caney. Over the years, Powell grew this small church into a pillar of the community and guided his 140 members to walk in the light of the Lord, and in fellowship with one another.

Those who knew Pastor Powell remember him as bright, passionate, and warm-hearted. Many spoke of him as, “the best man [they've] ever known.” Andrew Walker, a professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, said of Powell, “In every sphere of life where he had influence, he always wielded it for the betterment of others.”

The Houston Chronicle reported that in Pastor Powell's final sermon before his death, he preached from Psalm 72, saying that, “in the poor man's distress, Christians might be there” and asked his congregation, “How could we pray that God would have compassion on those that need it while not having that compassion on them ourselves?” To those who knew him, it was no surprise that Pastor John Powell stopped on the side of a road to help someone in distress. He died as he lived—helping others. He was a man of faith and faithfulness who had compassion for others, and who willingly risked and ultimately sacrificed his own life so that others might live. He was a hero. He leaves a legacy of selfless service and compassion. His life was a true example of Christian love and sacrifice, values that we would all do well to reflect on and try to emulate.

Pastor Powell is survived by his wife, Katherine, and their four beautiful children. I join the Powell family, the Emmanuel Baptist Church, and the entire community of New Caney in mourning this tragic loss. May God bless Pastor John Powell.

HONORING THE PRINCETON ROTARY CLUB FOR THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. Kinzinger. Madam Speaker, I include the text of the following resolution in the RECORD:

Whereas, the Princeton Rotary Club was founded on April 30, 1920, in Princeton, Illinois and 2020 marks its 100th year of continual operation and service to the community; and

Whereas, Rotary International is a worldwide service organization founded in Chicago in 1905 and currently consisting of 1.2 million professional and business leaders in 33,000 clubs around the world; and

Whereas, the Rotary motto “Service Above Self” inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and

Whereas, Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which today includes the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,

UNICEF, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to help immunize more than two billion children against polio in 122 countries; and

Whereas, past and current members of the Princeton Rotary Club have contributed countless hours and resources to the improvement of the City of Princeton; and

Whereas, the Princeton Rotary Club has addressed the educational, public health, recreational, and economic needs of its community and fellow citizens; and

Whereas, the Princeton Rotary Club has declared the entire 2020 year to be one of significant and noteworthy projects in honor of its 100th Anniversary; therefore, we, the United States House of Representatives,

Resolve and wish to formally recognize the Princeton Rotary Club and their efforts to positively impact the City of Princeton and communities in need worldwide; be it further

Resolved that we and the greater Princeton community celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Princeton Rotary Club and congratulate all their Rotarians for this significant and noteworthy accomplishment.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER
TAIWAN PRESIDENT LEE TENG-HUI

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of former Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui, revered as Mr. Democracy. As the first democratically elected leader of Taiwan, Lee is an icon for democracy and pluralism to not just Taiwan, but freedom loving people around the world.

Well known for the symbolism of his election and his strong maneuvering which kept Taiwan from the grasps of the People's Republic of China, we cannot forget his extensive service to Taiwan. Beginning as mayor of Taipei, he would go on to serve as the governor of the Taiwan province and vice president before assuming the presidency in 1988.

It was from this position he would oversee the 1996 election, becoming the first democratically elected president. Even in the face of Chinese aggression, Lee preserved this advancement and upheld the integrity of his election. Today, Taiwan is a strong, key member of the global community of nations and serves as a symbol of freedom, human rights, and democracy for all.

Madam Speaker, I express my deepest condolences to the family of Lee Teng-hui and the people of Taiwan on his passing, and I encourage my colleagues to join me in celebrating his life and legacy as a beacon of democratic advancement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE
AND LEGACY OF BRUCE WATKINS, JR.

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Bruce Watkins, Jr. Mr. Watkins spent his days on Earth fighting to preserve, honor, and protect the stories of the African Americans who helped build and grow Kansas City, living a life that deserves both recognition and reflection.

Mr. Watkins was born in the time of Emmett Till and Rosa Parks, into a family with a profound and unwavering commitment to advancing the cause of civil rights in Kansas City. His father was both a co-founder and the second president of Freedom, Incorporated, Kansas City's local, Black political organization, as well as the first African American elected to the City Council of Kansas City. In 1966, his father was elected a Circuit Court Clerk, making him the first Black person elected to Jackson County government, and would later become the first African American to nearly win a KC mayoral race. As a former city council member and Kansas City's first African American Mayor, I know that the path I walk was planned, plowed, and paved by Bruce Watkins, Sr. It has been an honor to watch Bruce Watkins, Jr. valiantly carry his father's mission into the 21st century.

Mr. Watkins grew up alongside the African American Civil Rights Movement, went to Southeast High School, and then studied at University of Nevada-Las Vegas' College of Business, where he graduated in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science in Human Resources Management and Services. Thirteen years later, he would return to school to earn his Associate degree at Kansas City Kansas Community College's School of Mortuary Science, before starting his career as a funeral director.

Mr. Watkins was a keeper of stories. As a funeral director at the Watkins Brothers Me-

morial Chapel, Mr. Watkins spent thirty-one years performing the unglamorous but noble work of honoring our community's dead and supporting their grieving families. As a leading member of the Watkins Foundation, he led the campaign to have Kansas City's East Patrol Crime Lab named after prominent civil rights leader Leon Jordon, forty-five years after his assassination. As a member of Freedom, Incorporated, Mr. Watkins aided in the group's mission to register African American voters in Kansas City, elect them to local office, and ensure that the voices of Black Kansas Citizens were heard within the halls of government. And as eminent Kansas City leaders, he and his cousin Warren Watkins, Jr. fought to gain recognition for the slaves likely buried at the site of the City's new airport. Mr. Watkins was integral to that continued mission to make sure that those we welcome to our magnificent city also know of its painful past, etching a symbolic headstone of history for his ancestors whose graves remain largely unmarked.

I was proud to call Mr. Watkins a dear friend and am humbled not only by his life of service but also by the task of paying tribute to it. On this day, I wonder how to properly honor someone who spent his whole life honoring others—how one can do justice to the story of a lifelong storyteller. Perhaps, the answer lies in not only telling Mr. Watkins' story but also the stories he was passionate about preserving. When we in the Missouri 5th drive on Bruce R. Watkins Memorial Drive or pass by the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Center—when we look upon the Spirit of Freedom Fountain or drive by the Green Duck Lounge—when we tell the stories of Fred Curls or Lucile Bluford or Leon Jordon—we honor the life and work of Bruce Watkins, Jr. May God allow him to continue that work in the company of that other great storyteller, who told us all of the Sower, the Weeds, and the Mustard Seed. I think they'll get along well.

As the keeper of a history he helped make, Mr. Watkins continued a four-generation story of a family and a city that loved and challenged one another. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Bruce Watkins, Jr. Let us all seek to emulate his example by preserving the stories that tell us who we are as a people and a nation and let one of those stories be his.