

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,