

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRILLING CONTRACTORS 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC), which will celebrate its 80th anniversary in November of this year.

Since its inception in 1940, IADC has grown into one of the world's largest non-profit trade associations, now boasting over 1,000 members across six continents. Members include companies involved in oil and gas drilling, production, well servicing, oilfield manufacturing, and other rig-site services.

As the Chairman of the Oil & Gas Caucus, I am proud to recognize IADC for 80 incredible years of promoting safety and innovation and for its continued commitment to advocacy and education. By convening conferences, issuing publications, offering accreditation courses, and hosting seven Student Chapters, IADC is supporting workers and cultivating the next generation of leaders in the industry.

IADC and its members value community engagement and recognize the risks and opportunities associated with climate change and conventional energy production. IADC continues to invest in education, innovation and research to ensure its members are informed, adaptable, and responsible stewards.

Madam Speaker, for the last eight decades, the International Association of Drilling Contractors has done yeoman's work, and that deserves recognition. I am confident that this organization will continue leading the charge to fuel our world in a responsible and safe way in the decades to come.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL JON A. JENSEN

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Major General Jon A. Jensen on his appointment as Director of the Army National Guard.

Major General Jensen has led a dedicated life of service to our military and the American people. After graduating from the Northwest Missouri State University, he earned his commission from the United States Army Officer Candidate School in Fort Benning, Georgia. He has served in a variety of command and staff positions in the Iowa and Minnesota Army National Guards—including commands at all levels of Minnesota's storied 34th Red Bull Infantry Division—and earned a master's degree from the United States Army Com-

mand and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College.

Following his graduate studies, Major General Jensen served in military operations around the globe, deploying to Kuwait in 2001 as a Major, and Iraq in 2007 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He also served as Deputy Commanding General for U.S. Army Africa.

Since returning home, Major General Jensen has delivered steadfast leadership as the 31st Adjutant General of Minnesota's National Guard. While our state will feel the loss of Major General Jensen's presence, we are fortunate to see his years of dedication and service elevate him to this prestigious post.

Thank you, Major General Jensen, for your friendship and service to Minnesota. I wish you, your wife Cindy, and your entire family all the best in your new role. Our nation is safer because of you.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of my amendment to encourage the United States Postal Service Inspector General to investigate and take corrective action on serious mail delivery problems in Chicago.

For the last several years, I have heard frustrating stories from my constituents about serious deficiencies in mail delivery. These breakdowns in mail service are particularly bad in the Mt. Greenwood neighborhood in Chicago, but are also present in Beverly, Morgan Park, and Scottsdale. Many constituents have reported that they have gone days without receiving their mail, and that they have been treated disrespectfully when visiting the post office to inquire about their mail. These problems have not been rectified despite a town hall meeting I organized with USPS officials last year, and other follow on efforts.

While COVID-19 is undoubtedly a burden on USPS operations, the problems in my community have been ongoing for years. Additionally, recent media reports have indicated that poor mail delivery is not isolated within my district, but instead has impacted much of Chicago.

In these challenging times, reliable mail and package delivery is critical for our communities to function. Constituents may be expecting tax refunds, stimulus payments, prescription drugs, and forms for unemployment insurance and other assistance programs, just to name a few essential items that arrive by mail.

My amendment directs the USPS Inspector General to conduct an independent investigation since USPS has been unresponsive to my constituents' concerns. It's well past time to take action to improve mail delivery in my district and in Chicago once and for all. USPS

leadership must improve service across Chicago to restore public trust in the institution and ensure that essential items arrive on time.

REMEMBERING THE LYNCHING OF BENJAMIN THOMAS

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Benjamin Thomas, a young African American man who was lynched by an angry white mob just down the road from this Capitol in Alexandria, Virginia one hundred and twenty-one years ago. He was accused of assaulting a young white girl but was never given the chance to defend himself. During the evening of August 8, 1899, Thomas was pulled out of a city jail by a large crowd. He was bound with a rope and dragged six blocks to a lamppost on the corner of King and Fairfax Street. He was then stripped of his clothes and hanged. Before dispersing, the mob proceeded to shoot his body several times. No one was ever charged for this heinous crime.

The lynching of Benjamin Thomas is only one of 86 documented lynchings committed in Virginia between 1880 and 1930. These acts of premeditated violence were deliberate attempts by whites to terrorize and control black populations across the state. While the local black community of Alexandria was outraged in the wake of Thomas' death, fear of additional white violence prevented any further action. This was often the case, as members of these mobs rarely faced any consequences for their actions, or worse were implicitly or explicitly supported by members of law enforcement.

It is incumbent on all of us, particularly those born into privilege, to remember this shameful episode of our history and others like it. In doing so, we are better able to see the continuous chain of racially motivated violence against black Americans that spans our nation's history. We can truly honor the memory of Benjamin Thomas along with the countless number of named and unnamed victims of racial violence by seeking justice for all Americans and working to build a more inclusive society.

HONORING VICTORY OVER JAPAN DAY AND THE WORK OF THE HILLMAN VFW POST 2356

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the observance of Victory over Japan (V-J) Day and the efforts of VFW Post 2356 in Hillman, Michigan.

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On August 15, 1945, Imperial Japan surrendered to Allied forces in the Pacific—effectively bringing an end to the hostilities of World War II. More than 150,000 American Servicemembers died in the Pacific Theater of WWII, including many Michiganders. Victory over Japan Day honors their sacrifice and celebrates the victory they helped ensure. In honor of V-J Day, VFW Post 2356 in Hillman, Michigan, hosts an annual community celebration. This celebration has been held for the past 75 years and includes a breakfast for local Veterans and parade—making Hillman the only town in Michigan that still celebrates the occasion with a parade. By coming together to honor those who stood up to defend and to serve, the people of Michigan's First District can ensure that their sacrifice is never forgotten.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the men and women who helped ensure victory in the Pacific Theater of World War II, and in thanking the Hillman VFW Post 2356 for its efforts to ensure their sacrifice and devotion to our nation is never forgotten.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EVAN BATH OF OAK CREEK

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to remember the life, service, and sacrifice of Private First Class Evan Bath of Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

Pfc. Bath grew up wanting to serve our country and become a Marine. Evan's mother, Aleta, said he enjoyed typical hobbies for a teenager: drawing, playing video games, and studying his ancestry. However, unlike most his age, Evan answered a higher call—the call to service. After attending Oak Creek High School and graduating from Connections Academy, Bath joined the U.S. Marine Corps. Pfc. Bath was stationed at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California when he lost his life during a naval exercise on an amphibious assault vehicle.

At only 19, Private First Class Bath displayed courage, strength, and a sense of duty beyond his years.

Those who knew Evan said he was a loyal, loving, and caring man. Pfc. Bath is a hero.

His bravery, dedication, and love of country will never be forgotten.

Pfc. Bath's mother, Aleta, said her son died doing what he loved—protecting his country.

Evan embodied true selflessness and patriotism.

Our nation will be forever grateful for Pfc. Bath's sacrifice.

On behalf of Wisconsin's First Congressional District, I thank Private First Class Evan Bath for his service and pray for his family and friends. We will never forget.

HONORING TANNERS TEAM SPORTS AS A FOURTH DISTRICT HERO

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional work of Tanners Team Sports in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The local company stepped up to the plate during COVID-19, transitioning the production of their famed baseball and pickleball products into developing high-quality face masks.

As an economic shutdown approached, the cancellation of the spring baseball season put Tanners' peak shipping season on hold. While many businesses shut down, Tanners got creative with a way to move forward, keep local jobs available and support the health and well-being of the communities around them.

Owner Vince Signorelli and his staff worked tirelessly with their existing network to create a mask that would not only meet the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's protection recommendations, but also allow athletes to wear and still perform. Within just three weeks of planning and design, Tanners and their in-house clothing brand, Vulcan Sporting Goods, had these masks in production and distribution.

This team of Fourth District citizens are heroes who have battled the COVID-19 pandemic directly. It is my hope that all Arkansans will see the value of their labor. Mr. Signorelli said it best when he said, "I can't help but marvel at how the American Spirit is alive and well right here in Hot Springs, Arkansas."

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF THE REVEREND DOCTOR NATHANIEL EDMOND OF THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF ELGIN

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the upcoming retirement of the Reverend Doctor Nathaniel Edmond of the Second Baptist Church of Elgin, and to commend his many decades of service to our community. Pastor Nate can begin the next chapter of his life secure in the knowledge that he built a foundation of spiritual leadership that continues to support the youth he mentored, the local entrepreneurs he advised, and the faithful who found comfort in his ministry.

Pastor Nate began his professional life at Alcoa Corporation, rising to a position of high executive leadership. Although committed to excellence in his chosen career, Pastor Nate found time to assist his church, serving as an Associate Minister, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, spiritual advisor to several church organizations, and coach of many church sports teams. After 31 years in the world of business, Pastor Nate answered a call to the ministry, and on February 20, 2000 was installed as Pastor of Second Baptist Church.

Under his stewardship, Second Baptist Church delivered strong moral leadership and

tended to the needs of communities devastated by poverty, disaster, famine and disease. Under his guidance, the church partnered with local schools to mentor at-risk youth, and led initiatives including the Prison Ministry, "Operation Joshua" street ministry, and SAFE Ministry (to break the often multi-generational cycle of domestic violence). In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Second Baptist Church rallied to aid families rendered homeless by the storm's devastation, and in 2007, as part of its effort to support the ongoing ministry of World Vision, extended its compassion to the people of Africa, helping to build a housing complex for teachers in Tanzania, and pledging continuing monetary support to over 130 Tanzanian children.

This ever-expanding circle of service to others was accompanied by growth in Second Baptist's membership. Pastor Nate can take great satisfaction in the organization that will continue after his retirement, a structure that has evolved in size and sophistication enabling 32 active ministries to flourish and attend to its members' spiritual needs. He can rest easy knowing that under his leadership, Second Baptist Church acquired and constructed a campus sufficient to serve its community for years to come.

Pastor Nate's ministry extended well beyond his church. He served on boards or in other capacities for many important organizations in the Elgin area, including the Alignment Collaborative for Education, Advocate Sherman Hospital, the United Way, Judson University, U-46 School District, the NAACP of Greater Elgin, and the African-American Christian Minister's Alliance. He has been honored for his work by the Rotary Club of Elgin and received the Partner in Peace Award from the Community Crisis Center for Domestic Violence, the City of Elgin's Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award, the Lasting Impact Award from Elgin Community College, and the Boys and Girls Club of Elgin Distinguished Citizen Award.

For 26 years, Pastor Nate has ministered to his community and guided a vibrant congregation whose love and generosity reached far beyond its church walls. While he may be ending his service as Pastor, I know Pastor Nate will continue his life's work of service to others. On behalf of the people of Illinois and all Americans, I wish Pastor Nate and his family great happiness and fulfillment in the journey ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MIAMI BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce for its 100th anniversary.

The Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce has reached a monumental milestone this year, helping local businesses flourish for an entire century. The Chamber is a valued organization in our South Florida community, boasting a membership network upwards of 1,000 businesses. Between providing industry-specific advice, hosting monthly networking events, and offering informational seminars

and council meetings, the Chamber helps businesses gain exposure and promote their services.

In addition to its contributions to the South Florida business community, the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce has made a lasting impact on countless children in Miami Beach. Through the Miami Beach Chamber Education Foundation, the organization has provided a number of kids with educational opportunities and access to medical care through scholarships and grants to students and teachers in Miami Beach.

I am pleased to extend my congratulations to the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce as it marks its 100th year of service. I am grateful for all this organization has done for our South Florida community and I look forward to its work in the coming years.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF JOHN W. RUFFIN, JR.

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of my dear friend and fraternity brother, John W. Ruffin, Jr. John was a natural born leader who understood the importance of education and his duty to give back to the community. He passed away peacefully on Friday, July 24, 2020, surrounded by his loving family.

John first moved to South Florida in 1980 as an executive with Food Fair/Pantry Pride, Inc. His entrepreneurial spirit always drove him to start his own businesses. He made this dream a reality when, in 1986, he and his business partner purchased WRBD, establishing the first black-owned radio station in South Florida. John and his wife, Dottie, fanned a partnership with a travel retailer and to this day operate shops throughout Florida, while also providing consultation services to new businesses.

As a philanthropist, John tirelessly advocated for a number of community and civic groups. As Chairman of the United Negro College Fund, he helped raise more than two million dollars in scholarships for Broward County students. He also served as the Chairman of the Urban League of Broward County, and Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Florida Memorial University. As Chairman and Board Member of the Internet Coast Initiative Council he helped to provide high tech access to underserved communities in South Florida. John's dedication to helping those less fortunate is inspiring and his presence in South Florida will be missed.

Madam Speaker, John always gave back to the community, earning him numerous awards. He truly was selfless and determined to make a difference in the lives he touched. I extend my heartfelt condolences to John's family and friends, during this extremely sad time. John's legacy and loving memory will always live on. He will be dearly missed.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of my amendment to redirect an additional \$25 million within the Department of Energy Office of Science to increase support for the Argonne Leadership Computing Facility.

The Argonne Leadership Computing Facility is at a critical moment as it prepares for the 2021 deployment of Aurora, the first exascale computer in the United States if not the world. As planned, Aurora will be able to perform one quintillion, or one billion billion, operations per second.

My amendment will allow America to reach this goal. Argonne's Leadership Computing Facility needs the additional funds to cover increased cost of High-Bandwidth Memory, which will be necessary to reach and sustain exascale computing performance. Without additional funding to support Aurora's memory, the entire exascale project is at risk, and the resulting smaller machine will not be able to perform all of the powerful computations planned.

If fully funded, America will remain competitive in the global supercomputing race. Additionally, our scientists will gain a powerful tool for research in drug discovery, energy production, materials science, and additive manufacturing.

It is an economic and national security imperative that the United States maintains leadership in supercomputing by developing an exascale computer as planned. I ask my colleagues to support this amendment.

CITIZEN COSPONSORS OF THE
GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 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 Justice in Policing 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:

Claudia DeRubeis, Palm Beach Gardens, FL; Tairay Skolnick, Oxnard, CA; Bella Gottlieb, Chicago, IL; Maggie Hollennan, Chicago, IL; Kathryn Pensgard-Trevino, Harwood Heights, IL; Lisa Sullivan, Chicago, IL; Elizabeth Jackson, Norfolk, VA; Alexis Holmes, Lawrenceville, GA; Ann Phillips, Chicago, IL; Elizabeth Lycans, Blissfield, MI; Cherene Saradar, Chantilly, VA; Vicki Jean Bonham, Tulsa, OK; Diane Dresdale, Summit, NJ; Ruth A Harris, Houston, TX; Candace Derbyshire, Indianapolis, IN; Zachariah Oquenda, Hayward, CA; Dr. Nely Navas

de Rentas, Chicago, IL; Margaret Williams, Stockton, CA; Gwen Macchione, Whitehouse Station, NJ; Sara Novak, Chiago, IL; James Donegan, Portland, OR; Mike Tucker, Long Beach, CA.

Jim Simonis, Chicago, IL; Tangie Scales, Mechanicsville, MD; Megan Calderon, Chicago, IL; Emily Drexler, Chicago, IL; Geoffrey Detweiler, Chantilly, VA; Robin Johnson, Portland, OR; John Lalich, Long Beach, CA; Kerry Sandler, Stevens Point, WI; Anne Kupillas, Long Beach, CA; Willis Johnson, Santa Monica, CA; Elliot Ransom, Chicago, IL; Claudia, Wilmette, IL; Bev Vanderstar, Geneva, FL; Melissa Diaz-Viera, Arlington Heights, IL; Paul, Stanton, CA; Chelsea Witmer, Chalfont, PA; Mimi, Dallas, TX; Glenda M. Loveless, Succasunna, NJ; Tiana Schlottman, Chicago, IL; Tiffany Alvarez-Thurman, Dallas, TX; Pamela Wilson, Manassas, VA; Terri Freedman, Los Angeles, CA; Wade Buchanan, Chicago, IL; Breanne Lee, Cypress, CA.

Jon Kelly, Hardy, VA; Spencer Williams, Plano, TX; Julia Sarr, Manassas, VA; Kael Lalonde, Long Beach, CA; Suzanne Freiberg, Newbury Park, CA; Joannie Weisberger, New York, NY; Leslie Davis, Long Beach, CA; Chaz Shields, Long Beach, CA; Omar Rodriguez, San Pedro, CA; Kayla Bell, Los Angeles, CA; Mark Henderson, Hillside, IL; Mary A Carroll, Chicago, IL; Joe Campbell, Washington, DC; Mary Sullivan, Huntington Beach, CA; ERIKA Applewhite, Glenn Dale, MD; Michael Ross Kupillas, Delray Beach, FL; Emily Hector, Fort Mill, SC; Thomas, Bell Gardens, CA; Kathryn S, Ashburn, VA; Amy Owen, Chicago, IL; Maggie Nakachi, Chicago, IL.

William Grier, Melrose Park, IL; Deborah, Chicago, IL; George F. Barnes, Jersey City, NJ; Shannon Sewell, Ladson, SC; Rebecca Lyric Taylor, Chicago, IL; Aaron Clark, Stephenson, VA; Pamela Sevoian, Signal Hill, CA; Stacey Bagnoli, Saint Simons Island, GA; Grisel Q, Streamwood, IL; Jamie Kavanagh, Western Springs, IL; Kyle Deasy, Chicago, IL; Ruth Harris, Chicago, IL; Kenny Hyman, Lanham, MD; Harkiran Kaur, Fairfax, VA; Laurel Kent, Great Falls, VA; Genevieve Burke, Chicago, IL; Terrance Reece, Ellerbe, NC; Jasmyn, Henrico, VA; JoAnne Conroy, Chicago, IL; Jessica Rooney, Chicago, IL; Lynne McClintock, Flemington, NJ.

Pam Schmoll, Burke, VA; Jessica Going, Glendale, CA; Virginia D Sivigny, Burke, VA; Kim Souers, Chicago, IL; Katie Hertsch, Redondo Beach, CA; Margarita Brown, Fairfax, VA; Sarah Moyer, Chicago, IL; Andrew Baldwin, Chicago, IL; Christina Malzenski, Chicago, IL; Sifredo Rivera, Chicago, IL; Janet Lipner, Chicago, IL; Robert Green, Chicago, IL; Laurel Beason, Carrollton, TX; Sarah Coulter, Chicago, IL; MJ Dorris, La Grange Park, IL; Larry Levy, Chicago, IL; Monika sythor, Niles, IL; Cindy Budek, Chicago, IL; Mary Manching, Chicago, IL; Tammy, Salem, VA; Elizabeth Peters, Chicago, IL; Leslie Holston, Brandywine, MD; Rebecca Jackson, New York, NY; Jacqueline Patterson, Chicago, IL; Joan Coffman, Medonough, GA.

Amber Kelly, Hardy, VA; Julianne Litzkow, Chicago, IL; Pamela Cappello, Sewell, NJ; Neil, Chicago, IL; Stacy, Chicago, IL; Melanie L Wiley, Chicago, IL; Ross Henderson, Chicago, IL; Francis Anderson, Greenbelt, MD; Jabbar Holston, Brandywine, MD; Elise Hayden, Chicago, IL; Matthew Christopher Janicki, Chicago, IL; Kathryn Burdett, Garden City, NY; Janet Mroczek, Chicago, IL; Daneen Jachino, Chicago, IL; Meg Hayde, Chicago, IL; Julia Rohde, Bethesda, MD; Theresa Hush, Chicago, IL; John Mio, Chicago, IL; Rev Carolyn Bavaro, Chicago, IL; Del Lausa, Seattle, WA; John Hermansen, Catharpin, VA.

Michael Foy Sr, Mantua, NJ; Ariana, Mc Lean, VA; Gerald Owen Jacobson, Valencia, CA; Michael D. Thornton, Sr., Fairfax Station, VA; Lariena Matthews, Clinton, MD; Gloria Nlewedim, Raleigh, NC; Katie Mcavoy, Chicago, IL; Marguerite Rietz, Blaine, WA; Richard Hernandez, Kirkland, WA; Bethany Rafferty, Chesapeake, VA; Bernard Wheeler, Olympia, WA; Nadia Reigna Silver, Kenmore, WA; Ann Pryich, Mount Vernon, WA; Logan Gulley, Garden Grove, CA; Rachel Soto, Burlington, WA; Michael Derming, Kirkland, WA; Vicki Atkinson, Simpsonville, SC; Pamela Smith, Chicago, IL; Summer Cushman, Custer, WA; Lori D, Bothell, WA; Yasmeen Bankole, Hanover Park, IL; Stephen Morrissey, Woodinville, WA.

Lynell CS Abbott, Lovettsville, VA; Teresa Calene, Wenatchee, WA; Joan Ullin, Ferndale, VA; Ranae F Kopet, Meridian, ID; Cheryl MacGregor, Kirkland, WA; Mike Roze, Kirkland, WA; Jan Dawson, Blaine, WA; Bev Paul, Chicago, IL; Claire St. Hilaire, Everett, WA; Subhaker Satyanarayan, Fairfax Station, VA; Joseph Albert, Long Beach, CA; Caryn Taylor-Fiebig, Snohomish, WA; Russ Hopler, Fairfax, VA; Dave Reinert, Elgin, IL; Michelle Pomada, Bothell, WA; Brittany Miles, Kirkland, WA; Jan Dietzen, Bellingham, WA; Amy Mower, Maple Falls, WA; Dan Jacobson, Bothell, WA; Debbie Thorn, Kirkland, WA; Patrick Mulcahey, Concrete, WA.

Craig Miller, Kirkland, WA; Sarah Schaefer, Snoqualmie, WA; James Schuman, Sawyer, MI; Lee Bravener, Blaine, WA; Abigail Kennedy, Bellingham, WA; Malinda Larkin, Elk Grove Village, IL; Maya Sherman, Allen, TX; Kevin Deus, Kirkland, WA; Sara Bhakti, Kirkland, WA; Kimberly Dominguez-Bananco, Federal Way, WA; Bonnie Berry, Kirkland, WA; Tom McNeely, Bellingham, WA; Jeri Lannert, Chicago, IL; John Heller, Chicago, IL; Julie Ha, Garden Grove, CA; Kenneth Ennor, Snohomish, WA; Katherine Yamasaki, Gold Bar, WA; Patricia A Weber, Hinsdale, IL; Marc Hoffman, Duvall, WA; Bennie W Rawson, Mount Vernon, WA.

S. Reed, Edmonds, WA; Shonie Frederick-Hannah, Ferndale, WA; John Walden, Bellingham, WA; Piali Roy, Wheaton, IL; Karen Shively-Sanders, Redmond, WA; Christina Semak, Redmond, WA; Lynn Poepp, Elmwood Park, IL; Ryan Shields, Greensboro, NC; Bill Scoggan, Chicago, IL; Stephanie Anderson, Westminster, CA; Jerrod Gonzales, Kenmore, WA; Joline Bettendorf, Mount Vernon, WA; Tom Ollerenshaw, Redmond, WA; Melinda Harlow, Long Beach, CA; Julia Cohen, Lake Stevens, WA; Marilynn Snider, Chicago, IL; Brian Walker, Chester, VA; Ellen Murphy, Bellingham, WA; Elaine, Ashburn, VA; Sarah Sanchez, Chicago, IL.

Kevin O'Donnell, Rockville, MD; Stephanie McMillenSherry, Lake Stevens, WA; Terry Parham, Waldorf, MD; Abhi Sanjay Patel, Bloomington, IL; Kim Birum, Duvall, WA; Mitchell, Chicago, IL; Daniela Birch, Bothell, WA; Carlos J. Zapata, Chicago, IL; Babette Holland, Croton On Hudson, NY; Akiba Green, Sacramento, CA; Kenneth Marsh, Redmond, WA; Steve Kofahl, Everett, WA; Jess Dudley, Chicago, IL; Bill Elsner, Palatine, IL; Bill Brennan, Chicago, IL; Jane Ehrenstrom, Schaumburg, IL; Kira Lemke, Bothell, WA; Michael Cygan, Barrington, IL; Kem and Etta Hunter, Index, WA; Adrien Starks, Capitol Heights, MD.

Antoine Faisandier, Bellevue, WA; Robyn Rydzak, Woodinville, WA; Carlos J. Caguiat, Redmond, WA; Angela Kugler, Kenmore, WA; Angela Compton, Kenmore, WA; Lori McConnell, Snohomish, WA; Ivonne Headley, Sterling, VA; Renee Diaz, Chico, CA; Oscar Urbina, Haymarket, VA; Terri Dayton, Kirkland, WA; McCayla Butler, Kirkland,

WA; The Rev. Dr. James S. Rettig, Woodinville, WA; Jeff Small, Pleasant Hill, CA; Jan Rettig, Woodinville, WA; Neha Dakwala-Shah, Chicago, IL; Ashlie Kennedy, Pateros, WA; Kristin Cooperstock, Waldorf, MD; Jason Black, Redmond, WA; Aldorra Sablan, Livermore, CA; Allison Raymond, Redmond, WA.

Jennifer, Seattle, WA; Taylor Chase, Costa Mesa, CA; Willie L. Carter Jr., Newport News, VA; Megan Lomasney, Huntington Beach, CA; Katie Furtivo, Los Angeles, CA; Cole Lantz, Brea, CA; Michelle, Everett, WA; Susan Andres, Los Angeles, CA; Nicole Colvin, Puyallup, WA; GloriGa Kelm, Stephenson, VA; Sherry Scanza, Ithaca, NY; Koren Zelek, Chicago, IL; Jennifer Bouquot, South Windsor, CT; Sandra Gwynn, Lusby, MD; Joe Yuan-Yin wu, Derwood, MD; Amy Nathan, Chicago, IL; Andrew VanZyvteld, Grand Rapids, MI; Dorothy Jordan, Lynden, WA; JoAnn Jensen, Bothell, WA; Nora Linderoth, Bothell, WA; Lynette Apley, Kirkland, WA.

Nicola Bennett, Everett, WA; Holly Pfeiffer, Santa Monica, CA; Robert Kolp, Kirkland, WA; Bruce Remy, Everson, WA; David Gray, Charlotte, NC; Jacqueline Zamarripa, Bowie, MD; Rayna Hwynn, Bothell, WA; Maureen, Westport, CT; Mike J Cochran, Redmond, WA; Caitlyn, Panama City Beach, FL; Juan Peralez, Lynnwood, WA; Kierstyn Piotrowski Zolfo, Newtown, PA; Naomi Carroll, Houston, TX; Paul Crumrine, Skokie, IL; Carli Naff, Brooklyn, NY; Julianne Fountain, Sonora, CA; Kimberly Cisneros-Gill, Bronx, NY; Caleb Ashley, Ann Arbor, MI; Katharine Olla, Astoria, NY; Jenny Rodriguez, New York, NY; Adele Wegner, Chicago, IL.

Evan Feinstein, Brooklyn, NY; Stella Deng, Corona, NY; Rachel Ann O'Donovan, Chicago, IL; Tanya Howe, Bronx, NY; Maia Ruiz, Chicago, IL; Emily Wolfman, Brookfield, IL; Amy Boatman, Chicago, IL; Melissa Thande, Seattle, WA; Rhonda Eldridge, Vienna, VA; Colleen P first, Redondo Beach, CA; Hannah Silver, Chicago, IL; Kimberly Coulombe, Worcester, MA; Scott Richter, Irvington, NY; Angie Grigsby, Long Beach, CA; Sarah Greet, New York, NY; Emma Knoke, Vienna, VA; Catherine Selby, Chicago, IL; Caroline Correa, Bellingham, WA; Kimberly Warriah, Kenmore, WA; Topi Viljamaa, Duvall, WA.

Sandeep Kanumuri, Sammamish, WA; Jean Hendry, White Plains, NY; Sally Bright, Tacoma, WA; Krista Wilson, New City, NY; Joan Harvey, Boulder, CO; Alexander Hershman, Pomona, NY; Marta Renzi, Nyack, NY; Lucky Hernandez, Pomona, NY; Julie Watt Faqir, Holliston, MA; Christine Suh, Long Beach, CA; Annea Lockwood, Crompond, NY; Jean Marie Naples, Suffern, NY; Julia Vasiliauskas, Duvall, WA; Neil Smith, Port Republic, MD; Elinor Liberman, San Francisco, CA; Mathias Ruiz, Elmwood Park, IL; Toni Coward, Bowie, MD; Sakinah Campbell, Peekskill, NY; Ruth Jacqueline Maul, Herndon, VA; Filomena McVey, Kenmore, WA; Jason Malig, South San Francisco, CA; Jemaine Pearson, Folsom, CA; Melissa Jakubik, Apo, AE; L Sass, San Jose, CA.

Twyla Chase, White Plains, MD; Ivana Skuljevic, Chicago, IL; Colton Davis, Evansston, IL; Paul+ Sanderson, Pawcatuck, CT; Monica Dietrich, Ossining, NY; Tracie Lindgren-Rakus, Duvall, WA; America Salomon, Chicago, IL; Maria Imperial, Tuckahoe, NY; Dionne McGlothlin, Chantilly, VA; Ruth Dunnell, Chicago, IL; Valerie Potjeau, Chicago, IL; Stephanie Lizza, Seattle, WA; Elaine Spears, San Antonio, TX; Julie Krause, Chicago, IL; Joan Dunham, Glenside, PA; Cal Reinert, Crystal Lake, IL; Molly E Sender, Chicago, IL; Jennifer Nielsen, Brooklyn, NY; Jessica Moskowitz,

Scarsdale, NY; Daisy, Long Beach, CA; Arianna, Long Beach, CA.

Gemma Williams, Costa Mesa, CA; Melissa Matarrese, Chicago, IL; Isabela Rega, Portland, OR; Allie Niese, Chicago, IL; Rita Parker, Lees Summit, MO; Richard L. Williams, Kansas City, MO; K Starr, Fort Lee, NJ; Sherry Lomax, Independence, MO; Tammy Shogan, Smyrna, DE; Connie Stewart, Kansas City, MO; Steven Davis, Snohomish, WA; Kimberly Davis, Snohomish, WA; Kate Kuleva, Buffalo Grove, IL; Eduardo De La Rosa, Sanger, CA; Derick Mitchell, Clinton, MD; Erin Strybis, Chicago, IL; Charles V Vitale, Kansas City, MO; Ben Kamens, Washington, DC; Rabbi Elisa Koppel, Wilmington, DE; Amber Michalski, Augusta, KS.

Elizabeth Hubbard, Chicago, IL; Colin Laws, Newark, DE; Megan Petersen, Chula Vista, CA; Lynn DeBroeck, Snohomish, WA; Kelly Myers, Belton, MO; Amy Blessinger, La Plata, MD; Kathleen Jones, Chicago, IL; Anne Henry, Seattle, WA; Gabriella, Houston, TX; Nikole Boshonek, Leesburg, VA; TC Skeels, Sedro Woolley, WA; Kim Hoffmann Fuller, Kansas City, MO; Kelly Rinehart, Sedro Woolley, WA; Heidi Bush, Evanston, IL; Nour Abada, Lexington, KY; Susan Schutz Ferson, La Grange Park, IL; Denise R Pinder, Owings, MD; Beverly Smith, New York, NY; Elizabeth Mora, Los Angeles, CA; Judy Pollock, Evanston, IL; Matt Miller, Chicago, IL; Navneal Mangat, Everett, WA; Cara Francis, Brooklyn, NY; Katie Rose, College Park, MD.

Patricia Graham, Chicago, IL; Kellie Burd, Lees Summit, MO; Darnell Martin, New Castle, DE; Tracey Wilder, Virginia Beach, VA; Kathleen Shanahan, Chicago, IL; Daniel Collins, Chicago, IL; Dee Moore, Kansas City, MO; Lona Tucker, Long Beach, CA; Carron Whittaker, Austin, TX; Angela Colon, Wilmington, NC; Hoyte Carelock III, Clinton, MD; Jacoby Anderson, Excelsior Springs, MO; Cora Weiss, Chicago, IL; Aaron Weiss, Chicago, IL; Adrienne Eltink, Chicago, IL; Ramzi Khoursheed, Mc Lean, VA; Patrick O'Brien, Ballwin, MO; Deborah Alley, Clayton, DE; Jann Merithew, Lake Forest, CA; Eric Thompson, Bozeman, MT.

Tim Thrasher, Gainesville, GA; Minna Greene, Chicago, IL; Adrian Monclova, Santa Barbara, CA; Kyle Reed, Lindale, TX; Malena Hughes, Sonora, CA; Christina Andrews, San Francisco, CA; Diane Nero, Richmond, VA; Ezekiel Torres, Shirley, NY; Geordan Stewart, Broomfield, CO; Elizabeth Stewart, New York, NY; Deborah Kent, Stuart, FL; Faisal Haque, Chicago, IL; April Clayborne, Roanoke, VA; Julia, Chula Vista, CA; Rachael McDonald, Los Angeles, CA; Lisa Lundstrom, Fairview, TN; Megan Leigh, Corona, CA; Deneen Cottman, Wilmington, DE; Rachel Juliano, Purcellville, VA; Sheila Ondrachek, Oak Park, IL; Boris Chekanoff, Cape Coral, FL; Ipsita Chatterjea, Dundee, IL; Margaret Lang, Salinas, CA; Brian Gingrich, Chicago, IL.

Jeanne Wingate, Bedford, TX; Carlos Murillo, El Paso, TX; Job Stinson, Moreno Valley, CA; Kate Habegger, Wilmington, DE; Stuart Reid, Arlington Heights, IL; Patti Clower, Lombard, IL; Arsima Araya, Carol Stream, IL; Ramón Delgados, New York, NY; Kathleen Eaton, Southern Pines, NC; Jaime Syvino, Lombard, IL; Jessica Cardella, Lombard, IL; Jillian Sandoval, New Orleans, LA; Amanda Staley, Carol Stream, IL; Janna Piersma, Villa Park, IL; Jill Olenski, Glen Ellyn, IL; Elisabeth True, Lombard, IL; Paul Melson, Champlin, MN; Lisa kuban, Lombard, IL; Janice Brown, Las Vegas, NV; Kim Rothrock, New York, NY.

Katrina McLaughlin, Fox River Grove, IL; August Kersten, Lacey, WA; James Van Horne, Ball Ground, GA; Reynaldo De Leon

Jr., Chicago, IL; Bahilya McFadden, Philadelphia, PA; Natalie DeJesus, Bronx, NY; Jerome Jackson, New York, NY; Anita Ehlers, Barrington, IL; Maureen Fudger, Lisle, NY; Kelly, Hertford, NC; Larry Mefford, Beaverton, OR; Brandon V. Brooklyn, NY; Sarah Self, Lombard, IL; Rev. Stacey Wilson, Fulton, MD; Diane, Darien, IL; Gabrielle Kubi, Manassas, VA; Elizabeth Hernandez, Chicago, IL; Jeanne Rene Evans, Placerville, CA; Mark Hawley, Sucasunna, NJ; John Murphy, Seattle, WA; Jason Thoennes, Seattle, WA; Amy Suter, Renton, WA.

Soma Umeozulu, Clarksville, MD; Paul Mick, Marcus Hook, PA; Bonnie S Spinazze, Chicago, IL; Caraline Jeffrey, Lawrence, MA; Meret Shannon, Decatur, GA; Adam Berk, West Bloomfield, MI; Christine Cornell, Wexford, PA; Alex Gilbert, Decatur, GA; Alexandra Rivera, Aliso Viejo, CA; Emily Jackson, Fullerton, CA; Roz Coates, Washington, DC; Misty O'Healy, Carlsbad, CA; Linda Settle, Stone Mountain, GA; Ace Gleeson, Decatur, GA; Kara Coryell, Stone Mountain, GA; Alicia Norton, Decatur, GA; Adam W Galatioto, Avondale Estates, GA; Jay Mehta, Overland Park, KS; Tracy Blake, Woodbridge, VA; Karen Eidem, Kailua Kona, HI; Angela, San Carlos, CA; Kimberly Fennell, Garnerville, NY; Elizabeth Harper, Sonora, CA.

Thomas White, Chicago, IL; Mikaela Larson, Denver, CO; Sarah Neczwid, Des Plaines, IL; Alan Vande Kop, Des Moines, IA; Sarah Erickson, Decatur, GA; Grant Pacernick, Buffalo Grove, IL; Nicholas Hawkins, Grand Prairie, TX; Cory Lee, Portland, OR; Lorena Pereira, Warrenville, IL; Dawn Harvey, Littleton, CO; Lucas, Stillwater, MN; Jancy Jefferson, Albuquerque, NM; Danielle Kimball-Smith, Eugene, OR; Christina, Albuquerque, NM; Bernadette O'Hanlon, Hackensack, NJ; Brianna Bennett, Hull, MA; Brandon Kelly, Valrico, FL; Katherine Ward, Keene, NH; Timothy Adams, Santa Clara, CA; Tina Cowan, Portland, OR; Amy Axtell, Kansas City, MO; Jamie Doherty, Chicago, IL; Odette Delahanty, Santa Cruz, CA; Donna Derewianyk, Saddle Brook, NJ; Mike Linksvayer, Emeryville, CA.

Shayla Rawley, Dobson, NC; Mary Elizabeth Clark, Madison, WI; Ronit Sanders, Seattle, WA; Kameo Pickett, Missoula, MT; Timothy Craig, San Francisco, CA; Tim Jones, Austin, TX; Randall G Vincent, Hanover, IL; Kristin Haynie, Mason, MI; Robyn Anne Bitzkie, Wimberley, TX; Melanie Hauf, Fort Mill, SC; Paula Gentry, Saint Louis, MO; Abby, Arlington, TX; Kimberley Smith, Murrieta, CA; Teri Mitchell, Colorado Springs, CO; June Prestin, Menomonee Falls, WI; Francine Scoboria, Oley, PA; JONATHAN e Starks, Germantown, MD; Makya Jordan, Austin, TX; Linda Lee, Union City, OH; Judi Chelotti, Tacoma, WA; Christy, New Orleans, LA.

Robert Kelly, Montgomery, AL; Robert Lambert, Austin, TX; Shannon McElwee, Annapolis, MD; Joshua Baker, Eugene, OR; Lisa Boeving-Learned, Jackson Center, PA; Sandra Boeving-Learned, Jackson Center, PA; Sherrie, Los Angeles, CA; Sarah Butterfield, Boston, MA; Madison Lee, Detroit, MI; Corriane, Austell, GA; Lisa Welk-Goodings, Waukesha, WI; Lucianne Hackbert, Seattle, WA; Isabella Cunningham, Miami, FL; Sarah Pretz, Greenbelt, MD; Kelsey McCune, Clayton, NC; Rebecca Schroeder, Gambrills, MD; Henry Edwards, San Antonio, TX.

Saha Guerrero, Brooklyn, NY; Michael Schulman, Rockville, MD; Kirsten, Bowie, MD; Raymond Ashkenazie, Brooklyn, NY; P.G. Rockwell, Baltimore, MD; Erin Tiedeman, Wisconsin Dells, WI; Joshua Richards, Washington, DC; Marcela Bennett, Brooklyn, NY; Catherine A Marron, Columbia, MD; Craig Gift, Foothill Ranch, CA; Chloe Lohmeyer, Chicago, IL; Ali Ehlen, Chi-

cago, IL; Tiffany Arrizabalaga, Riverside, CA; Paula Rouse, Waldorf, MD; Courtney Henley, Brooklyn, NY; Mary Copeland, Alameda, CA; Nailah Chambers, Bowie, MD; Anna Wilson, Lusby, MD; Bridgette Davis, Oxon Hill, MD; Gabriel Hicks, Oldtown, MD.

Martha Walker, Concord, CA; Jennifer Eiland, Mesa, AZ; Mukunda Joshi, West Hartford, CT; Susan Trantules, Fayetteville, PA; Jenifer, Morris Plains, NJ; Catherine Wisenor, Spokane, WA; Richard Lockett, Las Vegas, NV; Tyla Young, Piscataway, NJ; Alex Guzman, Northampton, PA; Frances Donegan-Ryan, Seattle, WA; Lisa McNulty, Allston, MA; Dessy Murphy, Seaside, CA; Anthony Westbrook, Benton, AR; Tanya Isley, Greensboro, NC; Kristie Yeung, New York, NY; Karl Pinkard, Los Angeles, CA; Michael Honig, Gaithersburg, MD; Meghan Wasserman, Bronx, NY; Kayla Eisenberg, Brooklyn, NY; Scott Wasserman, Bronx, NY; Jan Driver, Kansas City, MO; Will Bond, New York, NY; Jacqueline Grubelnik, Hood River, OR.

Bailey Christeson, Kansas City, MO; J. Leo Sadauskas, Clearwater, FL; Allyn Donigian, Aromas, CA; Jillian Vaughn, Saint Louis, MO; Maryjo Osowski, La Grange Park, IL; Diane Rinaldo, New York, NY; Alexis Gunderson, Upper Marlboro, MD; Paul, Kirkland, WA; Suzanne Rosemarin, Portland, OR; Danny Estrada, Keller, TX; Chris Blaylock, San Mateo, CA; Chris Fancher, Round Rock, TX; Cynthia Wyatt, Damascus, OR; Donna M Denys-Peck, Riverbank, CA; Mary Ernest, Mchenry, IL; Lori Sandler, Northridge, CA; Linda Banicki, Austin, TX; Favio Ramirez Caminatti, Miami, FL; Mayra Samalea, Miami, FL; Shana Mikels-Barber, Austin, TX; Micki Chernyk, Lakewood, WA; Toni Zbikowski, Holly, MI.

HONORING EMMANUEL SMITH AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, 30 years ago—on July 26, 1990—the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law, prohibiting discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all facets of life ranging from employment and transportation to public accommodations and government services.

That is why today, in light of the anniversary of this revolutionary legislation, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Emmanuel Smith, Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security advocate at Disability Rights Iowa, as this week's Iowan of the Week.

Emmanuel was born with Osteogenesis Imperfecta, also known as Brittle Bone Disease, which causes his bones to break easily. Disability rights is a critical aspect of his life—and he's turned to giving back to this community and advocated on their behalf as his driving force. Emmanuel also found inspiration from meeting our Senator, Tom Harkin, the author and chief sponsor of the ADA, at its 10-year anniversary celebration.

After graduating from Drake University, Emmanuel began working for Disability Rights Iowa. He works hard to ensure others don't have to face the same difficulties that he has in the past, and seeks to take down barriers to employment and fight workplace discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

Emmanuel's role within DRI has evolved as they address the additional challenges brought

by the COVID-19 pandemic. Emmanuel stepped up to the challenge and continues to fight for equitable employment services by teaching people about their rights in the context of working during a pandemic.

Emmanuel attributes many of the opportunities he's had to the ADA, claiming that without its protections, his life would look very different.

Without the ADA, he would not have had access to traditional education in high school or college. Accessible busing and Paratransit—services Emmanuel and many others rely on so they may travel independently—would not be possible if not for the ADA.

But while Emmanuel believes that the ADA has given people the possibility not to be restricted by their disabilities, he knows that there is still a long way to go before the intentions of the bill are fully realized. Emmanuel continues to advocate for universal, accessible design in Iowa cities and towns, push for an inclusive design for the Iowa caucuses, and push for putting more individuals with disabilities in leadership positions.

As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we must remember the importance of equality for all Americans. I am proud to know that there are people in Iowa like Emmanuel Smith who advocate for equal opportunities for their fellow Iowans and inspire the rest of us to join in this fight.

It is my honor to share Emmanuel Smith's story today, and recognize him as our Iowan of the Week.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE BRAVERY AND HEROISM OF ANSELM "JERRY" CRAMER AND CALLING ON THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY TO AWARD MR. CRAMER THE PURPLE HEART

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great American and veteran in my district, Mr. Anselm "Jerry" Cramer.

Mr. Cramer joined the Navy Reserve in 1948 and enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1950 during the Korean War. In December of 1950, Mr. Cramer fought in the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, where he suffered severe frostbite wounds to his hands and feet. Mr. Cramer spent weeks in the hospital for treatment to his injuries. Since then, Mr. Cramer has been denied a Purple Heart four times.

As a member of the 1st Marine Division, Mr. Cramer fought in the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, braving subzero temperatures without shelter for ten days. In conditions this harsh, frostbite can develop in a matter of minutes, hypothermia and death setting in shortly after. Mr. Cramer has described how his duties included loading dead Marines onto trucks, their bodies frozen solid from the cold and wind.

By the time he made it to the safety of an aid station, Mr. Cramer's hands and feet were black from frostbite, and he could no longer grip or feel anything with them. He was evacuated to a hospital in Japan for immediate treatment. Mr. Cramer watched as military personnel on his ward received a Purple Heart for

frostbite wounds, but he was overlooked. Mr. Cramer has never fully recovered from his frostbite injuries and currently receives a forty percent disability rating for the wounds he sustained in December of 1950.

Mr. Cramer has repeatedly been denied a Purple Heart due to a change in regulation made months after his injuries occurred. In inquiries submitted by my office, the Board of Corrections of Naval Records has acknowledged Mr. Cramer's injuries, but maintains that he does not qualify due to the Secretary of the Navy's 1951 decision to disqualify frostbite for the Purple Heart. They also state that fellow Marines were "erroneously awarded the Purple Heart". This is not a medal that is given out in error. The Purple Heart that is awarded due to an injury or wounds inflicted from an outside force or element, which is exactly how Mr. Cramer received his injuries.

Mr. Cramer is now in his 90s; he has fought and sacrificed a great deal for the country he loves. This December will mark 70 years since Mr. Cramer sustained his injuries. It is past time that he receives the recognition he has earned.

HONORING MELISSA GIRMSCHIED

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of Melissa Girmscheid, an extraordinary teacher at a public high school in my district.

Melissa has dedicated the last nine years to teaching Physics and STEM classes at Centennial High School in Peoria, Arizona. This year, she was selected as the Air Force Association of Arizona Teacher of the Year and placed second overall in the Air Force Association Rolls Royce 2020 National Aerospace STEM Teacher of the Year award.

Melissa's leadership has influenced organizations throughout the nation to increase educational opportunities and advocate for the value of STEM education and employment in their communities.

Melissa has created innovative STEM engagement opportunities that will continue to shape the perceptions of STEM education and employment into the future. I am confident that because of her efforts to expand access to high school physics and foundational STEM courses, Arizona students will be inspired to pursue careers as STEM professionals or future educators.

On this day, we as a community would like to congratulate Melissa Girmscheid on her selection as Air Force Association of Arizona STEM Teacher of the Year and thank her for her dedication and advocacy for quality education for our nation's youth.

HONORING BETTY FAIRFAX

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Betty Harriet Fair-

fax, who passed away on November 7, 2010. An educator, philanthropist, and community leader, Betty devoted her life to ensuring that all students, regardless of background, have equal opportunity and access to the American Dream. Teaching in public schools for nearly 70 years, Betty's life was marked by service and generosity and today Arizona is a more just and equal place because of her work.

From an early age, Betty was ingrained with the belief that all children deserve a quality education. Growing up in Cleveland, Ohio with her parents, Dan and Inez Wood Fairfax, Betty was an accomplished student and received degrees from Kent State University and Western Reserve. After graduating with her master's degree, Betty began a public school career that would reflect the arc of the moral universe. Initially recruited by Phoenix Union High School District to teach at Carver High School, the legally segregated school for Black children, Betty ended her career over a half-century later as a beloved Dean of Students and with a high school named after her. Her lifelong devotion to public education was honored many times and upheld as an example of a selfless leader who dedicated her career—without fanfare or in pursuit of recognition—to the students she taught and counseled.

Betty's commitment to education extended beyond excellence in teaching and into creating endowments for those who suffered most from educational inequities. Together with her sister Jean, Betty formed permanent financial legacies that support the spectrum of public education, from scholarships for Black students committed to being public school teachers to funding professional development opportunities for educators. Today, students and teachers across the nation benefit from Betty's generosity and philanthropy, and her visionary leadership has created intergenerational prosperity and opportunity for families in Arizona.

Arizonans owe a debt of gratitude to Betty. Her investment in public education will be felt for generations to come and will ensure that more students be included in the American Dream. In this spirit of gratitude and remembrance, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Betty Harriet Fairfax.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF FORMER TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN CLIFFORD OTTO

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of former Texas State Representative John Clifford Otto who passed away after a lengthy battle with pancreatic cancer on August 1, 2020. Representative Otto served the people of House District 18 with distinction for six terms in the Texas House of Representatives.

John Otto was born on October 14, 1948 in Dayton, Texas to John Clifford Coffelt Otto and Susan Eugenia Forrest. John graduated from Dayton High School in 1966 where he was a pitcher on the baseball team, member of FFA, and was drum major for the DHS band. He married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Whitman, in 1969.

In 1970, Otto graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration Accounting. While at Texas A&M, John Otto was a member of the Corps of Cadets; Ross Volunteer Honor Guard, official Honor Guard of the Governor of Texas; and the nationally famous Fightin' Texas Aggie Band. In his senior year at Texas A&M, he was head drum major of the Texas Aggie Band. On July 24, 2020, Texas A&M University announced that the Aggie Band will forever be led with the "John C. Otto '70 Drum Major Baton."

Following his graduation as a Distinguished Military Graduate, Otto received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army where he served as a finance officer at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Otto served in the Army for eight years on active duty and in the Army Reserves before being honorably discharged. After his military service, John and Nancy Otto returned to Texas. John worked for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell in Houston for five years, then returned to Dayton to open a private practice, as a Certified Public Accountant serving clients for 35 years.

Prior to his service in the Texas Legislature, John was a member of the Dayton City Council, trustee of the Dayton Independent School District, board member of the Liberty County Central Appraisal District and the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, and director of the Dayton Community Development Corporation.

In November 2004, John Otto was elected to the Texas House of Representatives where he served House District 18 for six terms. During his service, Representative Otto represented the people of Liberty, San Jacinto, Walker, Polk, and Montgomery Counties. Representative Otto served on numerous committees in the Texas House, but the bulk of his time was spent on the Appropriations and Ways and Means Committees. Representative Otto served as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, during his final legislative session he drafted and authored a bill that balanced the State Budget of more than 200 billion dollars. He loved serving in the Texas House and considered it a high honor and privilege to represent District 18.

During his tenure in the Texas Legislature, Representative Otto received numerous awards and distinctions. During his first term Otto was named "Freshman of the Year" by the House Republican Caucus, "Rookie of the Year" by Texas Monthly Magazine, and "Most Valuable Freshman" by Capitol Inside. In 2008, he earned the "Legislative Achievement Award" from the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association. He was also named "One of the 10 Best Legislators in Texas" by Texas Monthly in 2008 and 2015. Representative Otto additionally also received the "Citizen of the Year" award from the Liberty-Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, "Fighter for Free Enterprise" award from the Texas Association of Business and named to the Texas PTA Legislative Honor Role. On June 15, 2020, the Dayton City Council renamed a portion of State Highway 146 the John Otto Expressway in recognition of his service to the citizens of Dayton.

John and Nancy were active members of the First United Methodist Church in Dayton, TX where they both sang in the choir and John served in many capacities including church treasurer for over 25 years. They recently transferred their membership to the

A&M United Methodist Church. Following his retirement from the Texas Legislature and private sector, John and Nancy moved to Bryan, Texas.

From 2017 until the time of his death, John served as the Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director of Local Government Relations for the Texas A&M University System. He considered this his dream job, working with former colleagues in the Legislature and advocating for his beloved Texas A&M University and other schools and agencies in the TAMU System.

John is survived by his wife of 50 years, Nancy Whitman Otto; sons and daughters-in-law, Bryan and Lisa Otto, Jason and Brandee Otto; grandchildren, Brendon Olson, Maddie Olson, Hadley Otto, Bailee Otto, Emilee Otto, and Mallore Otto. Also surviving are his mother, Sue Otto Fendley; and siblings, Susan Harris and husband Wayne, Glenn Otto, Danita Otto Stovall and husband Bryan; aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and special friends Dr. Robert and Susan Seaberg.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank the family of Representative John Clifford Otto for his lifetime of faithful service and devotion to his country, state, community, and university. My thoughts and prayers remain with his family and friends.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this amendment to raise the funding for the Department of Defense National Innovation Security Network to \$40 million, and to ensure continuation of their critical Hacking for Defense program.

Hacking for Defense began as a college course created by Steve Blank at Stanford University in 2016 and has since expanded to more than 30 universities across the nation, with more added every year. This course teaches student teams to rapidly solve challenging national security problems by harnessing the lean start-up methodology developed in Silicon Valley.

Through this program, the Department of Defense and other national security partners have the opportunity to present their most pressing challenges to energetic talent within universities classrooms across the nation. U.S. military combat veterans and entrepreneurial mentors then guide students in applying cutting-edge research and problem-solving techniques to address these real-world problems. The program has led to innovations in areas such as video surveillance of working military dogs, 3-D printing spare parts for Marine field vehicles, and countering drones. To date, nine start-ups have spun-off to further develop and address solutions to these challenges.

The House Armed Services Committee report accompanying the FY21 National Defense Authorization Act noted that Hacking for Defense, "Supports solution development directly for the warfighter, improves U.S. military readiness and stimulates growth within the National Security Innovation Base, consistent with the 2018 National Defense Strategy." Further-

more, the Committee noted that Hacking for Defense fosters emerging national security leaders and mission-driven entrepreneurs.

In recognition of the importance of this work, the NDAA authorized the National Security Innovation Network at \$40 million. Unfortunately, the defense division of this bill in its current form only appropriates half of this funding. I helped offer this bipartisan amendment to reprogram an additional \$20 million in order to match the authorization level. This will allow Hacking for Defense to continue developing solutions to national security problems, and more importantly, to continue exposing students to the national security challenges and growing the national security workforce.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment and the critical Hacking for Defense program.

HONORING THE SELFLESS CAREER
AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF DEBBIE
LAIRD ON THE EVENT OF HER
RETIREMENT

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Debbie Laird on the occasion of her retirement from Janus Developmental Services. Debbie has spent her career helping people, including her most recent role as the Senior Vice President of Development at Janus Developmental Services. She is a selfless, caring person with whom I am fortunate to know and call my friend.

Janus is a non-profit agency that has served our community for nearly forty years. I visited Janus multiple times throughout my time in Congress and I strongly believe in the work they do. The group provides opportunities for clients with developmental disabilities such as autism or cerebral palsy. They provide them an opportunity to get real world work experience and use their creativity to better our community. For many years, Debbie dedicated herself to helping these individuals. This speaks to her selflessness and her desire to better the lives of those in her community.

Along with her tremendous work at Janus, Debbie is the mother of fallen Indianapolis Police Officer Jake Laird, who was killed in the line of duty in 2004. She and her husband Mike have used their loss to create good in our community as well as in the law enforcement community. They were fervent advocates for red flag legislation named for their son that was enacted into law in the State of Indiana the year after his death. In honor of Jake's passion for public service, the Lairds created the Jake Laird Memorial Fund in 2004. For sixteen years Debbie and Mike have been raising money for those with the same passion as their son Jake.

The mission of the memorial fund is to provide financial contributions to law and fire department agencies for the purchase of new equipment, the institution of new instructional programs, or financial assistance to officers injured in the line of duty. The main event that contributes to this fund is the annual Jake Laird Memorial Golf Outing. What started as an event with eighty golfers in 2004, has grown to one with over 360 golfers in 2019.

As of January 2020, the Jake Laird Memorial Fund donated over \$950,000 to various police and firefighter causes throughout the state of Indiana.

I am very proud to be able to call Debbie a friend. Her advocacy for so many throughout her career has produced real and lasting change throughout our community. On behalf of the people of Indiana's Fifth District, I thank Debbie for her life-changing dedication to our community. I wish her a very happy and well-deserved retirement, although I know her service will continue.

HONORING HOT SPRINGS POLICE
DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR SERV-
ICE DURING COVID-19

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary service of the Hot Springs Police Department. In these uncertain times, my hometown department's officers have continued serving and protecting our community.

Now more than ever, we've seen the impact of our communities' first responders and front-line workers, and in the Fourth Congressional District, none are more appreciated than our police. Throughout this pandemic, Hot Springs officers have continued to put their own safety on the line defending our streets, homes and businesses.

I take this time to honor these brave men and women who have stepped up, providing the Fourth District of Arkansas and the rest of the nation with a prime example of what it means to serve the people around you.

HONORING MICHELLE GARCILAZO

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Michelle Carmen Garcilazo for five years of exemplary service as an field representative for California's 2nd Congressional District. As a valued member of my staff, Michelle has been essential to my work in the congressional district, and of special note, has helped thousands of my constituents with complicated issues.

Michelle grew up in Sacramento, California. She earned a BA in Spanish with a minor in Chicano Latino Studies from Sonoma State University. She later obtained a Master's Degree in Public Administration and a Certificate in Non Profits, also from Sonoma State University. Michelle proceeded to work in the non-profit sector first as a family advocate in Bay Area public schools, then with the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank as a Senior Program Coordinator. In 2015 Michelle joined my staff as a Marin County field representative and constituent caseworker. She excelled in this role, steadily developing her skill set. In 2017 her responsibilities expanded to include immigration casework services for the entire congressional district, with a population of more

than 720,000. In this capacity Michelle has been able to leverage her college degrees and bilingual skills to help resolve complex problems for many individuals in need.

Michelle is deeply principled, a hard worker, and an excellent team player. She consistently took on challenges to serve others using her intelligence, diplomacy, and empathy. Recently, Michelle served as the only staffer supporting a congressional fact-finding visit, when I traveled to the U.S.-Mexico border along with my colleague Congressman COLIN ALLRED. Michelle's language skills, subject matter knowledge, and ability to build trust allowed us to communicate with individuals seeking asylum in the United States. This firsthand experience provided us with valuable insights on how the humanitarian crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border is impacting national security, and how the complexities and ambiguities of immigration law, as well as changes in the law's application, can affect families on both sides of the border. She has worked on high-profile cases for my constituents, including complicated immigration work for the Washington Post journalist Jason Rezaian and his family following his imprisonment in Iran.

Over the years; Michelle has developed a keen understanding of how her casework informs my legislative agenda. She has worked with all levels of government, non-profits, community groups, and businesses to help address key local problems. She has become an integral member of my district staff, and she will be sorely missed as she leaves us to pursue law school. Madam Speaker, I hope you will join me and my staff in extending to Michelle our deep appreciation for her many good deeds and wishing her the best in all her future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. CARL REINER

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Mr. Carl Reiner, a beloved American and resident of California's 33rd Congressional District, who passed away at the age of 98 on June 29, 2020. With decades of work as an Emmy-winning writer, actor, director and producer, Carl's comedic genius and generous spirit impacted not only the world of comedy but also deepened our understanding of the human condition.

Born on March 20, 1922 in The Bronx, Carl graduated high school at 16 and started working as a shipping clerk and then as a machinist's helper before discovering a newspaper announcement for free drama classes sponsored by the Works Progress Administration.

From there, Carl began acting at a midtown Manhattan theater and joined a Shakespearean repertory company. He even took a job performing at Allaben Acres, a summer camp for adults in the Catskills where he met jazz singer Estelle Lebest, his wife for 65 years who passed in 2008.

Drafted into the Army during World War II, Carl trained as a French interpreter at Georgetown University before touring the South Pacific in G.I. revues in the Special Services en-

tertainment unit. After his honorable discharge in 1946, Carl branched into performing Broadway musicals, until landing a spot in an NBC comedy sketch show entitled "Your Show of Shows" as an actor and a writer. In this writing room with Mel Brooks, Mel Tolkin, Lucille Kallen, and Neil and Danny Simon, the idea of the 2,000-Year-Old-Man routine came to life with fellow comedian and director Mel Brooks.

Later, while writing for singer Dinah Shore's variety, Carl developed the idea for "The Dick Van Dyke Show," a comedy sitcom based on his own life experiences. This highly successful and well-crafted show would run for five seasons and earn Carl multiple Emmys for writing and producing.

After "The Dick Van Dyke Show," Carl transitioned into a full-time director, creating films like "The Jerk" (1979), "Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid" (1982), "The Man with Two Brains" (1983) and "All of Me" (1984) with actor Steve Martin during the 1970s and 1980s. In his later years, Carl would return to acting, with his reoccurring roles in the television sitcom *Frasier* and the *Ocean's Eleven* movie franchise, and even becoming a prolific writer of books. As Carl once said, "The absolute truth is the thing that makes people laugh."

Carl is survived by his son Rob Reiner, a noted actor, director, producer, and political activist; son Lucas Reiner, an artist; daughter Annie Reiner, a psychoanalyst; and his five grandchildren. May his compassion, kindness, and dedication to the craft of comedy continue to live on through the millions of people he brought joy to and inspired.

HONORING THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE IOWA MASK BRIGADE AS IOWANS OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, as millions of individuals, families, and essential workers struggle to obtain the proper personal protective equipment (PPE) required to keep them safe during these difficult times, volunteer organizations like the Iowa Mask Brigade have stepped up to provide these critical items to keep our citizens and communities safe. That is why today, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Iowa Mask Brigade as this week's Iowan of the Week.

The Iowa Mask Brigade was founded earlier this year by Connie Klug after she received a distressed call from her niece, an emergency room doctor in desperate need of PPE. Connie immediately got to work researching protective masks and found that filters were the most important feature that made them effective. Although commercial face mask filters were not available, Connie used her problem-solving skills to create her own. She began cutting furnace filters from the company 3M, the same company that produces the coveted N95 masks. Sandwiching this filter in between two layers of high-quality cotton fabric, Connie produced her first mask in a process the New York Times would later consider the best method of making homemade masks. Connie, a quilter, enlisted the help of two of her seam-

stress friends, who enlisted the help of their friends, and an organization instantly formed as volunteers coalesced around one simple idea: to provide masks to those who need them.

In their first month of operation, the Iowa Mask Brigade used over 75 furnace filters. Today, the Iowa Mask Brigade consists of 35 volunteers who have collectively produced almost 8,000 masks since its inception in March.

One of those volunteers is Ray Getting, who handles much of the logistics within the Brigade. In a recent conversation, he mentioned everyone who has received a mask is so incredibly appreciative. The group maintains extremely high standards for quality, and if a mask wasn't perfect, it wasn't sent out. He's been able to send high quality masks to people he cares about in places he knows it's going to make a difference.

As the organization has grown, their mask-making has become more innovative. When the Brigade ran out of elastic bands for ear loops, they turned to hairbands. Today, they have purchased over 25,000 hairbands for their masks, and they have shared this technique, as well as many others they have developed, with other mask-making organizations.

The Iowa Mask Brigade has sent masks to people in need all over the United States. From the Iowa's Dallas County Hospital to San Antonio to the Navajo Nation in Arizona, for whom they have created a custom design to fit their preferences. Now, the Brigade mostly serves low income housing, hospitals, and nursing homes, such as the APEHA senior living apartments in Johnston, Iowa.

In honoring the Iowa Mask Brigade today, I want to underscore the values of hard work, dedication, persistence, and problem-solving that Iowans demonstrate in spades during this difficult time. As Connie Klug said, "A unique characteristic of Iowans is that we don't get defeated easily. We just went to work and overcame it. That to me is Iowans: we don't get discouraged; we just get to work. We're not helpless. We rolled up our sleeves and said, there are not problems that we can't figure out."

I am so proud to recognize the Iowa Mask Brigade for their outstanding work and their unwavering willingness to help all those in need. It is my hope that other individuals and organizations are inspired to take action of their own. The volunteers powering the Iowa Mask Brigade have not only given protective gear to people in need, but also instilled hope when we need it most. It is my honor to share the Iowa Mask Brigade's story and recognize the group as our Iowan of the Week.

CADET LAITYN TIPPY SELECTED AS OVERALL AFJROTC AND AFA CADET LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNER

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Cadet Laityn Tippy from Westside High School and the Air Force JROTC, Unit No. AR20061, in Jonesboro, AR,

as the Overall AFJROTC and AFA Cadet Leadership Award Winner for 2019–2020. Cadet Tippy was selected from 890 AFJROTC Units and over 125,000 AFJROTC cadets in the United States and on military installations overseas. The selection process started with each unit nominating their top cadet for the award. From there, 48 state winners were selected, followed by eight regional winners and then finally, one national winner, recognizing the most outstanding AFJROTC cadet in the world.

Cadet Tippy has a 4.0 GPA, putting her at the top of her graduating class going into her senior year, despite a demanding schedule with college level courses and an extra-curricular schedule that includes National Honor Society, Student Council, Track, and Cross Country. She holds the unit record in every category of the AFJROTC Physical Fitness Test, including the mile run, push-ups, and crunches. She finished first, from over 100 female competitors, in two local physical fitness competitions with other JROTC units from Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri and Mississippi.

Earlier in the school year, Cadet Tippy was one of only 200 AFJROTC cadets, from over 3,000 applicants, to be selected to attend the AFJROTC Flight Academy, a summer scholarship program valued at over \$25,000, which allows cadets to earn their private pilot license during a 10-week course at a college or university. Because of COVID-19, this course has been postponed until the summer of 2021. She is in the process of applying for the Air Force Academy and plans to be an Air Force officer and pilot.

It is obvious to all that read her accolades that Cadet Tippy is more than deserving of this achievement. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Cadet Tippy a congratulations.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, as we continue to confront the health and economic crises presented by COVID-19, Americans are understandably anxious about the future. I take hope in our history of meeting extraordinary challenges with new innovations, and I believe research and development will be a key part in addressing today's challenges as well.

Our federal government supports some of the brightest and most creative minds in the world at America's colleges and universities through research grants administered by the National Science Foundation. Particularly in this time of economic turmoil, we must ensure that we fully capitalize on these research investments by transitioning scientific discovery into tangible products, creating new businesses for a healthy and prosperous America.

My amendment highlights the importance of programs like the National Science Foundation Innovation Corps in facilitating tech transfer. I-Corps, as it is known, began in 2011 and utilizes the Lean LaunchPad curriculum developed by serial entrepreneur Steve Blank to train faculty, students, and other researchers

in entrepreneurship. The immersive experience requires participants to get out of the lab and interview industry leaders and potential customers. Researchers gain an improved understanding of how their work could be further applied to meet real needs in our nation. These insights improve potential commercialization of their work and influence future research directions.

According to the spring 2019 Innovation Corps biennial report, since inception in 2011 I-Corps has trained 1,315 teams with a total of 3,745 people. These participants have raised more than \$300 million in follow-on funding and created 644 startups. The report highlights recent participating teams, including Respira Labs, which spun out of the University of California Berkeley to develop a technology incorporating AI to predict chronic obstructive pulmonary disease attacks; Diligent Robotics, which develops robotic equipment that supports healthcare staff in Texas; and Ecovia Renewables, founded at the University of Michigan to create compostable alternatives to petrochemical polymers found in a variety of commercial products. These and many other companies are now in existence due to the National Science Foundation research funding and the training that enabled their founders to transition their findings into tangible products Americans can use.

I thank my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee for increasing funding for this critical program in this year's CJS appropriations bill, to a total of \$40 million. I encourage my colleagues to continue their strong support for National Science Foundation university research programs and I-Corps in future budgets.

TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE FIRST
CLASS BRYAN BALTIERRA, USMC

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a hero from my congressional district, U.S. Marine Corps Private First Class (Pfc) Bryan Baltierra. Throughout the history of our republic we have asked young men and women to voluntarily step forward to guard and protect the freedoms we hold so dear. Pfc. Baltierra of Corona, California, took that step forward and assumed the duties, responsibilities, and sacrifices that are required of all Americans who join the finest military in history. Today I ask that the House of Representatives honor and remember this incredible young man who died in service to our country.

Pfc. Baltierra was born September 18, 2001, to Carlos and Evelyn Baltierra. As a child, he aspired to serve his country by joining the military and after graduating from Centennial High School, Bryan achieved his dream. On July 30, 2019, at the age of only 17, he was sworn into the U.S. Marine Corps. After graduating from basic training, Bryan was stationed at Camp Pendleton where he remained close to his family and was able to visit with them. Bryan is described as someone who radiated positivity, which you can clearly see from his bright smile. He shared with his parents and sisters how he loved the brotherhood that ac-

companied being a Marine and how he also came to enjoy the rigorous training and fitness that was required of him.

On July 30, 2020, exactly one year after he was sworn into the Marine Corps, Pfc. Baltierra boarded an amphibious assault vehicle for a routine exercise in training for his upcoming September deployment. The vehicle sank off the coast of San Clemente Island, resulting in the death of Pfc. Baltierra, seven other marines, and a sailor.

As we look at the rich history of our country, we realize that this history is comprised of men and women, just like Pfc. Baltierra, who so bravely chose a life of military service. Each story is unique and humbling for those of us who, far from the dangers they will be called to face, live our lives in relative comfort and ease. Pfc. Baltierra is survived by his father, Carlos, mother, Evelyn, and three sisters, Natalie, Emily, and Sara.

While we send our deepest sympathies to his family, there are no words that can express or alleviate the grief of losing a son and brother. Pfc. Baltierra's parents and sisters have given a part of themselves in the loss of Bryan, and I hope they know that their son and brother, the goodness he brought to this world and the sacrifice he has made, will always be remembered.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LANCE
CPL. MARCO A. BARRANCO

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to mourn the tragic loss of Lance Cpl. Marco A. Barranco from Montebello, California. Lance Cpl. Barranco, known to his loved ones and friends as "Andy," proudly served our country as a United States Marine in the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit based at Camp Pendleton.

On Thursday, July 30th, Lance Cpl. Barranco was training on an amphibious assault vehicle off the coast of San Clemente Island, California. Due to an incident that is still under investigation, the vehicle sank hundreds of feet into the water. Lance Cpl. Barranco and seven other Marines and one Sailor of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit were killed or presumed dead. Seven Marines were rescued following the incident, two of whom were injured.

I offer my deepest condolences to Lance Cpl. Barranco's loved ones and friends for their heartbreaking loss. He exemplified the best of our armed forces and was known to his family, friends, and neighbors as an incredibly kind man who would do anything to help those in need. His sister, Selma, noted that he always wanted to serve his country, even as a boy when he dressed up like a G.I. Joe for Halloween.

Though Lance Cpl. Barranco was taken before he had the chance to fully live out the promise of his life, he had already fulfilled so much of that promise as a rifleman in the United States Marine Corps. His passing is a loss not just for all who were lucky to know him, but for a nation for which he put his life on the line. He is survived by his two sisters, a niece and an unborn nephew, and both of

his parents. I ask my colleagues to join me in keeping Lance Cpl. Barranco's loved ones in our prayers. As the investigation into the cause of this tragedy continues, I hope all the families of the fallen find peace during this painful time.

HONORING HUEY D. JOHNSON

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Huey D. Johnson, who passed away on July 12, 2020, at the age of 87 after an extraordinary lifetime of public service to his community and the environment.

Born in 1933 and raised in rural Michigan, Mr. Johnson graduated from Western Michigan University in 1957 with a degree in biology. Upon graduation, Mr. Johnson began working for Union Carbide where he traveled to many places including the San Francisco Bay Area. After leaving Union Carbide, he worked in Alaska and then obtained a master's degree from Utah State University. During this period, Mr. Johnson's passion for natural resources and public land was enhanced.

Mr. Johnson became the first western regional director for the Nature Conservancy, a position he held from 1968 to 1972. Through this role he became a champion for sustainability and conservation and a leader in protecting land from development. In 1972 the Nature Conservancy was able to acquire 2,100 acres of land in the Marin Headlands to protect it from a large scale development that was to be called Marinello. The land was transferred to the National Park Service initiating the creation of what is now the Golden Gate National Recreation Area with 82,000 acres of protected public land. This achievement is renowned in the region and around the county and recorded in the 2012 documentary, "Rebel with a Cause."

In 1971, Mr. Johnson helped co-found The Trust for Public Land to bring the legal and financial strategies of modern business to the cause of conservation. Today the Trust for Public Land is one of the largest environmental organizations of its kind in the country, with conservation projects spanning the country from urban communities to rural areas.

In 1978, Mr. Johnson was selected by then-California Governor Jerry Brown to join his cabinet as Secretary of Resources, a position he held until Governor Brown left office. As Secretary of Resources, Mr. Johnson was the driving force behind California's 100-year sustainability plan, and he earned a reputation for living by example, riding his bike to work and limiting his impacts on the environment. In 1982, he established the Resource Renewal Institute, a non-profit organization based in Mill Valley that focuses on innovation related to sustainability. His work with the Resource Renewal Institute led to many accomplishments including his co-founding of the Grand Canyon Trust in 1985. In 1995, Mr. Johnson published a book titled "Green Plans: Blueprint for a Sustainable Earth." Among his notable honors, the United Nations recognized him in 2001 for his many environmental achievements with the Sasakawa Environment Prize—one of the organization's highest honors.

Throughout his life and until his passing, Mr. Johnson delivered on his mission to protect, preserve, and restore natural landscapes, mentored many generations of environmentalists, and completed his memoir of his lifetime of environmental activism. Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife of 58 years, Sue; his daughter Megan; son Tyler and his wife, Jill; grandsons Miles and Bay; and nephew, Zack.

Madam Speaker, Huey Johnson felt like the last environmental Titan of his era, a living bridge to the bigger-than-life conservationists of the past century and beyond. I will always value my personal relationship with Mr. Johnson. I can attest to his intellectual firepower, his gravitas, and the passion he always brought to his work, as well as the fact that his environmentalism was not just some esoteric pursuit. His connection to nature was authentic and included hunting and fishing and appreciating the role of both wild places and working landscapes in our collective stewardship responsibilities. I am grateful for his legacy, and for the advice and friendship he provided over many years no matter our occasional differences. While he will be greatly missed by so many, Mr. Johnson's legacy will live on through the indelible positive impact he had on his community and beyond. Please join me in honoring a life well spent and in extending our respectful condolences to Mr. Johnson's many colleagues, family, and friends.

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

HONORING JOSEPHINE GUTIERREZ

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Josephine Gutierrez for her 25 years of service to Natividad Hospital and to congratulate her on a well-deserved retirement. Through her dedication and selfless service, Ms. Gutierrez has made an immeasurable impact on the hospital and our communities on the central coast of California.

Ms. Gutierrez began her career in 1995 in the Managed Care Department working at the Medically Indigent Program (M.I.A.) as a Patient Account Representative I. She worked diligently, adjudicating claims, answering phones, and completing tasks as assigned. On weekends and evenings, she went door-to-door, visited farmworkers in the fields, and attended events to educate the community about available healthcare programs. With her passion and ability to help others, she was soon promoted to a Health Education Assistant where she began her work developing Outreach, Enrollment, Retention and Utilization initiatives that continue to this day at Natividad Hospital.

Throughout her 25 years of service, Ms. Gutierrez has collaborated with community agencies such as Head Start, Migrant Edu-

cation, American Red Cross, United Farm Worker's Foundation, and local schools to successfully identify and enroll families and children into affordable-low-cost healthcare programs. She also participated in community health fairs and events throughout the Salinas Valley and organized monthly forums for the Monterey County Immigrant Services Network of Empowerment of Monterey County (CISNE) that helps immigrant communities access information and services.

Ms. Gutierrez's devotion to her work has resulted in many accomplishments, including being selected as Employee of the Quarter twice. However, one achievement she is most proud of is enrolling thousands of children and families into affordable health programs, giving them access to quality healthcare and preventative services. This work has resulted in a healthier and more equitable community and will undoubtedly impact the lives and health of generations to come.

Madam Speaker, please join me thanking Ms. Josephine Gutierrez for a lifetime of service to our communities on the Central Coast. I have no doubt that she will continue to find ways to positively impact the lives of those around her in retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE YOUNG AMERICANS FINANCIAL LITERACY ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to re-introduce the Young Americans Financial Literacy Act. Financial literacy is critical to ensuring future financial responsibility. Studies have shown that 88 percent of Americans believe finance education should be taught in schools and 92 percent of K-12 teachers believe that financial education should be taught in school, but only 12 percent of teachers actually teach the subject. Yet, according to a 2020 survey, less than half of states require high school students to take a personal finance course, and less than 17 percent of high school students were required to take a semester long personal finance course.

I believe that Congress has an opportunity and a responsibility to address the pressing needs of individuals faced with the loss of their financial stability and the challenges of economic uncertainty. This should include financial literacy education reform and long-term solutions to prevent future personal financial disasters. Research-based financial literacy education programs are needed to reach individuals at all ages and socioeconomic levels, particularly those facing unique and challenging financial situations, such as high school graduates entering the workforce, soon-to-be and recent college graduates, young families, and to address the unique needs of military personnel and their families. High school and college students who are exposed to cumulative financial education show an increase in financial knowledge, which in turn drives increasingly responsible behavior as they become young adults.

According to the Government Accountability Office, giving Americans the information they

need to make effective financial decisions can be key to their well-being and to the country's economic health. The global financial crisis, when many borrowers failed to fully understand the risks associated with certain financial products and currently, the economic hardships presented by the sudden disruptions caused by the spread of COVID-19, underscore the need to improve individuals' financial literacy and empower all Americans to make informed financial decisions. This is especially true for young people as they are earning their first paychecks, securing student aid, and establishing their financial independence. Therefore, focusing economic education and finan-

cial literacy efforts and best practices for young people between the ages of 8–24 is of utmost importance.

I believe America should be leading the world with the best-educated students who will drive our economic innovation and success, so please join me in cosponsoring the Young Americans Financial Literacy Act. This act:

Establishes a grant program in the Bureau of Consumer Financial protection to develop and implement financial literacy programs for young people ages eight to twenty-four;

Incentivizes the development of partnerships between institutions or higher education, local educational agencies, non-profit organizations,

and financial institutions to develop programs aimed at young Americans in different phases of their life;

Ensures the development of evidence-based instructional material that is geared towards targeted groups and addresses unique life situations, including bankruptcy, foreclosure, student loans, credit card misuse; and

Conducts ongoing assessment and accountability of the program over the short- and long-term to ensure that grand money achieves the greatest impact.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting the Young Americans Financial Literacy Act.