

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