

the self-government granted by the Home Rule Act, but is also counterproductive.

This bill follows legislation we got through Congress in 2012 that gave the D.C. Board of Elections (“Board”) more flexibility to set the date of special elections for local offices to maximize voter participation. Although we sought complete authority for the District over the scheduling of special elections, the 2012 law, the District of Columbia Special Election Reform Act, did not include this home-rule principle. D.C. should have complete authority over a matter that is unrelated to any other congressional district and has no relevance to Congress.

The Home Rule Act originally required the Board to hold special elections on the first Tuesday 114 days from when the vacancy occurred and allowed the Board to schedule special elections on the same day as the next general election if that election occurred 60 days from when a special election would otherwise have been held. This inflexibility led to special elections being held on religious holidays and forced the District to hold a special election separate from an upcoming general election, costing the District hundreds of thousands of dollars in extra election costs. The 2012 law required the Board to hold a special election on a Tuesday occurring between 70 and 174 days after the vacancy.

Our bill is an important step to perfect home rule for the District. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE
FELICIAN SISTERS LOST TO
CORONAVIRUS

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to memorialize the beautiful lives of thirteen nuns taken from our community by the scourge of coronavirus between April and June of this year.

We honor the memory of Sister Mary Luiza Wawrzyniak, Sister Celine Marie Lesinski, Sister Mary Estelle Prints, Sister Thomas Marie Wadowski, Sister Mary Patricia Pyszynski, Sister Mary Clarence (Adeline) Borkoski, Sister Rose Mary Wolak, Sister Mary Janice (Margaret) Zolkowski, Sister Mary Alice Ann (Fernanda) Gradowski, Sister Victoria Marie Indyk, Sister Mary Martinez (Virginia) Rozek, Sister Mary Madeleine (Frances) Dolan, and Sister Mary Danatha (Lottie) Suchyta.

These righteous women spent their days working and living together as members of the Felician Sisters at the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary convent in Livonia, Michigan—some for more than a half century. At the time of their deaths, they ranged in age from 69 to 99, still wholly committed to serving the most vulnerable among us.

Prior to the pandemic, the sisters could be found working in our local schools, libraries, and medical facilities, providing enrichment to our students and care to our sick. Many of them pursued degrees in higher education during their lifetimes, always seeking new ways to instill a sense of peace, justice, dignity, and truth in the world around them. My heart aches for the harm done to the soul of our community.

This distinguished group has been responsible for the founding of multiple schools and care centers in Michigan’s 11th District, including Madonna University, which has become one of the nation’s largest Franciscan universities with a student body of approximately 3,000 students. We, in Michigan’s 11th District, are forever indebted to them for their mission and impact. We grieve for the virtuous lives lost, and we hold their extended community in our prayers.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the indelible mark left by these sisters on our community. May the grieving find comfort in the extraordinary legacies of faith and service they leave.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JAMES CHARLES EVERS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of James Charles Evers, who passed away on Wednesday, July 22, in Brandon, Mississippi, at age 97.

Charles Evers was born in Decatur, Mississippi, on September 11, 1922. He served in the Army in World War II and later Korea, however, his biggest fight was the fight against racism. Following in his brother’s footsteps, civil rights activist Medgar Evers, Charles was a leader in the civil rights movement. His early exposure to racial violence fueled his passion for driving out racism in a Jim Crow Mississippi. He wrote an autobiography, ran a hotel, restaurant, cab stand, and funeral parlor, and would also become one of the first black radio disc jockeys of the state.

In the 1960s, Charles became the mayor of a mixed-raced town for 16 years, and he played a crucial role in black voter registration in Mississippi as well as the desegregation of a hospital.

His accomplishments and dedication to the black community would make Charles an inspiration to other aspiring black political leaders. When Charles decided to run for mayor in Fayette, more than 175 black men ran for office across the state. Charles’s determination and refusal to quit would not go unnoticed, as he continued to fight for positions in higher offices and continued to inspire everyone he encountered.

Charles’ legacy was and always will be an inspiration to all of us. He was the epitome of a leader, and his impact on the civil rights movement made history. His life demonstrated one of service, grace, and love for his family and community.

Left to cherish his memory are his ten children, three sisters, two brothers, as well as many other friends and extended family members.

IN MEMORY OF CURTIS JACOBSON

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the late Curtis Jacobson,

a long-time resident of Detroit and Michigan’s 13th Congressional District.

I first got to know Mr. Jacobson when I served as a legislator in Michigan’s State House of Representatives. He was engaged and well-informed on a number of topics, ranging from current events to public policy to everyday issues facing residents of Michigan. Mr. Jacobson never shied away from sharing his opinion. My staff and I always appreciated a call from Mr. Jacobson. It was a delight to hear from him shortly after beginning my first term as U.S. Representative for Michigan’s 13th District, and to continue to keep in touch with him.

Throughout his life, Mr. Jacobson had a passionate interest in politics. He sought out knowledge and thought critically about issues. He took pride in his military service, having risen in the ranks to serve as Captain in the U.S. Army. In addition, Mr. Jacobson worked as a substitute teacher before settling into a career as an accountant with the City of Detroit. He retired at the age of eighty. In addition to his work, Mr. Jacobson enjoyed playing bridge and spending time with his family. He is survived by his four children, Mary, Charles, Russel, and Marjorie; his eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

It was an honor to know Curtis Jacobson. Please join me in his recognition.

CONGRATULATING BOULDER CITY MANAGER JANE BRAUTIGAM ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, today I wish to recognize and honor the work of an unsung hero. While elected officials across the country receive praise and notoriety for their position, it is often those behind the scenes that truly toil to execute the work needed to keep our great country going. This has never been truer than in the City of Boulder, in Colorado’s Second Congressional District, which I have the honor to represent. Nowhere has a City Manager made more of an impact on her community than Jane Brautigam made on hers—on mine. This month, Jane announced her retirement, an announcement that cannot go unrecognized.

Jane was the first female City Manager and the longest serving City Manager in Boulder’s history, a testament to her talent, fortitude, and commitment to public service. Among her many accomplishments, Jane guided Boulder through the 2013 floods, the most devastating rain and flood event in modern Colorado history. Earlier this year, Jane was honored by the Colorado City and County Manager’s Association as City Manager of the Year. Today, Jane remains pivotal in the necessary response to the urgent crisis of COVID-19 and its unprecedented impacts on our community.

Prior to serving in Boulder, Jane worked as the City Attorney, then as the City Manager, of Loveland, CO, also in my district. In her many leadership roles, Jane strove to empower her staff and to lead by example. Above all, Jane was committed to social, economic, and racial justice.

I am grateful that Jane plans to continue supporting the development of strong city

managers in the next generation of leaders, and that she continues to serve as President of the International City/County Manager's Association. While she leaves enormously big shoes to fill in Boulder, her legacy both today and tomorrow will not be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE KIWANIS
CLUB OF ANNISTON

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize The Kiwanis Club of Anniston Alabama's 100th Anniversary.

The first Kiwanis club started its service in Detroit, Michigan, USA in 1915, and the Kiwanis Club of Anniston, Alabama became the 277th club in the USA and the 8th club in Alabama when it was formed on August 20, 1920. Today it is one of 56 active clubs in Alabama.

The Kiwanis Club of Anniston lives up to its motto "Serving the Children of the World." The club holds its annual Pancake Day fundraiser each March and currently raises more than \$50,000 annually totaling \$700,000 for children-related causes. The Kiwanis Club of Anniston has also been participating in creating and incubating the Sarrell Dental Clinic which remains a vibrant part of the community by serving children in need of dental services, the Kiwanis Walking Trail at LaGarde Park, and by contributing to the IDD (Iodine Deficiency Disorder) and ELIMINATE (UNICEF Neo Natal Eliminate Tetanus) international programs which have had a major impact on the world.

The Kiwanis Club of Anniston sponsors and supports the activities of eleven Key Clubs in Calhoun County in the following high schools: Alexandria, Anniston, Donoho, Faith Christian, Jacksonville, Ohatchee, Oxford, Pleasant Valley, Weaver, Wellborn, and White Plains, a Builder's Club, and Circle K at Jacksonville State University.

The service provided by the Kiwanis Club of Anniston, Alabama over the past 100 years will continue to have a positive impact on the community and citizens as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary and prepares the club for the changes and challenges that lie ahead.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Kiwanis Club of Anniston for its service to our youth and community and thanking them for 100 years of service.

HONORING BARRY STERLING

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleague Congressman MIKE THOMPSON today in memory of Barry Sterling who passed away on July 26, 2020 at the age of 90 after a lifetime of exemplary service to his community and the California winemaking industry.

Mr. Sterling was born in Los Angeles on October 25, 1929. He spent his formative years

living in Southern California before moving to Northern California to attend Stanford University, where his law school classmates included future Supreme Court Justices William Rehnquist and Sandra Day O'Connor. Importantly, Mr. Sterling also met Audrey Shapiro at Stanford. The two were married in 1952, and this month would have marked their 68th wedding anniversary.

Following law school, the Sterlings moved to Washington, D.C., where Mr. Sterling served in the Judge Advocate General Corps and they welcomed their daughter, Joy. Upon moving back to Los Angeles, Mr. Sterling opened his own corporate law firm and the Sterlings soon welcomed a son, Laurence. The family moved to France in 1967 where their dream of living on a vineyard was cultivated. Towards this end, they returned to California and founded Iron Horse Vineyard. Many were skeptical of this purchase given the colder climate and the prevailing theory that chardonnay and pinot noir grapes would not thrive in western Sonoma. Undaunted, the Sterlings opened their winery in 1979, with the first of their sparkling wines released in 1980.

In 1983, the Sterlings helped to establish a federal designation for their distinctive wine area, known as the Green Valley American Viticultural Area. Only a few years later, Iron Horse was served during the Geneva summit meetings between President Ronald Reagan and Soviet General Mikhail Gorbachev, ending the Cold War. Since then, Iron Horse has been consistently served at White House dinners. Iron Horse also produces wines to support charitable causes including a cuvee for ocean conservation in partnership with National Geographic and a vintage Brut that benefited the Redwood Empire Food Bank, which is the largest hunger-relief organization serving the north coast of California. In addition to winemaking, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling were founding members of the Los Angeles Music Center and the Los Angeles Art Museum. Mr. Sterling was on the board of the San Francisco Symphony, a Lifetime Trustee of the Leakey foundation, and he was actively engaged in Democratic politics. In 2005, Mr. Sterling semi-retired from running the business of Iron Horse but he remained involved in its operations until he passed away.

Mr. Sterling is survived by his wife, Audrey; children Joy, Laurence and his wife Terry; grandchildren Justine, Mike, Barrie, and Joseph; and great-grandson Calvin.

Madam Speaker, please join Rep. THOMPSON and me in extending our appreciation for Mr. Sterling's many accomplishments and relaying our deep condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues. His was a life well lived, and while he will be missed by many, Mr. Sterling's legacy will live on through the indelible positive impact he had on his family, friends, and the extended winemaking industry.

KENNETH H. GARBOWSKI

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Glendora, New Jersey resident Kenneth H. Garbowski.

My friend, and the late Kenneth H. Garbowski was a lifelong resident of Glendora, New Jersey where he and his family lived. For 30 years Ken worked for the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters as a council representative. Ken was politically active in New Jersey through his position as a council representative.

Ken also was a member of the Gloucester Township Municipal Utilities Authority. He later served as a councilman in Gloucester Township.

Ken was a kind, loving, and supportive husband and father. When he was not serving his township, Ken loved to golf and was an avid coin collector but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family.

Ken was the beloved husband of Sherri, the devoted father of Samantha and Eric, and the loving brother of Edward, Dennis, and Ronald. Ken also had many loving nephews and one niece. He is predeceased by his parents Edward and Theresa.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the life and legacy of my friend Kenneth H. Garbowski, of Glendora, New Jersey, for his tireless service to his township and peers.

IN HONOR OF PEARL BARDEN

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of ninety years of life of Ms. Pearl Barden, a resident of Inkster, Michigan for more than sixty-five years.

Born and raised in Tarversville, Georgia, Ms. Barden moved to Inkster, Michigan at the age of fourteen. She is a proud graduate of Inkster Public Schools. In Michigan, Ms. Barden met and married the love of her life, Milton Barden, Jr., and was a devoted wife for more than fifty years. Together they nurtured and raised twelve children, emphasizing the value of education. Pearl Barden set a strong example for her family and community in the kindness she showed toward others, a trait she encouraged in her children.

Ms. Barden's children all attended Inkster Public Schools and went on to attend college or trade school. She has always been proud of their many accomplishments. Ms. Barden enjoys spending time with her family and counts twenty grandchildren, thirty-nine great grandchildren, and one great, great grandchild as the great blessings in her life. She frequently takes on the role of caregiver to her extended family by providing a meal, or a ride to school, always with love and kindness.

In addition to her active family life, Ms. Barden remains active in her community. A long-time member of Amity Baptist Church, she serves on the Usher Board and Missionary Board. She has formerly been recognized by the Inkster community as "Woman of the Year" and "Mother of the Year." Ms. Barden's interests include a passion for reading, bowling, sweet potato pie, and travel as demonstrated through her extensive travel across the United States with her children and friends. She has visited twenty-five of the fifty United States and enjoys vacationing in the Bahamas and Mexico.