

Under Mark's leadership, the laboratory assembled the power source for the Mars 2020 Perseverance Rover, continues to meet the Army's needs for tank armor, is helping DoD explore the use of microreactors, and is producing new nuclear fuels and materials.

A personal priority of mine has been revitalizing the lab's infrastructure and putting INL's talented workforce into world-class facilities. Mark has been a great ally in this process, an innovator and collaborator.

He brought the Department of Energy and lab together with the State of Idaho to build two new facilities on INL's in-town campus. One of those facilities is dedicated to protecting our nation from cyberattack. The other is dedicated to collaborations in high-performance computing.

Dr. Peters has worked hard to introduce the lab to all corners of our state and region, demonstrating to the people of Idaho that our national laboratories are places of innovation and intellectual curiosity rather than secretive outposts often rumored about, but rarely understood.

Mark has been dedicated to partnerships, building relationships with universities, industry, governments, and schools. He showed our state and region that so much can be accomplished when we work together and in pursuit of lofty, even idealistic, goals.

Finally, Dr. Peters has a decency and optimism about him—an intangible quality that makes everyone around him more positive and excited to work together for a brighter future.

Mark is a thoughtful person who cares deeply for the people he works with, his community, and our state.

Mark has implemented policies to support employee safety, work/life balance, inclusive recruiting and retention, a shared sense of responsibility, and duty to give back.

My wife, Kathy, and I have developed a close relationship with Mark and his wife, Ann Marie, who has distinguished herself through her work with the College of Eastern Idaho and various eastern Idaho charities.

Mark and Ann Marie are an incredible asset to Idaho and Kathy and I are grateful for their passion for our community and friendship.

Mark and Anne Marie will be missed, but I look forward to working with Mark in his new role.

HONORING DOUG KEEGAN

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 28, 2020

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing D. Douglas (Doug) Keegan's more than 3 decades of service to the central coast of California.

Doug is a graduate of Holy Cross College and Boston College Law School and was licensed by the California State Bar to begin practicing attorney in 1977. His career on the Central Coast began at California Rural Legal Assistance and then moved to the Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc. (CAB).

At CAB, Doug has been a tireless advocate for the organization's mission to partner with

the community to eliminate poverty and create social change through advocacy and essential services, envisioning a thriving, equitable and diverse community free from poverty and injustice informed by the values of equity, dignity and diversity, service, inclusion and community action. Specifically, Doug has served as the Program Director of CAB's Santa Cruz County Immigration Project (SCCIP, promoting the wellbeing of the immigrant community by helping immigrants acquire legal status, reuniting immigrant families, and making U.S. Citizenship more accessible.

For more than 20 years, Doug's leadership at SCCIP has provided professional legal services, tenure. He has mentored hundreds of staff and volunteers, motivating and acting as a role model for future community leaders and attorneys who will continue to fight for human rights, the immigrant community and overall support of underrepresented groups.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Doug Keegan's commitment to service with honesty, humility, intelligence, compassion, and integrity as he has advocated tirelessly for immigration justice on a local, statewide, and national level. It is no surprise that Doug's reputation as a trusted source of solid, unbiased, and plain-spoken answer to complex immigration questions has made him a trusted expert and advisor to countless elected officials, journalists, educators, service providers, and, most importantly, immigrant families. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Doug Keegan's lifetime of service.

DELIVERING FOR AMERICA ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, August 22, 2020

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 8015, legislation that is sorely needed to help protect the integrity of our Postal Service.

Our communities depend on a reliable Postal Service. The hardworking men and women of the Postal Service every day help ensure that critical mail reaches every part of this country, even in the middle of a pandemic. These essential workers make sure that this essential public service is carried out.

Despite the challenges of moving mail in a country as large as ours and longstanding fiscal challenges, it is no wonder the Postal Service continues to score high in public opinion polls. It is after all, the public service that touches most Americans almost every day.

The Postal Service is not a business. Nor is degrading its level of service a viable business plan. Doing so would only hurt the Postal Service, its workers, and the American public, including those in rural areas. Yet, that is unfortunately the direction that the Postal Service's leadership.

I have heard from so many of my constituents who are concerned about the damaging recent changes to Postal Service operations under the leadership of the new Postmaster General, changes which are already being felt in our communities through reports of delays in getting critical mail.

While the recent announcement that these changes would be suspended for a short time is a step forward, that is not enough.

Additionally, besides the changes being made by new Postmaster General, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic that has befuddled this Administration also poses a clear threat to the short-term and long-term fiscal health of the Postal Service. I am pleased that the bill before us today includes needed funding to address mail volume declines to support the Postal Service and its workers through these trying times.

We need to protect and maintain a strong Postal Service which is what this bill does. I support this legislation and urge my colleagues to do the same.

INSULAR AREA LIQUIDITY ACT

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 28, 2020

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Insular Area Liquidity Act, which requires any department or agency of the federal government, awarding a grant to any of the four smaller insular areas, to provide at least 50 percent of the award amount up front in an advance payment as defined in 2 CFR 200.3. My bill will also require the awarding department or agency to provide enhanced grant management assistance and technical assistance to the recipients to assure the advanced funds are properly used.

Unlike most states, the insular areas have limited cash flow. Our districts generally rely heavily on a single economy, tourism, that is highly sensitive to natural disasters and the economic fallout that follows. When that happens, and even in the best of times, insular government have little or no fiscal cushion.

Of course, I am very grateful for the many grants the Marianas receives to shore up the limited resources of our islands and, of course, especially now to help respond to the coronavirus crisis. But many grants awarded require that the awardee spend their own capital up front to be reimbursed later.

One result is that federal funds are slow to be spent and the projects and programs those funds are intended to support wait to be implemented. The legislation I am introducing today addresses this problem by providing an advanced payment of at least 50 percent of any grant awarded. Projects and programs would be less subject to delay.

This advance award is not a new concept. Some federal grant programs already provide for an advance payment to recipients. The FEMA Public Assistance Grant program, to name one, under section 428 of the Robert T. Stafford Act, P.L. 93-288 provides a 100 percent advance on project cost estimates, thereby removing the burden of capital availability from the awardee.

In the Marianas, we are still recovering from the devastation caused by 2018 Super Typhoon Yutu. And now we have the coronavirus pandemic, which has ground our tourism reliant economy to a halt and left our government short of funds. But capital limitations are not unique to the Marianas—it is a challenge shared by all of the insular areas. That is why I introduce this bill today, alongside my colleagues Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Ms. PLASKETT, and Mrs. RADEWAGEN. I urge all my

colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS.
KARLA JO KROEKER

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 28, 2020

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Karla Jo Kroeker, cherished wife, sister, mother, grandmother, patriot, and friend.

Karla was born May 13, 1945, and adopted by her loving parents, Kenneth and Dorothy Willich, when she was just thirteen days old. Her father was a rancher, and mother, a school teacher. Karla and her brother, David, enjoyed ranch life, riding horses, working cattle, and growing various crops.

Karla graduated from Stoneham High School in 1963. She attended Northeastern Jr. College in Sterling, Colorado, where she met and married the love of her life, Phillip [LTC (Ret)], on June 4, 1967.

After graduating from college, Karla worked as an elementary school teacher, and Phillip was stationed at Fort Carson Army Base in Colorado Springs before being drafted to serve in Vietnam.

Phillip returned safely from the war, and they had two beloved children, a son Kendall in 1972, and daughter Krystal in 1975.

After their children were born, they bought their family home in Monument, Colorado. Karla left her career in education and began running a health and wellness company from home, which gave her the freedom to dedicate her time and energy to her family. She was a "hands-on" classroom mom to her children—going to every field trip, band concert, and sporting event. Karla never missed an opportunity to shower her family with grace and love.

Seventeen years ago, Karla discovered and met her biological twin sisters, Madelyn and Marilyn, and instantly formed a sisterly bond that grew and lasted until her passing.

Karla was a person of great Christian faith; her love for the Lord was boundless and unmistakable. She led a local high school Bible study group for over 28 years and was a member of Cathedral Rock Church in Monument, Colorado.

A founding member of Sunrise Republican Women, Karla served in various leadership roles, contributing her wit, humor, and occasional sass to their skits and events. Karla loved to decorate floats for the Monument 4th of July parade and was always wearing a smile on her face and flag in her hand. She was a dedicated and faithful patriot.

Karla loved to read, work in her yard, and, most of all, spend time with her four grandsons. She found joy in every aspect of life. Her zeal was contagious.

Karla is survived by her husband (of 53 years) Phillip, son Kendall (Christy), daughter Krystal (Bill), brother David, sisters Madelyn and Marilyn, and grandsons Joshua, Daniel, Liam, and Evan. Karla will be greatly missed.

She of all people would want everyone to know that she has met her Savior face to face, and is in a far better place.

HONORING SGT DAVID SCUDDER
FOR BRAVERY IN ACTION

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 28, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished service of Sgt. David Scudder of Hot Springs, Arkansas. Sgt. Scudder was severely wounded while serving with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division in Afghanistan. His fellow Paratroopers quickly came to his aid.

During a September 12, 2019 mission to retake a district center held by the Taliban in Farah Province, Sgt. Scudder took a bullet to the leg. Members of his unit, Specialist Joseph Sturgill and Specialist Dominic Green, took quick action. Placing Scudder on a stretcher, they carried him two miles to safety while taking enemy fire from a second ambush.

It is stories like this one which remind us of the price our service members pay for the defense of liberty. It is my hope that all of Hot Springs, the State of Arkansas, and this nation will join me in honoring the valor of individuals like Sgt. Scudder.

I take this time to honor the heroism of Sgt. David Scudder and his team and to thank them for their commitment to higher service. It is from them that we should all learn the ultimate example of bravery, of sacrifice, and what it means to be a patriot.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF RAY
L. TOWNSEND

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 28, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ray L. Townsend, of Warren, Ohio, who passed away peacefully on August 3, 2020 at the age of 83.

Ray was born February 20, 1937 in Varnell, Georgia to the late Claude and Mary (Sweeney) Townsend.

Ray married his late wife Linda on December 7, 1956. They loved to dance and travel. Their pride was the family they built together. Their love and devotion for each other was an inspiration for other couples to aspire to. Their welcoming home was open to all because "it takes a family to build a community."

Ray worked non-stop and was a wonderful provider. Even up to his last month, he was working on cars, doing construction and passing on his knowledge to his grandkids.

He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force and Army.

Ray retired from WCI Steel in 2000, where he worked for transportation for over 42 years. As a committed union representative, he fought for fairness. He solicited tirelessly for "the working man."

Besides his parents, Ray is preceded in death by his wife, the former Linda E. Burd and his sisters, Lois Carmen and Frances Weaver.

Ray is survived by his children, Sandra Ham, Eugene (Pam) Townsend, Robert (Laura) Townsend, Joseph (Jill) Townsend, Richard (Suzanne) Townsend and Phillip

(Audria) Townsend; ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Townsend was a strong advocate for the working people of the Mahoning Valley, and I thank him for his service to our country. Ray was also a great friend to my office in Warren—dropping by to chat and delivering sweets during the holidays. My greatest sympathies, and those of my entire staff, go out to Ray's family and to everyone whose lives he touched.

HONORING OCEANSIDE POLICE
CHIEF FRANK MCCOY ON HIS RE-
TIREMENT

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 28, 2020

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Oceanside Police Chief Frank McCoy on his retirement after 36 years in law enforcement.

Chief McCoy has served as Chief of Police for the City of Oceanside since January 2006, making him the longest serving Police Chief in the history of the department. Under his leadership, Oceanside has seen a 28 percent reduction in violent crime and a 33 percent reduction in overall crime. Chief McCoy established a culture of community policing and banned the use of the Carotid Restraint, commonly referred to as a chokehold, after the murder of George Floyd.

Before serving in Oceanside, Chief McCoy started his career with the City of Manhattan Beach. He then spent 20 years working for the City of Long Beach, where he worked his way through the ranks to become a Commander.

I am grateful for Chief McCoy's contributions to our community and wish him the best in his retirement.

HONORING THE JOHNSTOWN HIS-
TORICAL SOCIETY FOR THEIR
ROLE IN PRESERVING THE
NORTH COUNTRY'S HISTORY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 28, 2020

Ms. STEFANK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Johnstown Historical Society for the significant part the group has played in preserving the rich history of the North Country for future generations.

As the birthplace of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who forever changed America through her advocacy for women's rights, Johnstown claims a pivotal role in the Women's Suffrage Movement. This year we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. While Stanton did not live to see the right to vote won by women, her legacy paved the way for women to be elected to Congress and other prominent offices across the country in the last 100 years.

The Johnstown Historical Society imparts knowledge of not only Stanton's life through the museum's display of documents, portraits, and artifacts, like her piano, but many other historical events as well. Johnstown, New