

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF DUANE VOLUME FIRE CO. INC.

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the tremendous commitment to service and duty that the men and women of the Duane Volunteer Fire Co. Inc. have shown to their community for the last 50 years.

In September of 1970, a small group of Duane residents established the volunteer fire company as a private corporation on land that was donated in perpetuity to the Fire Department. Over the next two years, generous donations and fundraising helped the Duane Volunteer Fire Co. Inc. to become fully operational, constructing a firehouse and obtaining the necessary equipment. In 1972, the department entered into a longstanding contract with the Town of Duane to provide firematic operations, the scope of which have expanded greatly today to provide many additional services. The Duane Volunteer Fire Co. Inc. has highly trained and certified personnel up to the paramedic level that can assist in any emergency.

The Duane Volunteer Fire Co. Inc. embodies the spirit of the North Country, cultivating a strong sense of community and lending a helping hand whenever needed. These volunteers not only aid their fellow neighbors when emergencies arise, but also provide a space to bring the community together. The firehouse serves as an ad-hoc community center, used for a wide variety of purposes such as hosting town board meetings and serving as the local election site as well as the area's food bank. The department truly is a cornerstone of the community.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank the brave men and women, past and present, of the Duane Volunteer Fire Co. Inc. for their longtime commitment to safeguarding the community. I congratulate them on their hard-earned achievements thus far and know they will continue to be a pillar of support to the town for many years to come.

HONORING PEYTON THOMPSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Peyton Thompson. Peyton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Peyton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Peyton has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Peyton has served his troop as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and attended the Seabase High Adventure in the Bahamas. Peyton has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Peyton constructed two raised garden beds for Pharis Farm, an antebellum Clay County Historic Site outside of Liberty, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Peyton Thompson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF
CONSTITUTION DAY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Anniversary of Constitution Day in the United States. On September 17, 1787, our Founding Fathers met and signed the most influential document that shaped American history, the United States Constitution.

On this day every year, we celebrate Constitution Day to commemorate our Founding Fathers working together to construct our supreme law of the land. The United States Constitution's first three words—"We The People"—affirm that the government of the United States exists to serve its citizens. Collectively, the U.S. Constitution is not only the source of all government powers, but places limitations on the government that protects the fundamental unalienable rights of U.S. Citizens.

Today we honor Constitution Day to ensure all people broaden their knowledge on how the Constitution has shaped our history and each and every one of our lives. Knowing the content of the U.S. Constitution is the key to making sure that we operate within the parameters established by our Founding Fathers. It ensures that the Constitution remains a living, breathing document and the bedrock of our democracy. Only by knowing our freedoms and rights are we able to safeguard them from attempts to dilute them. Only by knowing the boundaries of what's permissible can we prevent threats to the more perfect union that was created over 200 years ago. All laid out for us, together today, we celebrate unity, freedom, and democracy.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me in celebrating Constitution Day in the United States of America.

CELEBRATING REVEREND DOCTOR
GREGORY M. HOWARD

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor and recognize Rev. Dr. Gregory M. Howard, a pastor, academic, and author, who has dedicated his life to promoting community spirit in others.

Dr. Howard has shown dedication and passion for spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through his many roles as a servant leader. The Commonwealth of Virginia is indebted to him for his years of service to our academic and religious institutions, including his time as Interim Dean and Associate Professor of Homiletics and Practical Theology at the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University, and as immediate past president of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia. He has shared his experiences and deep knowledge with us through his writing, including authoring *Black Sacred Rhetoric: The Gospel According to Religious Folk Talk and Voices Crying Out in the Wilderness: Theological Reflections Where Context Matters*.

Dr. Howard's leadership within the Black church has advanced the cause of social justice, and I am confident that he will continue to lead that fight for years to come. He continuously motivates us to work with humble devotion to improve the lives of those around us. I have no doubt that he will continue to inspire generations of young people to pursue a life of service through faith, community, and love.

IN HONOR OF MAJOR GENERAL
KENNETH D. JONES

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Major General Kenneth D. Jones for his 38 remarkable years of leadership and dedicated service in the United States Army.

General Jones was born and raised in Brazos County and now calls Iowa, Texas home. In 1980, General Jones graduated from Texas A&M University, where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets' V-1 Vipers. After graduation, General Jones chose to serve his country and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, Ordnance Corps. General Jones began his career as a Soldier in the 82nd Airborne Division during the Cold War, later commanding at the company, battalion, brigade, and major command levels. Throughout his career, General Jones spent over 35 months deployed overseas in Southwest Asia. His deployment includes Operations Iraqi Freedom/

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Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn, and Enduring Freedom/Spartan Shield.

During his time in the Army, General Jones also found time to further his education and training, earning a master's degree from the United States War College in 2008. He served in multiple flag officer assignments across the country. After he earned the rank of Army Reserve two-star general, General Jones was promoted to Commander of the 81st Readiness Division in 2017. In this position, General Jones was responsible for ensuring his units—a group amounting to 50,000 soldiers—were fully trained throughout the Southeastern United States region.

During his career, General Jones exemplified excellence and service. He has earned multiple decorations in his career, including Legion of Merit Medals, Bronze Star Medals, and Meritorious Service Medals, to name a few. In his civilian career, General Jones worked for Hallmark Cards Inc. for 28 years as a Plant Engineering Manager before deciding to return to his roots in Texas, where he works for the family insurance business in Bryan as the Business Development and Human Capital Manager.

It is an honor to celebrate General Jones' leadership and unwavering commitment to our great country. I am proud to join his wife Cheryl, their two daughters, and two grandchildren to thank him for a long, devoted career of service and wish him well as he begins this next chapter of life.

DEBATE ON H.R. 1668, THE IOT CYBERSECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, in regards to a technical question from some of my colleagues, H.R. 1668 will set the minimum security policies and vulnerability disclosure guidance for the procurement of government Internet of Things devices. To ensure that devices do not slip through the cracks, Section 7 of this bill includes a simplified acquisition threshold provision. The intent of this section is to ensure that all contracts, even those below the simplified acquisition threshold, are subject to the standards and guidelines developed under section 4 or the guidelines published under section 5.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH T. McELVEEN, JR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and the retiring Mayor of my hometown of Sumter, South Carolina. Joseph T. McElveen, Jr. is a dedicated public servant and an ardent advocate for Sumter. His leadership will be missed, but I know he will continue to be an active part of his beloved community.

Joe McElveen and I share the hometown of Sumter and are blessed to have had entrepre-

neurial parents to teach us. His father, John, owned a bicycle shop and ice cream parlor on Liberty Street across from my mother's beauty shop. The two of them created a partnership that resulted in my brothers and me spending our summers selling his ice cream from our mother's push carts in our neighborhood. I am grateful that the relationship between our families developed into a lifelong friendship between us.

Joe attended public schools in Sumter and graduated from The Citadel in 1968. He was a Gold Star student and a Distinguished Air Force Student and Graduate. Following college graduation, Joe went on to attend the University of South Carolina Law School, where he served on the Editorial Board of the South Carolina Law Review and published two articles. He graduated and was admitted to the Bar in 1971.

After law school, Joe served in the U.S. Air Force as an administrative officer for the 728th Tactical Fighter Support Squadron. When his active duty service ended, he continued in reserve duty as a Staff Judge Advocate until 1977. During that time, Joe joined the Bryan Law Firm and became a partner in 1975. His legal career focused on family law and workers' compensation.

Joe served on the House of Delegates and Board of Governors for the South Carolina Bar Association, and as a board member of the Workplace Litigation Group. He also received the Gold Compleat Lawyer Award by the South Carolina School of Law in 1996.

In addition to his success as a lawyer, Joe is also dedicated to serving his community. He has served on the Sumter County Drug Abuse Council and as a member of the City of Sumter Zoning Board of Adjustments and the City/County Planning Commission. He has also served as president of the Sumter Jaycees, the Sumter Optimist Club and the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce. He also served on the board of the Sumter Family YMCA and was recognized for his service by the March of Dimes and the Heart Association.

Joe has also held elective office. He was elected to Sumter City Council for two years, serving from 1984 to 1986. In 1986, he began representing Sumter County in the South Carolina House, where he served on the Judiciary and Rules Committee. He also served two terms as Majority Leader and left the State Legislature in 1996. In 2000, Joe ran for and was elected Mayor of our hometown.

With his retirement this year as Mayor of Sumter, Joe leaves as the longest serving Mayor in the city's history. He also leaves a legacy of making the City of Sumter a better place. I was pleased to work with the Mayor to secure federal funding to renovate an old warehouse into a much-needed Intermodal Transportation Center. Later the Regional Transportation Authority honored me by naming the Center in my honor and I was present for its dedication in 2008. We also worked closely together to bring resources and services to economically distressed communities through three HOPE (Harvest Opportunity and Promoting Empowerment) Centers in the federally designated Sumter Columbia Empowerment Zone.

As Mayor, Joe also oversaw a revitalization of Sumter's historic downtown. The Sumter Opera House was restored as a center for entertainment, a new Public Safety Complex was

opened, and public parks including Memorial Park, Palmetto Park and Swan Lake Iris Gardens have been upgraded. During his tenure, he encouraged Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification in new construction and renovations to public buildings to promote sustainability.

He also expanded sports and recreational opportunities by opening the City of Sumter Aquatics Center and the Palmetto Tennis Center. Joe also led the initiative to decrease vacant properties by more than 22-percent and developed the PRIDE program to help 564 owners clean up blighted properties. His efforts to improve Sumter, were recognized when the City was recognized as a Top 20 finalist in the 2019 All American City Competition hosted by the National League of Cities.

Joe is a longtime member of The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) and was elected to the 28-member USCM Advisory Board. He also serves as Chair of the Veteran Affairs Task Force and Vice Chair of the Membership Committee.

He is married to the former Kathy Watson. They have two children, Thomas (Bronwyn) and Kate Price (Nick), and two grandchildren Adelaide and Joe McElveen. The family attends First Presbyterian Church, where Joe has served as a deacon and an elder.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me wishing Mayor Joe McElveen a happy and healthy retirement from public life. He has demonstrated through this lifetime of service that he is motivated by his love of his community and its people. He has given his time and his talents to ensure Sumter continues to grow and thrive. It is a better place because of his service, and that is a tremendous legacy of which he should be extremely proud.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE NFL

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my fellow representative, Mr. Bob Gibbs, to wish the National Football League a happy 100th birthday. One hundred years ago today, 15 people met in an automobile showroom in Canton, Ohio to form what would become the National Football League. From these humble beginnings, the NFL has grown into a pre-eminent American sports league, comprised of 32 teams from 22 states across the country.

Over its first 100 years, the NFL has become a fixture in American life. The league is an American institution that brings together individuals of all ages, races, and backgrounds through a common enthusiasm for and appreciation for the game of football. Through good times and bad, the NFL has consistently reflected the spirit of the American people, displaying resilience, optimism, and resolve through periods of war, economic distress, natural disasters, and the current pandemic. Last season, the NFL concluded the celebration of its 100th season with a thrilling Super Bowl championship that was viewed by over 100 million Americans.

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is a historic day as well. Today, in an effort to commemorate this momentous occasion, my Cleveland Browns will host the Cincinnati Bengals in a classic rivalry game, known as the "Battle of Ohio". The game will highlight the formation of the league and its humble roots in Canton, honor the more than 25,000 players who have played in the league, and showcase the work the NFL is doing to ensure its second century is just as successful as the first.

We, therefore, recognize the National Football League on its 100th birthday, and wish the league all the best as it embarks into its second century as the foremost steward of "America's Game." Go Browns!

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF JOHN KUSMITCH

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the life and service of John Kusmitch of Kingsford, Michigan. Through his extreme courage and selflessness, John has become an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

John enlisted in the United States Army in August of 1949 at just 18. During the Korean War, he served in the 25th Infantry Division as a motor transport operator, and was responsible for supervising and operating vehicles to transport personnel and cargo. The vital work of motor transport operators like John were the backbone of our military operations during this conflict—providing advanced mobility both on and off the battlefield. In April of 1951, John was captured by hostile forces and endured 27 months of harsh conditions as a Prisoner of War.

Observed annually on the third Friday of September, National POW/MIA Recognition Day honors those who were Prisoners of War and those who are still Missing in Action in service to their nation. We owe the men and women in uniform who were captured, missing, or unaccounted for a debt which can never be repaid. By coming together to honor those who stood up to defend and to serve, the people of Michigan's First District can ensure that the service and sacrifice of those in uniform is never forgotten.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the service of John Kusmitch. Michiganders can take immense pride in knowing that the First District is home to such a selfless individual. On behalf of my constituents, I wish John all the best in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call votes. Had I been present for them, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call 183: H.R. 4894—Congressional Budget Justification Transparency Act of

2020—On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill—YEA, and

Roll Call 184: S. 2193—Charge Act—On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill—YEA.

FLORIDA INVENTORS HALL OF
FAME 2020 INDUCTEES

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the eight inventors who have been recognized as the 2020 Inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame. To be named as an Inductee, these inventors were nominated by their peers nationwide and have undergone the scrutiny of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame Selection Committee. As a result, their innovations have been identified as significantly impacting the quality of life, economic development, and welfare of their communities, the residents of Florida, and the United States.

The Florida Inventors Hall of Fame was founded in 2013 at the University of South Florida. It was recognized by the Florida Senate with Senate Resolution 1756, adopted on April 30, 2014. Its mission is to encourage individuals of all backgrounds to strive toward the betterment of Florida and society through continuous, groundbreaking innovation by celebrating the incredible scientific work that has been or is being accomplished in Florida and by its citizens.

Nomination to the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame is open to all Florida inventors (living or dead) who are or have been residents of Florida. The nominee must be a named inventor on a patent issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The impact of the inventor and his or her invention should be significant to society, and the invention should have been commercialized, utilized, or led to important innovations.

The 2020 Inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame are:

Christopher Batch: University of Florida Professor of materials science and engineering and biomedical engineering, who developed groundbreaking treatments in patient care, most notably the anti-bacterial surface treatment material, Bioguard, which is used as the standard of care for advanced wound dressing and bacterial barriers in hospitals and healthcare facilities.

Nicholas Bodor: Founder and CEO of Bodor Laboratories, University of Florida Professor Emeritus and prolific inventor whose innovations in drug discovery established the field of retrometabolic drug design and led him to develop a portfolio of novel drugs to treat numerous inflammatory disease processes.

Harvey Firestone (1868–1938): Founder of Firestone Tire and Rubber Company whose pioneering innovations revolutionized the commercial rubber industry, and who advanced scientific research in Florida and co-founded the Edison Botanic Research Corporation to develop a domestic source of natural rubber.

Leslie Kramer: Vice President of Engineering and Manufacturing at Tailor Made Prosthetics; scientist, engineer and entrepreneur whose long career in industry led to

groundbreaking innovations in composite materials, military defense applications and most notably an advanced carbon-fiber composite prosthetic foot that has improved the lives of amputees.

Israel Morejon: Founder and President of Integrated Engineering Technology whose inventions have provided innovative solutions across multiple industries, most notably state-of-the-art LED lighting technologies, Nano projectors, wireless modem technology, optical tomography for cancer detection systems, and cutting-edge HVAC Load Reduction technology.

Joshua Rokach: Florida Institute of Technology Professor who was the first to synthesize major inflammatory triggers responsible for asthma, allergies, and inflammatory bowel disease, which revolutionized medical research in allergy and inflammation and led him to develop a number of groundbreaking drug discoveries, including Singulair and Flexeril.

Jean-François Rossignol: Co-Founder and Chief Medical & Scientific Officer of Romark Laboratories and University of South Florida Affiliate Professor of Medicine whose breakthroughs in treatments for parasitic diseases led to his discovery of thiazolidines, a new class of antiparasitic agents, later discovered as a new class of broad-spectrum antiviral drugs also used in the fight against novel infectious diseases.

Christine Schmidt: University of Florida Professor and Chair of the J. Crayton Pruitt Family Department of Biomedical Engineering whose pioneering research in biomaterials science led to her development of decellularization techniques used in Avance Nerve Graft, a biochemically processed nerve graft that benefits patients with peripheral nerve damage.

Innovation and invention are the building blocks of our nation. I applaud these highly accomplished individuals and the organizations that support them in their quest to change the world in ways that truly benefit humanity. It is because of the perseverance of these inventors that future generations are encouraged to reach beyond their limits and push the boundaries of innovation.

HONORING THE BRAVE SERVICE
OF CHARLES E. COOPER OF TENNESSEE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Army Private First Class Charles E. Cooper for his distinguished service to this nation.

PFC Cooper served honorably in the United States Army during World War II, beginning in 1942 at the age of 25. He was sent to Company K, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division, participating in rigorous training exercises that included amphibious assaults that would later be employed for the D-Day assault. On that fateful day, June 6, 1944, the 4th Infantry Division crossed the English Channel to the front lines of the War, assaulting a German-held beach under heavy enemy fire.

PFC Cooper's regiment was one of the first surface-borne Allied units to hit the beaches at Normandy, providing much-needed relief to the 82nd Airborne Division. The division's advancements took the Cotentin peninsula and resulted in the capture of Cherbourg. They also slowed the German Seventh Army's march toward Avranches, ultimately leading to the liberation of the Paris.

The 4th Division later crossed into Belgium and broke through the Siegfried Line, slowly progressing through the heart of Germany. On November 6, 1944, a severe, month-long battle broke out at the fortified Hurtgen Forrest, resulting in PFC Cooper being mortally wounded by enemy fire. He died of his wounds on November 19, 1944, at the age of 27.

PFC Cooper will forever be memorialized as an American hero. We remember him for his exemplary service and courageous spirit as he modelled for servicemembers everywhere what it means to sacrifice. As a monument of gratitude to his service, Wayne County in Tennessee has chosen to dedicate a bridge in his honor. On behalf of the United States Congress, I wish to pay tribute to this American hero who made the ultimate sacrifice in our nation's hour of need.

RECOGNIZING USHER SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. McGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Usher syndrome and, in particular, to recognize the Usher Syndrome Coalition, a nonprofit organization based in Massachusetts that is building and connecting the global Usher syndrome community to help speed the search for a cure. This Saturday, September 19, 2020, is Usher Syndrome Awareness Day.

Usher syndrome is a rare genetic disease that affects at least 25,000 people in the United States. It causes deafness or hearing loss from birth, and retinal disease that slowly and progressively leads to blindness. Currently, there are no treatments or cure for Usher syndrome—but that can change with awareness and support. Finding a cure has never been more urgent or more achievable.

Some of the world's most innovative researchers are leading efforts to develop treatments for Usher syndrome at institutions across the country including in my home state of Massachusetts. Scientists at Massachusetts Eye and Ear, Harvard Medical School and Boston Children's Hospital are pursuing promising paths to treatment, including a stem cell therapy trial and gene therapy strategies to treat the vision loss and hearing loss caused by Usher syndrome.

As a nation, we need to do more to find a cure. Usher syndrome not only impacts our families but our communities, our health care system, our educational system, and our economy. For the past six years, federal spending on Usher syndrome has remained flat. This must change if there is to be any real progress toward finding a cure.

Targeted research supported by sufficient funding and serious agency attention are crit-

ical components to finding a cure. The COVID-19 pandemic and the daily challenges facing the Usher syndrome community could not be more pressing and finding a cure more paramount.

I am proud to recognize the work of the Usher Syndrome Coalition, and the commitment to finding a cure for Usher syndrome. I stand with those who suffer from Usher syndrome and hope with the dedicated efforts of the Usher Syndrome Coalition, there will soon be a cure.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH SEASON OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL)

HON. BOB GIBBS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GIBBS. Madam Speaker, I rise today, with my fellow Representative Tim Ryan (OH-13) to wish the National Football League a happy 100th birthday. One hundred years ago today, 15 people met in an automobile showroom in Canton, Ohio to form what would become the National Football League. From these humble beginnings, the NFL has grown into a preeminent American sports league, comprised of 32 teams from 22 states across the country.

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IN RECOGNITION OF SOUTHERN CRESCENT WOMEN IN BUSINESS INC.

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ariel Shaw and Southern Crescent Women In Business Inc.

Southern Crescent Women In Business Inc. is a conglomerate of women-owned businesses and women in business who are working to change the economic landscape in the Southern Crescent. This organization seeks to level the economic playing field in assisting women-owned businesses, using its platform to help strengthen and build key relationships.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, the fastest growing market of entrepreneurs are women, and women have contributed more than \$40 billion dollars in revenue over the last ten years. With this increase, Southern Crescent Women In Business Inc. work to provide the foundational support that is needed for women-owned businesses and women in business in the Southern Crescent area and beyond and will help build upon important relationships with the key stakeholders, and community and business leaders to provide access of information and funding to women-owned businesses.

Understanding the challenges that women entrepreneurs face, Southern Crescent Women In Business Inc. has developed key partnerships with the banking and finance industry to help open access to capital. This organization continues to bring influential leaders in economic development, finance, and entrepreneurship in order to strengthen communities, reach economic advancement and open opportunities for other dynamic women.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Ariel Shaw and Southern Crescent Women In Business Inc. for their outstanding service in the Southern Crescent.

HONORING THE FALLEN CLEVELAND CITY POLICE OFFICERS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, it is with terrible sadness and grief that I rise today, for in my district the Cleveland community is laying to rest two Cleveland City Police Officers, whose fates were met far too early.

Detective James Skernivitz, 53, was working an undercover drug operation when he and his informant, Scott Dingess, 50, were ambushed and killed, a tragic incident marking Detective Skernivitz as the first on-duty officer to be fatally shot in Cleveland in more than a decade. Officer Skernivitz was a devoted husband to his wife Kristen, and father to Matthew, Bayleigh and Peyton. Officer Skernivitz was a brother, a son, and a friend to many.

We are also mourning the terrible loss of Cleveland Police Officer Nick Sabo, 39, who was found dead as a result of a tragic and sudden suicide. Officer Sabo will be remembered as a devoted husband to his wife

Brienne, beloved father to his four children Isaiah, Elijah, Camryn, and Kinsley, and treasured son, brother, friend and fellow officer.

The sudden deaths of Detective Skernivitz and Officer Sabo serve as a constant reminder of the dangers and stresses put on public safety officers every single day. Both men lived and died as heroes and the Cleveland community will never forget their service and sacrifices.

My sincerest condolences and prayers are with their families, the Cleveland Police Department, and the entire Cleveland community during this difficult time.

In their memory, I will request that American flags be hoisted over the U.S. Capitol in their memory and be presented to their families as a token of our everlasting gratitude for their ultimate sacrifices to Protect and Serve.

CELEBRATING HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Observed from September 15th to October 15th, Hispanic Heritage Month honors those of Hispanic heritage, praises the extraordinary contributions that they have made to our society, and reaffirms our commitment to protecting their culture.

Hispanic Americans are among the fastest growing ethnic groups in the United States. For evidence, simply turn to my home state of Texas. In the 30th District alone, Hispanic Americans account for nearly 40 percent of my constituents. The inclusion of their voices and values in the community make my district, and the United States, stronger as whole.

Sadly, as a result of systemic inequalities, Hispanic Americans face a higher risk of contracting and dying from the coronavirus. Additionally, many have been forced to choose between returning to work in unsafe environments or losing their jobs—quite literally a choice of life or death.

Madam Speaker, as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, let us be mindful of the pain this community has felt these past few months, and continue to push for the passage of bills—such as the HEROES Act, the DREAM and Promise Act, and Raise the Wage Act—all of which would greatly improve the lives of our Hispanic brothers and sisters.

HONORING CONSTITUTION WEEK,
SEPT. 17 THROUGH 23

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Constitution Week, which is observed during the week of September 17 through 23. This week is intended to commemorate the adoption of the United States

Constitution, a document that has embraced freedom and been a shining light of democracy since its adoption in 1787.

In 1787, at a time when it was unheard of, the founding fathers set out to establish a bold, new way of life that warded against governmental tyranny and instead embraced freedom and democracy. The founders sought to replace the flawed and insufficient Articles of Confederation with a new document that better encapsulated a balance between sovereignty and cohesion to guide the fledgling country. The framing process itself was grueling, entailing several hour-long debates inside of a hot room in Philadelphia, during which the framers clashed over ideas of sovereignty, distribution of power, and individual liberties. Out of this grueling process eventually arose the United States Constitution, which establishes the United States government and outlines its relationship to the people, along with other rules and inalienable rights guaranteed to its citizens.

The Constitution serves as an example of American tenacity and embodies our commitment to freedom, democracy, and honor. Since its adoption in 1787, dozens of other countries have followed suit and have adopted measures to enhance freedom and democracy in their own lands. During this celebratory week, we take a moment to pay respect to this document, which has had such positive benefits for human civilization, both domestically and abroad.

I ask that all Members join me in recognizing Constitution Week.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR JOHN W.
MATTHEWS, JR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and a true public servant. Senator John Wesley Matthews, Jr. is retiring after 46 years of service in the South Carolina State Legislature. He is renowned for his commitment to education and job creation especially in Berkeley, Calhoun, Colleton, Dorchester and Orangeburg counties, which he proudly serves. His leadership and tireless dedication will truly be missed.

John, a son of South Carolina, was born to Reverend John Wesley, Sr. and Victoria Williams Matthews. He is a graduate of South Carolina State College (now University), Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, and Lincoln Electrical Institute.

John began his career as a public-school teacher and rose to become a school principal. He was also a small business owner. These experiences led him to seek elective office and he ran for the South Carolina State House. He served as a State Representative from 1975 to 1984, when he ran for the State Senate. He has held the Senate District No. 39 seat since 1985.

While in the Senate, John served as a member of the Senate Education, Finance, Banking & Insurance Committee, the Agri-

culture & Natural Resources Committee, and the Ethics and Interstate Cooperation Committee. He currently serves as the Assistant Minority Leader in the State Senate and as Chairman of the Orangeburg County Legislative Delegation. He has previously served as Chairman of the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus and as a member of the Southern Regional Education Board, the Education Oversight Committee, a member of the 2016 Democratic National Platform Committee and a member of the Governor's Middle Grades Task Force.

In 2004, I was proud to be on hand, when the Orangeburg County Council named a 500-acre site at the intersections of U.S. Highways 301 and 176 the John W. Matthews Industrial Park. Our alma mater, South Carolina State also honored John in 2006 with the naming of the John W. Matthews, Jr. 1890 Extension Building. Last year, the South Carolina Senate unveiled a portrait of their colleague, currently the longest serving South Carolina State legislator. The portrait hangs in the Chamber. These honors are richly deserved and represent the impact that John has had on his native state.

In addition to his service in the General Assembly, John has served his community in many other capacities. He has served as a member of the South Carolina Education Association, the Orangeburg County Education Association, the Clemson University Board of Visitors, the Medical University of South Carolina Board of Trustees, the Winthrop Board of Visitors, the Human Affairs Commission Board of Trustees, the Voorhees College Board of Trustees, and the Claflin University Capital Campaign Steering Committee.

John has received numerous awards over the years including induction into the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame and being named Minority Business Advocate of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration and South Carolina Primary Health Care Legislator of the Year. He is also a recipient of the South Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities Legislative Champion Award, the Wilkins Legislative Leadership Award, the Ernest Finney Chairmen's Award, the Orangeburg Chapter NAACP Exceptional Legislative Service Award, the Congressman Clyburn and Congressman John Spratt Public Service Award, the SC Alliance for Mobile Infrastructure Elected Official of the Year Award and the National Trends and Services Award of the Orangeburg Chapter of the Links, Inc.

He has received honorary doctorates from South Carolina State University, the College of Charleston and the Medical University of South Carolina.

John was married to the late Geraldine Hillard Matthews, and the couple had five children. He attends Pineville United Methodist Church and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in celebrating the tremendous service John W. Matthews has provided to the State of South Carolina. He embodies the true definition of a servant leader, and his longevity in the South Carolina General Assembly has left a lasting mark on the State and its citizens. We are all better for his service, and I know he will continue to serve his community for years to come.

CONSTITUTION DAY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, today is the 233rd anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution by our Founding Fathers in Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The seven articles of the Constitution give clarity to our three branches of government: the executive, legislative, and judicial branches, and explains the separating of duties for each.

As an attorney, a retired member of the United States Armed Forces, a Member of Congress, and a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I appreciate the Constitution each day and hold fast to how the Founding Fathers envisioned limited government to provide for expanded freedom. I encourage all Americans to read and discuss the U.S. Constitution today with family, friends, coworkers, and others in honor and celebration of Constitution Day.

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

RECOGNIZING DALE BRIGHT'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO LABORERS 242

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise to recognize Dale Bright on his many years of service as a laborer and then as the Political Director of Laborers Local Union 242 and congratulate him on his retirement.

My staff and I were lucky to have the privilege of working with Dale on labor rights for several years. Dale has always been a champion of workers' rights and through his advocacy he has been able to improve the lives of countless workers in Washington. Dale has fought relentlessly to ensure everyone has access to a fair and equal workplace including living wages, good benefits, and more. He was instrumental in implementing Community Workforce Agreements and apprenticeship utilization throughout the region. This work has had a profound impact on historically marginalized communities. These programs have proved to be incredibly successful and helped many people start union careers.

Dale continually demonstrated time and again that he is a community builder and passionate leader. Dale encouraged and helped facilitate civic engagement and voter registration among members of the Laborers Local Union 242. His leadership, knowledge, and personal efforts greatly contributed to one of the strongest labor unions in the country. The thoughtfulness, work ethic, and enthusiasm Dale brought to the Laborers as Political Director will be deeply missed by all.

Madam Speaker, I thank Dale Bright for his dedicated service to the Laborers 242 where he never stopped working to advance the rights of workers, and I wish him a happy retirement.

HONORING DR. HELEN LEVINE

HON. CHARLIE CRIST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. CRIST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Helen Levine, the Regional Vice Chancellor for External Affairs at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP), for her 14 years of service to the USF system and for being a remarkable and powerful force for good in the Pinellas community.

During a tenure that spanned multiple campus administrations, Dr. Levine used her position to fight for the advancement of higher education. From her work championing the construction of the historic Kate Tiedemann College of Business to her advocacy on behalf of the internationally recognized La Florida Project, which tells the story of Spanish Florida, Dr. Levine has changed many lives for the better. She is someone who has long lived up to the ideals of bipartisanship and civility, working across the aisle with city councils, the state legislature, and Congress to secure funds for research, scholarship, and a more equitable University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

Madam Speaker, to speak for just one minute on the full legacy of Dr. Levine is impossible. She is a groundbreaking leader, a champion for education, and a role model for all who seek to improve the lives of others in their community. As she retires from her senior position at USFSP, it is my privilege to wish her the best in all her future endeavors both personally and as a valued member of our community.

HONORING JUDGE LISA BLOCH RODWIN FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Erie County Family Court Judge Lisa Bloch Rodwin as she retires from the bench after over thirty years of public service. Throughout her career as a judge, and previously as a prosecutor, Judge Bloch Rodwin's dedication and ingenuity helped secure the promise of equal justice before the law more fully for victims of domestic violence and others to whom it had previously too often been denied.

As an assistant district attorney, Judge Bloch Rodwin was the founder of one of the first domestic violence bureaus in a prosecutor's office nationally. Her work helped change the culture of the criminal justice system in Western New York; in important ways Judge Bloch Rodwin's efforts led the re-shaping of that system to more comprehensively address the scourge of domestic violence and related crimes with the vigor and the tenacity that justice requires.

After her appointment to the bench in 2007, and subsequent re-elections, Judge Bloch Rodwin continued this important work, developing and expanding programs to aid victims of domestic abuse and other crimes in under-

served communities. She was the founding board chair of the Erie County Family Justice Center, as well as a founder of the Alexa Foundation, which serves child abuse and sexual assault survivors. We in Western New York have not been the only beneficiaries of Judge Bloch Rodwin's good work; she has been generous in providing the benefit of her widely sought-after expertise nation-wide to professionals in the criminal justice system, to national media outlets and to academics. It is appropriate that as a result of her work, Judge Bloch Rodwin has been the recipient of numerous national, regional and local awards and honors.

I ask my honorable colleagues to join me in thanking Judge Bloch Rodwin for her exemplary and courageous efforts, and in recognizing her extraordinary career and accomplishments. In specific, tangible ways, Western New York and the United States have become more just because of the Judge's good work, and we are all in her debt.

HONORING REVEREND LONNIE AND ELISHA MITCHELL

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lifelong service of Reverend Lonnie and Elisha Mitchell. As the Pastor and First Lady of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Reverend Mitchell and his wife Elisha have faithfully and selflessly guided the Spokane community for nearly thirty years.

Reverend Mitchell is retiring to empower a new generation of leaders to continue his work and take the church to its next level. He leaves a remarkable legacy, and I'm grateful for the time we have spent together building unity in Spokane. His wisdom and perspective were always valued and trusted in many courageous conversations we had with diverse voices in our community. I'm glad that even in retirement, Reverend Mitchell will continue to serve in new ways and be a force for unity, security, and grace.

Madam Speaker, Lonnie became a pastor in 1989 following his military service in the United States Army. In 1991, he was assigned to Bethel A.M.E. by Bishop Vinton R Anderson. Under Reverend Mitchell's leadership, Bethel A.M.E. grew from 13 members to more than 200. While Lonnie served from the pulpit, Elisha served from the choir as a gospel singer. She ministered to many through her music and talent. During their time at Bethel A.M.E., Lonnie and Elisha have focused on a mission to love people—a mission as relevant today as it was in 1991.

Reverend Mitchell and his wife Elisha have been long-term leaders in our community, helping found multiple nonprofits. In 1994, Lonnie and Elisha created Unity in the Community, an event to showcase Spokane's diversity and unite our community around respect, trust, and collaboration. In 1995, they founded the AHANA Business and Professional Organization, a nonprofit that supported minority and women-owned businesses in Spokane. Additionally, in the early 2000s, Reverend Mitchell and Elisha were key fundraisers for the Emmanuel Family Life Center, a community center in the Perry District.

In 2018, Lonnie joined me on a Civil Rights pilgrimage to Alabama with the late Congressman John Lewis. On that pilgrimage, we walked the steps of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King as fellow Americans on a journey together for a more perfect union. In 2017, Lonnie also joined me in Washington, D.C. to open the House of Representatives in prayer. I'll forever be grateful for the lessons I have learned from Reverend Mitchell. He has made a difference in my life and so many others.

Madam Speaker, I join the Bethel A.M.E. congregation and the greater Spokane community in wishing Lonnie and Elisha Mitchell the best in their future endeavors. They are, and will continue to be, important leaders in our community and an example to us all. Their dedication and sacrifice have made them powerful role models we will greatly miss; though we know they're never far away.

On behalf of the People's House, I ask for everyone to join me in honoring Reverend Lonnie and Elisha Mitchell's service, which I know will inspire generations to come.

IN HONOR OF CHIEF EDWARD K.
WAGNER

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Ed Wagner, who is retiring after 25 years of service to the citizens of New Hampshire. Chief Wagner served in the United States Marine Corps before joining the Conway Police Department in 1995. Throughout his distinguished career, Chief Wagner has served as a patrolman, detective, sergeant, lieutenant, and, most recently, as the Chief of Police since 2005.

Chief Wagner, a down-to-earth and supportive leader, has dedicated his career with the Conway Police Department to protecting and serving Conway's citizens and visitors. In retirement, Chief Wagner will be staying in Conway where he will spend quality time with his family, including his first granddaughter, EdynRose.

Chief Wagner served in numerous roles at the Conway Police Department over the years, but his commitment to community service helped him easily adapt to the ever-changing environment. He approached his work with the utmost professionalism, integrity, and courage. His embodiment of these values served as a model to other officers and will continue to be a guiding principle in the Conway Police Department for decades to come.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Chief Wagner and his family for their decades of dedication to our community. I congratulate him on his accomplished law enforcement career, and I wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding votes I missed on September

14, resulting from a family emergency, and September 15, 2020, due to a historic signing ceremony at the White House of two agreements decades in the making.

Had I been present for Roll Call Votes 183, H.R. 4894, the Congressional Budget Justification Act, and 184, S. 2193, the CHARGE Act, I would have voted yea. These bills have my full support, and I hope they are swiftly signed into law.

Additionally, had I been present for Roll Call Votes 185 and 186, on ordering the previous question and agreeing to H. Res. 1107, respectively, I would have also voted yea. The bills brought to the House floor by this rule are long overdue for consideration. In particular, H.R. 2694, the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, of which I am a cosponsor, is vitally important legislation. No woman should ever be forced to choose between a healthy pregnancy and her career, but for too long, that has been the reality for many women. Despite existing laws, many workers still face pregnancy discrimination, including job loss, hiring discrimination, or an unsafe work environment. The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act establishes clear, reasonable accommodations for pregnant employees, and further ensures that pregnant employees cannot be retaliated against, denied employment opportunities, or be forced to take paid or unpaid leave due to their pregnancy. I look forward to supporting this legislation, as well as others brought forward by this rule.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF JOHN MODDIE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the life and service of John Moddie of Iron Mountain, Michigan. Through his extreme courage and selflessness, John has become an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

John enlisted in the United States Army in 1942 directly following his graduation from Niagara High School. After completing training at Fort Sheridan, Camp Roberts, and Camp Atterbury, John was shipped overseas to Germany. He fought for three months as a part of a field artillery unit, where he and his fellow men in uniform fought to repel the last German offensive of WWII during the Battle of the Bulge. John received a shrapnel wound and was captured on December 19, 1944. His time imprisoned as a POW would expose him to the horrific and inhumane treatment by the Nazis—facing severe hunger and the near constant fear of death. John and his fellow POWs would eventually be freed as Allied forces advanced through the region. Upon return home, John married his wife, Betty, built their home in Quinnesec, MI, and started their family.

Observed annually on the third Friday of September, National POW/MIA Recognition Day honors those who were Prisoners of War and those who are still Missing in Action in service to their nation. We owe the men and women in uniform who were captured, missing, or unaccounted for a debt which can never be repaid. By coming together to honor

those who stood up to defend and to serve, the people of Michigan's First District can ensure that the service and sacrifice of those in uniform is never forgotten.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the service of John Moddie. Michiganders can take immense pride in knowing that the First District is home to such a selfless individual. On behalf of my constituents, I wish John all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING DANIEL L. "DAN"
GROSS

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I and the other members of the San Diego Congressional delegation, rise with admiration and respect to honor and recognize the tremendous legacy of Daniel L. "Dan" Gross, who retired from Sharp HealthCare as Executive Vice President of Hospital Operations on April 3, 2020.

Born in Independence, Kansas, Dan's early childhood experiences created the blueprint for his education, career and philanthropic contributions. He experienced hospitals as a place for healing when serious medical issues meant repeated hospitalization for his mother. He was also very interested in science. His comparison of the hearts of five animals "off the farm" led to first place in the science fair when he was in 4th grade.

Like many San Diegans, in 1979 Dan came to visit but decided to stay. Planning further education, he was attracted by California's outstanding higher education system—which at that time was also affordable. He interviewed at all the San Diego hospitals but chose Sharp Memorial Hospital because of its commitment to professionalism.

While working his way up the clinical ladder at Sharp, Dan realized his graduate education goals earned a Masters in Nursing Administration from San Diego State University and his Doctorate in Nursing Sciences from the University of San Diego.

The first in his family to attend college; Dan knows the importance of nurturing the next generation of health care providers. He has advised on curriculum at San Diego's charter Health Sciences High and Middle College (HSHMC), and created internships at all Sharp hospitals for HSHMC students.

Dan's childhood experience on a farm also had a role in leading him to Sharp, where he was able to contribute to cutting edge research in cardiac services, including Jarvik Hearts, transplants, and left ventricular assist devices. Dan's graduate education ensured that nurses played critical roles during exciting times in clinical innovation. Patients throughout the country have also benefited, as he has raised over \$3 million for the American Heart/Stroke Association, consistently turning out the largest team for the annual fundraising walk for research and education.

Dan has worked at Sharp for over four decades, moving from clinical care to overseeing operations for four acute-care hospitals, three specialty hospitals including Sharp Mary Birch Hospital for Women & Newborns, the largest freestanding women's hospital west of the

Mississippi, and Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital, the largest private inpatient psychiatric hospital in California.

Not content with just ensuring a range of health care services that span cradle to hospice, Dan has led efforts to improve health care policy, quality, and affordability through leadership roles with both the California Hospital and the American Hospital associations. He has advised federal, state and local elected officials, federal and state agencies, and business and civic organizations.

In retirement, Dan could not step away from Sharp during a major public health crisis such as COVID-19, therefore he has continued to lend his expertise and steady leadership. Dan continues to be involved as an active board member for the California Health Care Foundation, an independent, nonprofit philanthropy that focuses on improving the health care system for families in California.

Dan has been a champion for access to high quality health care in San Diego, California and the nation. He has worked tirelessly to expand San Diego's health care infrastructure, provide opportunities for the next generation of health care providers, promote excellence in nursing, and support science education, research and advances in the treatment of chronic diseases. Madam Speaker, we ask that you please join us in recognizing Daniel L. Gross.

HONORING THE FAITHFUL SERVICE OF MARINE CORPS SERGEANT DAVID H. BROWN OF TENNESSEE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marine Corps Sergeant David H. Brown for his distinguished service to this nation.

Sergeant Brown joined the Marine Corps in 1963 at the age of 17, and in 1966, he was sent to Vietnam as a Platoon Sergeant with Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines, 3rd Marine Division. His unit participated in multiple operations to prevent the North Vietnamese from assaulting South Vietnam across the DMZ. As a result of these operations, Sergeant Brown was wounded several times and awarded the Purple Heart.

Sergeant Brown's indomitable spirit and dedication to his fellow Marines led him to stay and fight with his brothers, rather than leaving Vietnam. On September 8, 1967, Lima Company came under heavy fire that killed one marine and wounded 28 others. With Sergeant Brown's leadership, they resisted the attack and were able to establish a command post.

On September 10, Sergeant Brown's platoon once again took heavy fire from the NVA. Without hesitation, Sergeant Brown established a defensive position and repulsed the enemy attack by charging them with grenades that momentarily disrupted the onslaught, and after running out of grenades, he used a

wounded marine's M-79 grenade launcher to prevent further enemy assault while simultaneously killing several NVA members. He then dragged the wounded to safety and rallied his men to the fight, until he was struck and killed by enemy fire.

Even on the day that Sergeant Brown was supposed to be on a flight home, he chose to fight and die alongside his brothers. As a monument of gratitude to exemplary service and courageous spirit, Wayne County in Tennessee has chosen to dedicate a bridge in his honor. On behalf of the United States Congress, I wish to commend Sergeant Brown for his heroic service and to thank him and his family for making the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

CLARIFYING POSITION ON H. RES.
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HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Madam Speaker, regrettably, when the electronic vote was taken on H. Res. 908, I was recorded incorrectly. I oppose all forms of discrimination against any American on the sole basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age or sex. I oppose this politically-motivated and flawed resolution and intended to vote NO. Furthermore, I have and will continue to speak openly about The Chinese Communist Party, their hatred of American ideals and liberty and their attacks on our country."