

For nearly seven years, John has led the Port of Virginia as the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director. John assembled and cultivated a skilled and highly knowledgeable team, then provided impressive leadership and vision, to transform the Port of Virginia into a twenty-first century facility.

With a mantra of "Wider, Deeper & Safer," John steered the approval, funding and commencement of dredging the Norfolk Harbor and Channels to fifty-five feet depth. This will allow Hampton Roads to accommodate fully loaded Ultra-Large Container Vessels now and in the future. As Hampton Roads is also home to the world's largest naval base with six aircraft carriers, this widening will also enable safe, two-way traffic to prevent delays to commercial and military vessels.

Under John's supervision, the Port of Virginia constructed the new Virginia International Gateway. Hosting the largest ship-to-shore cranes in the Western Hemisphere, this state-of-the-art facility has some of the best cargo flow rates and vehicle turn-times in the nation.

While expanding the Port's capacity, John also successfully reduced emissions by transitioning away from diesel-driven container movement to an electric, safer and more space-conscious method of container handling and stacking. These electric gantry cranes dramatically reduce emissions, fuel consumption and noise.

With a vision for the future, John has planned and begun building the first infrastructure dedicated to our region's nascent offshore wind industry. Recognizing the Port of Virginia's natural benefits with a deep channel and no overhead obstructions, he has helped posture Hampton Roads to become a nucleus for our nation's growing carbon-free power generation industry.

The improvements John has made at the Port have benefited not only all Virginians but most Americans. The Port of Virginia's reach covers all commerce east of the Mississippi River and even extends to Kansas City, MO. Through the partnerships John helped build, the Port of Virginia achieved record-setting cargo volume for six consecutive years. The COVID-19 pandemic has proven American businesses and workers need efficient and reliable supply chains, and the Port has proven vital to this endeavor.

John's dedication to strengthening and improving Virginia's infrastructure and economy is truly inspiring. I am proud to honor and recognize his leadership and the role he plays in making our community a better place. Hampton Roads has significantly benefited from his efforts.

HONORING THE CAREER OF GRANT JAQUITH

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of my good friend and former colleague, Grant Jaquith, who upon his appointment as a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, has resigned from the Department of Justice after serving 31 years. I was proud to serve alongside Mr. Jaquith while working for the U.S. At-

torney's Office for the Northern District of New York and have always known him to be a dedicated public servant, staunch defender of the law, a stalwart advocate for victims and their families, and a genuinely good person.

After graduating with a Juris Doctor from University of Florida College of Law in 1982, Mr. Jaquith began his career as a Judge Advocate on active duty in the U.S. Army. He then went on to join the Department of Justice, where he served as a line prosecutor, supervisor, and eventually, as the 49th U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of New York.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Jaquith prosecuted many high-profile cases that strengthened national security and helped combat violent crime, organized crime, the opioid crisis, and financial fraud. I had the privilege of working with Mr. Jaquith on a number of these cases and saw first-hand how his dogged determination and keen intellect spelled trouble for criminals. The impact he had on my career was profound and his guidance made me a better prosecutor and person. For his work, Mr. Jaquith earned a number of awards, including the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys Director's Award for Executive Achievement.

As a supervisor, Mr. Jaquith developed scores of young prosecutors, always stressing thoroughness, hard work, determination and above all ethical conduct. Through his efforts, the U.S. Attorney's office for the Northern District of New York became known as one of the premier offices in the country. As U.S. Attorney, Mr. Jaquith continued to take a leadership role in the many successes of the office. He also took a national leadership role by serving on several subcommittees of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee, including Border and Immigration, Native American Issues, and Servicemembers and Veterans Rights. He also served on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee's Healthcare Fraud Working Group. Outside of work, Mr. Jaquith is a dedicated husband to his wife Rosemarie. Together, they have six children, and five grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing the highly distinguished career of Grant Jaquith. A dedicated public servant, I wish Grant the best as he enters the next phase of his career as a Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

PROTECTING PATIENT'S TRANSPORTATION TO CARE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 21, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3935, the Protecting Patients Transportation to Care Act. I'm proud to have advanced this bipartisan bill out of my Health Subcommittee and I'm pleased to support it on the Floor.

The Protecting Patients Transportation to Care Act introduced by Representatives BUDDY CARTER and TONY CÁRDENAS requires states to offer a non-emergency medical transportation benefit. Our Committee also heard from Representative SANFORD BISHOP about

this legislation during our Members' Day panel.

Medicaid's coverage of transportation to health services is a lifeline for patients, especially those who live in rural or underserved areas.

Over half of Medicaid transportation services are used by patients with the highest burden of chronic diseases, including those diagnosed with cancer, HIV, mental illness, substance abuse, and end-stage renal disease.

Without this help, patients cannot access the chemotherapy, dialysis, and other services that allow them to remain at home and out of the hospital.

Medicaid transportation has been a mandatory Medicaid benefit by regulation since the Medicaid program's inception in 1966. This bill codifies and protects the benefit.

I urge my colleagues to support this commonsense bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, due to pre-scheduled travel with the President, I was absent from voting on September 22, 2020. As such, I was unable to vote on the Continuing Resolution, which will keep the government funded into December and provide critical funding for the USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation.

To ensure USDA meets its farm bill obligations and temporary assistance to rural America continues during these difficult times, replenishing the CCC was a major priority and I strongly support its inclusion in this CR.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 198.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, although I was present, my vote inadvertently was not recorded on H.R. 451. My vote should have been recorded as Yea.

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, yesterday, our Nation marked National Voter Registration Day. But it was also a day of reckoning and milestone as our Nation surpassed 200,000 COVID-19 deaths. Unfortunately, by erecting barriers to voting, we are sending the wrong signal to our citizens. We can do better as voting is the lifeblood of our Democracy.

Our nation must take common sense steps like passing the HEROES Act with its \$3.6 billion for state election grants and reigning in the President's politization of the USPS.