

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF ROSLYN (LYNNE)
HOTLZMAN NIERENBERG

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, Roslyn (Lynne) Holtzman Nierenberg died on August 25, 2020 after a long decline. She and her identical twin sister Sara (Sue) were born at home 2 months early on November 18, 1928. Dr. Richardson, who delivered them, visited daily for months until he was sure they would survive. Their father, Aaron Holtzman, came to America from Belarus in 1920. Their mother, Gertrude Lemonik Holtzman, was born on the lower East side. Her parents were from Ukraine. Lynne and Sue's parents initially had a general store in Norwood, NJ. They later had a men's shop in Bergenfield, NJ. Lynne and Sue went to the public schools in Bergenfield, NJ. They have two surviving younger sisters, Myra (Mikey) and Carol Ann (Candy), and one sister Cynthia, who died in infancy. Lynne and Sue graduated from New Jersey College for Women (NJC) at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ in 1950. (NJC later became Douglass College.)

Lynne met Theodore (Ted) Nierenberg in the summer of 1947 when they were counselors at Lakeside Pines, a girls' sleep away camp. This was after he served as an officer in the Navy in the South Pacific in World War II. They married in 1950 after Lynne graduated from college. They lived in Queens, NY initially, while Lynne did editorial work and Ted worked in the insurance industry. They bought their first house in Teaneck, NJ shortly before their first child, David, was born in 1953. They moved to a second house in Teaneck in 1960 before their fourth child was born. Lynne spent many busy years raising four children, being a member of Temple Emeth, being an active member of many PTA's, and doing volunteer work at Englewood Hospital. She was a wonderful mother. She encouraged her children to read, study music, get involved in extracurricular activities, and do volunteer work.

Lynne had always wanted to be a nurse. In 1968, the first year that Englewood Hospital admitted older students, Lynne started nursing school. She graduated two years later, first in her class. Lynne initially worked as a psychiatric nurse in the inpatient psychiatric unit at Englewood Hospital. She then worked at an outpatient mental health center in Dumont, now called Vantage Mental Health Care. She then taught psychiatric nursing at Holy Name School of Nursing. While at Holy Name, she earned a masters degree in counseling. She then became the psychiatric nursing supervisor at Englewood Hospital. (The job also entailed doing psychiatric continuing education for the nursing staff and serving as a liaison when patients with psychiatric problems needed to be hospitalized on the medical or sur-

gical floors.) Lynne briefly worked in psychiatric medication research at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx, NY. Lynne then worked at the outpatient mental health center at Miseracordia Hospital (now Our Lady of Mercy), in the Bronx, NY. She functioned there like a psychiatric nurse-practitioner. This was her most challenging and satisfying job because it pulled together all of her skills. She retired in 1993.

Lynne also did volunteer work. For about 13 years, she ran a support group through the American Cancer Society's Cancer Adjustment Program. She later ran the Survivors after Suicide support group for about 13 years at Vantage Mental Health Care. She also ran a support group for women who had premature babies.

She was the devoted mother of David Nierenberg (married to Patricia) of Camas, Washington; Susan Nierenberg (married to Peter Goldman) of Teaneck; Amy Knitzer (married to Jonathan Perlstein) of Montclair, NJ; and Ellen Nierenberg, currently living in Tromsø, Norway. She LOVED being a grandmother to: David and Patricia's children: Elodie, Jacob, and Albanie; Susan and Peter's daughter Emily; Amy and Jonathan's sons Dan and Zack; and Ellen and Jens' children: Johanne, Solveig, and Daniel.

Unfortunately, Lynne developed Alzheimer's Disease. After Ted had a stroke in 2009, Lynne and Ted moved in 2010 into Van Dyk Park Place, an assisted living facility in Hawthorne, NJ. Ted died in 2011.

Lynne is survived and missed by: her sisters Mikey and Candy, her children David, Susan, Amy, and Ellen, her 9 grandchildren, and 14 nieces and nephews.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PATRICK
BEAUREGARD

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Patrick Beauregard, who passed away on September 6, 2020 at the age of 29 after battling stage IV young-onset colorectal cancer. Patrick will be remembered as a compassionate, loyal and thoughtful man, and I had the good fortune of spending time with him during his grueling battle against the disease.

Patrick was raised in Massachusetts and went to college in Rhode Island. Following his college graduation, he fulfilled his lifelong dream of serving in the military. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in April 2013 and served as an Intelligence Analyst until he was honorably discharged in July 2019. Throughout his service, Patrick received commendations for his exceptional leadership, initiative, loyalty and dedication to duty.

During his grueling 40 rounds of treatment—something his Marine training helped him endure—I had the honor of meeting with Patrick to discuss how Congress can contribute to the fight against colorectal cancer. He was passionate about advocating for greater research funds and generating national awareness about young-onset colorectal cancer. Although Patrick eventually lost his years long struggle with the disease, his advocacy work will continue to benefit and give hope to countless colorectal cancer patients and their families for years to come.

Throughout his 3-year battle, Patrick remained remarkably positive. Prior to his passing, Patrick was able to accomplish his final goal of meeting his son, Noah Patrick, born on July 10, 2020. Patrick is survived by his wife, Amanda, and by Noah. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the precious and irreplaceable life of Patrick Beauregard. He will be missed dearly.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
CENTENNIAL OF PITNEY BOWES

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Centennial of Pitney Bowes. In 1920, Arthur Pitney and Walter Bowes put their ideas together to create a business, Pitney Bowes.

Arthur being the inventor and Walter being the promoter, together they created the Pitney Bowes Postage Meter and it was officially approved on September 1st by Congress to be used by the United States Postal Service. Twenty years later during World War II, a Pitney Bowes plant in Connecticut was almost entirely ran by women.

Following the war, nearly half of the men employed were World War II veterans. As the years passed, the company went on to further create inventions, boost productivity, drive precision, and decrease cost of mailing. Pitney Bowes is a living legacy of always innovating, adapting, and striving together to do better.

Since day one, they founded Pitney Bowes on innovation and powering commerce, seeking to do the right thing, the right way for customers, their people, and the world around us. Today, one hundred years later, they still abide by the same values that they began on. Technology is ever changing and evolving, it is remarkable to see the Pitney Bowes company flourish within this industry.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask you to rise with me in celebration of the Centennial of Pitney Bowes. One hundred years is a monumental milestone. I want to thank Pitney Bowes for their dedication, commitment, and services to the people of Virginia's First District and to Americans across the nation.

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HONORING CAPTAIN SCOTT T. FARR'S TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Navy Captain Scott "Topper" Farr for his twenty-eight years of faithful service to our country.

In May of 1992, CAPT Farr was commissioned as an Ensign and proceeded to Pensacola, FL for flight training. After earning his gold wings, he flew both the EA-6B Prowler and EA-18G Growler jets operationally, practicing his specialty of electronic warfare. His responsibility was protecting U.S. and coalition aircraft from the threat of surface to air missiles, as well as soldiers, Sailors, airmen and Marines on the ground from improvised explosive devices. His dedicated service through eight deployments, 3,409 flight hours and 669 carrier landings on eight different aircraft carriers was responsible for countless American and Allies' lives saved during Operations Southern Watch, Allied Force, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Unified Protector.

In addition to commanding Electronic Attack Squadron 140 and the Electronic Attack Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet, his ultimate assignment was as the Director of the Navy's House Liaison Office. In this job, he both represented the Navy to most House members and oversaw the numerous congressional and staff delegation trips that we annually execute across the globe. These crucial trips are beneficial for members and staff to achieve a deeper understanding of the issues facing our Navy and its Sailors, as well as strategic issues facing our nation. It was on these CODELs that I came to know Topper for the good-natured and stalwart professional that he is.

Two events that highlight Topper's work ethic and professionalism immediately come to my mind. The first was an extremely successful bi-partisan CODEL across Australia from Perth to Alice Springs to Sydney. Topper handled all of the logistical and diplomatic tasks flawlessly in what the Australian embassy noted was the largest group of House and Senate members to visit Australia since World War II. Second was an anti-submarine focused CODEL of NATO countries. During both of these CODELs, it wasn't CAPT Farr's superb planning or execution skills that most impressed me and my colleagues. It was his ability to substantively answer questions from members on a wide range of military issues. This knowledge was no doubt based on his impressive record of service and simply stated, the U.S. House of Representatives and the Navy are better off due to his service.

As CAPT Farr embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may recall, with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, the outstanding contributions he has made to the United States Navy while attached to the Office of Legislative Affairs. I would like to send him, his wife Melanie, daughter Kathleen and one of a kind dog Gracie, my very best wishes for continued success in his future.

ONGOING TRANSATLANTIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight my recent efforts to engage with our allies across Europe to address the current political turmoil in Belarus and seek a way forward.

On September 23, I joined a video call of the leadership of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE PA), where I serve as Chairman of the Committee on Political Affairs and Security. Joining us for the discussion were the Head of the Belarusian delegation to the OSCE PA, Mr. Andrei Savinykh, and the leader of the Belarusian opposition and former presidential candidate, Ms. Svetlana Tikhonovskaya.

Ms. Tikhonovskaya shared with us the long struggle of the people of Belarus for their rights under President Alexander Lukashenko's 26-year authoritarian rule. The fraudulent presidential election on August 9, in which Lukashenko claimed he "won" with over 80 percent of the vote, led thousands of Belarusians across the country to come out into the streets. They risk physical harm and imprisonment to demand free and fair elections and the release of political prisoners. Unfortunately, these individuals have been met with brute force from the authoritarian regime. They continue to injure and detain protestors, journalists, and even bystanders on a massive scale. Instances of torture in detention have been reported, and some have been killed. Lukashenko is clearly afraid for his political future. In another desperate move, he recently held an illegal, early "inauguration" in an attempt to consolidate his illegitimate power.

I strongly condemned Lukashenko's violent repression of Belarusians and express solidarity for their desire to choose their own leadership in a democratic and transparent manner and to exercise their fundamental freedoms without fear of violent repercussions or harassment. During our meeting, I noted two particular cases that we in the United States are watching closely. U.S. citizen Vitali Shkliarov, who was in Belarus visiting family, was unjustly detained in July and languishes in a Belarusian prison since the end of July. We are concerned for his welfare and I called for his release.

I also mentioned that the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Minsk-Mogilev, Tadeusz Kondrusiewicz, has been denied re-entry to Belarus after a visit abroad, even though he is a citizen. He has openly criticized the government's use of violence against peaceful people, including the detention of priests and clergy, and we fear that this too is a political act on the part of Lukashenko and an infringement on religious freedom.

The future of Belarus belongs to its people, and, as Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has emphasized, this path should be "free from external intervention." Indeed, my colleagues in the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly understand that it is not our place to choose the leadership of Belarus, but to use the unique role of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly as

a representative body to foster authentic dialogue, prevent and resolve conflict, and hold each other accountable. As an OSCE participating State, Belarus has an obligation to abide by the provisions of the Helsinki Final Act, including those on human rights and fundamental freedoms. I am pleased that 17 participating States of the OSCE, including the United States, have invoked the Moscow Mechanism, which will establish a mission of independent experts to look into the particularly serious threats to the fulfillment of human rights commitments in Belarus. The report that the mission issues will hopefully offer us greater insight into the situation in Belarus and recommendations for future actions.

It is a privilege, through the U.S. Helsinki Commission, to represent the United States Congress in the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE. The Parliamentary Assembly provides Members of Congress with a unique, bipartisan opportunity to work with our friends and allies to help resolve pressing global issues while promoting our shared values. Because the Parliamentary Assembly includes representatives of Belarus and our European allies, it is uniquely suited to address the human rights and security implications of the moment in Belarus.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in calling for an end to violence and mass detentions in Belarus and recognizing the importance of continued Congressional engagement with the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF BILL VERNER

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Bill Verner, Executive Vice President of the Georgia EMC. After decades of dedicated service, Bill is retiring from his position at the Georgia EMC on the 40th anniversary of beginning his career in the electric cooperative industry.

Bill began his career with Carroll EMC while working his way through college. He joined the Georgia EMC in 1984, began working in government relations in 1986, and was appointed to lead Georgia EMC's efforts in the state legislature and regulatory arena in 1996.

His strong beliefs in the cooperative's principles are evident in his years of dedicated service representing EMC's interests in the Georgia General Assembly, Congress, and state and federal agencies. Having worked with Bill personally, I have seen firsthand the level of expertise and commitment that has made him an invaluable asset to the cooperative. His hard work, leadership, and deep understanding of America's most successful public-private partnership, the electric cooperative business model, has benefitted EMC members throughout Georgia.

Bill's career is marked by his many contributions to Georgia EMC and the 41 EMCs across the state. His tenure over the past four decades with Georgia EMC makes him one of the longest-serving employees in the association's eighty-year history. In today's age, it is a rarity to find the combination of character, ability, and commitment that Bill exemplifies.

On behalf of the Eighth Congressional District of Georgia, I would like to thank Bill for his service to our state's electric cooperatives and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CAROL BRICK-TURIN

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the remarkable career of Carol Brick-Turin. After 12 years, Ms. Brick-Turin is retiring as the Executive Director of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation's Jewish Community Relations Council.

Carol originally moved to Washington, D.C. to join the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where she worked on public policy issues for more than a decade. A graduate of Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural economics, she was recruited to join the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), and served as a diplomat in Brussels, Belgium in the U.S. Mission to the European Community. She was the first married female to serve as an Agricultural Attaché in the history of FAS.

Carol attended the Foreign Service Institute, completed a study program taught by faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary and attended the University of Tel-Aviv in 1973—both before and after the Yom Kippur War. Having raised her children as Zionists, she now has three grandchildren who were born in Jerusalem, in addition to her two granddaughters in Miami.

As the JCRC's Executive Director Carol has adroitly mobilized and engaged Miami's Jewish community on many levels. She has led our citizen activists in building relationships with Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle, key to the success of the pro-Israel movement and the national agenda supported by the Jewish Council for Public Affairs. We have worked together to address a multitude of issues facing our community—from the scourge of anti-Semitism and senseless gun violence plaguing our schools and places of worship to ensuring we maintain our strong U.S.-Israel relationship.

Carol's commitment to Miami's Jewish community and the state of Israel is exemplary, and I am proud to call her my very good friend. I will miss her guidance and wisdom, but our loss is her husband Alan and her family's gain. I wish her a hearty Mazel Tov on her retirement and am grateful for her invaluable work.

HONORING THE CITY OF FALLS CHURCH VIRGINIA

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia. The City of Falls Church has recently been ranked

the 3rd healthiest community in the United States in 2020 according to the U.S. News Healthiest Communities Report.

Falls Church received nearly a perfect score for measurements including population health, education, and a perfect score for local economy—the highest score for economic health in the nation.

Settled more than 300 years ago and situated less than 10 miles from the Capitol, Falls Church has had a front row seat to many of the nation's most historic moments. Tradition holds that a copy of the Declaration of Independence was read from the steps of The Falls Church, the city's namesake, in 1776.

Please join me in honoring the City of Falls Church for achieving such a monumental accomplishment.

MR. NAT O'DAY BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Nat O'Day, a North Texan and military veteran, as he celebrates his 90th birthday on September 27, 2020.

Nat spent 20 years of his life serving in the U.S. Army achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He served overseas in South Vietnam, Korea, Japan, and Germany. Nat played a pivotal role in the modernization of our nation's military as he operated a communications system at over 52 sites across the world and tested flight equipment that is now used as today's standard. During his military service, Nat married the love of his life, Lynn, and they enjoyed over 60 years of marriage together. They raised three wonderful children, Robin O'Day Dettmer, Steve Ray O'Day, and Tim James O'Day.

Nat has dedicated his life to our nation and his community in Fort Worth, Texas. Following his retirement from the Army, Nat worked for the City of Fort Worth for over 25 years. He was a devoted volunteer, spending over 20 years and thousands of hours volunteering at the Fort Worth Symphony, the Van Cliburn Foundation, and Bass Performance Hall, where he and Lynn shared their love of music. He also volunteered every Tuesday for 20 years at the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport helping travelers navigate the airport. Nat also dedicated his time to the Cook Children's Hospital, where he was rightfully named Volunteer of the Year. Nat is committed to helping the people of 12th District of Texas, and his business cards that read "Volunteer Extraordinaire" sum up his dedication and devotion to North Texas.

I had the great honor and pleasure of having Nat as an advisor on military affairs and as the Chairman of my military academy nomination board. I could not have done it without Nat's commitment and enthusiasm. I am grateful to know and celebrate Nat O'Day. Our Nation and my district wouldn't be the same without his decades of selflessness and dedication.

On behalf of the 12th District of Texas, I offer my congratulations and best wishes to Nat on his very special birthday.

HONORING BARBARA TURK

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Barbara Duncan Turk of Radford, Virginia, who passed away on September 16, 2020 at the age of 87. She was a faithful servant of her community who worked to improve it in a variety of volunteer roles.

Barbara was a native of Reading, Pennsylvania, and a graduate of Southern Seminary in Buena Vista, Virginia. She was married to her late husband, James Turk, a Virginia state senator and U.S. District Court Judge, for 59 years until his death in 2014.

Improving Radford and helping the people who lived there was her life's work. Among the organizations she devoted her time and attention to were the Radford Women's Club, Radford Community Hospital/Carilion New River Valley (NRV) Medical Center Volunteer Program, Radford Rotary Club, and the NRV Community Chorus. Radford University benefited from her activity on the Board of Visitors, Foundation Board of Directors, Arts Society, and Athletic Association, just a few of the numerous ways she supported the university's mission. As a devout member of First Baptist Church, she sang in the choir and frequented Sunday services and Wednesday dinners. Barbara also served on her alma mater's Board of Directors and on the Board of Directors for Saint Alban's Foundation and Carilion Hospital.

Barbara's activities did not detract from her commitment to her family, including her children Ramona Gravley, James Turk, Jr. and wife Allison, Judge Robert "Bobby" Turk and wife Laura, Mary T. Prince, and D. Michael "Mick" Turk and wife Barbara; fifteen grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. I would like to extend them my condolences on the loss of this generous and service-minded woman.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CENTENNIAL OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS (DAV)

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Centennial of Disabled American Veterans (DAV) on September 25, 2020. I want to celebrate and commend DAV for reaching a momentous milestone: 100 years of virtuous and important work.

The honorable undertakings of DAV do not go unrecognized. DAV Founder Robert Marx saw a gaping hole in society that veterans continued to fall through: underfunded medical care and services. This led him to create the non-profit, empowering veterans to live with respect, dignity, and with access to the support they deserve.

Now, with over 1,000 chapters, DAV continues to make strides for veterans and their families. DAV has supported numerous veterans from giving them rides to medical appointments to assisting with benefit claims to

connecting veterans with meaningful employment by hosting job fairs. On behalf of myself and the veterans in our region, I thank you for your continued support and efforts to ensure our veterans get to experience the American dream they fought to protect.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the centennial of Disabled American Veterans. I thank DAV, for an outstanding first 100 years, and let us look forward to another prosperous 100 years.

HONORING DR. PATRICK WELCH

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Patrick Welch, a Vietnam War veteran who made it his mission in life to ensure that veterans receive the benefits they deserve.

Dr. Welch enlisted into the United States Marine Corps at the young age of 17 and served in combat as an Infantry Squad Leader with the 3rd Division during the Vietnam War. He was severely injured on the battlefield and immobilized for two years. For his service, Dr. Welch was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Service Defense Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medals, and the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross.

Like many veterans, when Dr. Welch returned to Buffalo, New York from the war he was struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). He quickly realized that many of his fellow comrades were facing the same challenges he was. It was at that point that he decided to dedicate his life to raising awareness about veterans' mental health and he worked to provide avenues in which they could seek treatment. In doing so he substantially altered the conversation about the mental health of veterans in Western New York. He promoted the idea that mental health isn't a taboo subject but rather a reality for a number of veterans returning home. He often says "War doesn't break us, war changes us."

Those who know Dr. Welch can attest to the fact that he is a great leader, educator, and a speaker who uses his skills to advocate for veterans. Dr. Welch is an active member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, was the Director of Erie County Veterans Services, and the Director of the Center for Veterans and Veteran Family Services at Daemen College. His most treasured role was helping individual veterans as a Senior Mentor in the Buffalo Veterans Treatment Court. Dr. Welch currently serves as the Chair of the Community Veterans Engagement Board of Western New York. He always works closely with our office to advocate for policies and services that benefit veterans. Dr. Welch recently joined our Service Academy Advisory Committee to assist those following in his footsteps to serve our nation. He has built relationships with many veterans in Western New York behind the scenes. In doing so he has set a solid precedent for how each one of us should treat veterans returning home after defending our freedom.

Dr. Welch's extensive work has laid solid groundwork for the next generation of leaders

and advocates. His openness about his personal struggles has fostered an atmosphere within our community where veterans feel like they have a safe place to be supported and heal. I have closely worked with Dr. Patrick Welch for many years so it is my privilege today to personally thank him for his service and friendship.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 196; YEA on Roll Call No. 197; and NAY on Roll Call No. 198.

IN HONOR OF REP. EDWARD BUTLER

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor State Representative Ed Butler, who is retiring after twelve years of service to the citizens of New Hampshire. Rep. Butler served Carroll County District 7 for six terms in the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

Rep. Butler, a fierce leader, has dedicated his career to championing progressive and inclusive legislation including defending LG BTQ+ rights, advocating for accessible health coverage, and supporting local small businesses. After years of faithful service and an unyielding commitment to furthering the cause of equality and justice for all Granite Staters, Rep. Butler made the difficult decision to forego re-election in order to dedicate his time to helping his husband with the operation of their small business, the Notchland Inn, which has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rep. Butler is known amongst colleagues as a hard worker who goes the extra mile to advocate for the betterment of his district. He has served as an example to many of what it means to be an effective and compassionate lawmaker. He approaches his work with goodwill, grace, and fervor. His embodiment of these values serves as a model to other representatives and will continue to be a guiding principle in the General Court for decades to come.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Rep. Butler and his family for their years of dedication to our state. I congratulate him on his accomplished law-making career, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GIANA HUTTON

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my constituent from Silver

Spring, Giana Hutton, who passed away unexpectedly on September 15, 2020. Originally from the south suburbs of Chicago, Giana graduated from Williams College with a Bachelor of Arts in History. She will be sharply missed.

Giana was deeply committed to empowering young people and fighting for the rights of students. While in her junior and senior years at Williams, Giana interned with Senator Ronald Burris as an Education & Judiciary Intern. Following graduation, she was selected as a Junior Associate Fellow in the Urban Education Leadership Program, where she worked with the District of Columbia Public Schools in the Office of Special Education to find potential community stakeholders to support independent work habits for students with emotional and learning disabilities.

Giana later returned to school to receive her Master of Science in Public Policy and Management. During her second year, Giana interned with Reading is Fundamental Pittsburgh, serving as its Outreach and Development Intern. During her time with RIF Pittsburgh, Giana was able to further work on her goal of reducing the achievement gap across socio-economic classes by raising money for literacy programs which provided students with greater access to books, activity-based projects to focus on the joys of reading and materials aimed at developing reading and comprehension skills.

In 2013, Giana was selected as a recipient of the Public Service Career Opportunities Program Award. Through this prestigious award, Giana got a job as a Program Analyst working on federal grants to support low-income students in the local charter and D.C. Public Schools. Through her job, Giana supported schools in providing students with supplemental learning opportunities.

Giana was a beloved sister of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., an organization she joined because of its commitment to education. Through her involvement in Alpha Kappa Alpha, Giana was proud to be a part of a community in which she felt empowered and could inspire others.

Giana will be remembered for her commitment to empowering others and her dedication to providing educational opportunities for young people. I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the remarkable life of my constituent, Giana Hutton.

COMMEMORATING THE SMITH CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

HON. BEN CLINE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss a unique public-private partnership that has yielded big conservation dividends for my home state of Virginia.

Ten years ago, a dedicated group of landowners and partners gathered in a small Shenandoah Valley community to launch a unique initiative designed to improve local water quality through the power of Conservation, Collaboration and Community. Smith Creek was one of three "showcase watersheds" established by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service as part of a

new strategy to address bacteria, nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment contamination in Smith Creek.

These “showcases” were established to demonstrate what can be accomplished when communities come together to solve natural resource problems in a targeted area. Smith Creek joined Maryland’s Upper Chester River and Conewago Creek in Pennsylvania to test this focused approach to stewardship on a watershed level.

The Smith Creek Watershed presents some unique conservation challenges. Karst topography dominates the Shenandoah Valley with hundreds of known sinkholes and over 35 caves that complicate the conservation effort. It is also home to 75 percent of Virginia’s poultry operations and approximately 46 percent of its dairies.

Local groups and organizations partnered to conduct extensive outreach over the past 10 years, personally contacting area producers and landowners to increase awareness of assistance available to implement water quality practices on local farms. As dedicated stewards of the land, local farmers and landowners worked diligently to improve water quality while continuing to ensure our agricultural economy in the Shenandoah Valley thrived. Smith Creek agricultural producers have now treated more than 8,115 acres through Farm Bill programs like CSP, EQIP and the associated National Water Quality Initiative—over 640 total acres in the last two years alone.

Today, we recognize and salute the dedicated conservationists and stewards of the land who have so successfully collaborated to preserve the farming heritage, water quality and scenic beauty of Virginia’s Shenandoah Valley and the Chesapeake Bay.

MOUNTAIN NEWS CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Mountain News, a local newspaper in Lake Arrowhead, California.

The Mountain News will celebrate its anniversary in October of 2020, having been founded in October 1920. Over the last century, it has served as a voice for mountain residents in Lake Arrowhead and across the San Bernardino Mountains. From public interest stories, to local crime and public safety news, to emergency preparedness tips during wildfire season, the Mountain News has been committed to providing quality news for its readers. The hard work and unrivaled dedication of its staff are the bedrock for the success the Mountain News has enjoyed. Its mission of providing quality journalism to the local community has been incredibly successful, and I am confident that we will see that success continue for another century.

I offer my sincere congratulations to the staff, both past and present, of the Mountain News. This is a momentous occasion, and their hard work has informed and improved the lives of their fellow Lake Arrowhead residents. I hope that the next century is just as successful for the Mountain News as the previous one.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today during National Child Passenger Safety Week (September 20–26, 2020) to recognize the great strides we have made protecting our most vulnerable passengers: our children. We have moved from a high in the 1970’s of over 6,000 deaths annually of children under 14 to fewer than 1,300 such deaths in 2018. While one death is too many, this is a monumental shift. Much of our progress is the result of child passenger safety (CPS) efforts to secure children correctly in car seats that meet federal motor vehicle safety standards (FMVSS) and are installed correctly in vehicles during every ride.

Today, motor vehicle crashes remain a leading cause of childhood injuries and fatalities and there is more we can do to protect children. The more than 43,000 nationally certified child passenger safety technicians (CPSTs) are a great resource for new parents and caregivers who need help with the proper installation and use of car seats. Their expertise in choosing and installing car seats has saved lives, and there is a new platform to help them do this important job even better.

Over the past several years, the National Digital Car Seat Check Form (NDCF) was created through a partnership of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), AAA Northern California, Nevada, and Utah, the National Child Passenger Safety Board (NCPBSB), Tennessee Tech University’s iCube, and Westat. The NDCF, managed by the National Safety Council, is the first national electronic car seat check data collection tool that is available to all nationally certified child passenger safety technicians in the United States.

In addition to streamlining the collection of national data, this information can assist state child passenger safety coordinators in considering where services may need to be expanded to meet the needs of all families, including those in rural and underserved communities. In fact, this data can help support the provisions I authored in H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act, to support expansion of CPST training for underserved populations.

Highway Safety Offices can tailor state marketing campaigns that address child passenger safety and include information about the highest forms of car seat misuse in their state. Further, available data will lend insight into trends and patterns regarding misuse of car seats and vehicle compatibility. This information has the potential to influence engineering and design of car seats and vehicles and subsequently increase safety for vehicle occupants.

The NDCF has been in development for almost four years through an iterative process involving diverse representation from the field of child passenger safety. As of September 20, 2020, 2,743 CPSTs have created NDCF user accounts and more than 31,000 car seat check forms have been submitted to the system. Every state in the United States has registered CPSTs and has submitted data to this NDCF. The NDCF is also in use in the terri-

tories and regions covered by the Indian Health Services.

The hope is to have the opportunity for the NDCF to improve the safety of our children. Data that can identify areas of need, recurring fault mechanisms, lack of understanding on installation, and other problems lead to reforms for everyone using car seats. These improvements will save children’s lives.

It is fitting that during Child Passenger Safety week I recognize this major step forward in improving national CPS. I encourage my colleagues to recognize the hard work of CPSTs in their communities who give their time and talent for their labor of love—keeping children safe.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 194 and YEA on Roll Call No. 195.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA BAILEY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Barbara Bailey, Kentucky’s longest-serving television news anchor and a member of the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame, as she retires from WKYT-TV after more than four decades of dedication to broadcast journalism.

As a native of Harlan, Kentucky, Barbara has been an inspiration to women and men from the mountains of southern and eastern Kentucky for many years. She has always worn her Appalachian heritage with great pride, first as a reporter for the Harlan Daily Enterprise, and continuing to display her passion for people in the mountains throughout her broadcast career at WKYT. Barbara gave a voice to individuals who may have never been heard otherwise, and shared stories that we, as Kentuckians, needed to be informed about. Thanks to her insight on issues in Kentucky’s Appalachian region, WKYT has been a news source for families and individuals beyond the Lexington metro area, extending into the living rooms of families across southern and eastern Kentucky. It is Barbara’s southeastern Kentucky charm that won over the hearts of countless viewers, and likewise, her mountain moxie that influenced her journalistic integrity and earned the respect and trust of the people of this Commonwealth.

Given a platform that few others are ever granted, Barbara has always been a generous steward of her talents and her personal time, volunteering for charity fundraisers throughout the state and serving on the board of various civic groups and organizations. Most recently, we joined together for the benefit of the Cawood Ledford Boys and Girls Club in Harlan County to expand their reach to more students and expand their facilities.

I was elected to my first term in office the same year that Barbara anchored her first

newscast in 1980. Our paths have crossed many times over the years, sharing information about the challenges and triumphs in Kentucky's Appalachian region. Though small in stature, it is clear that Barbara carries tremendous love and compassion for the people of Kentucky, with a special place in her heart for southern and eastern Kentuckians.

As she begins a new chapter of life, I wish Barbara many wonderful years of retirement with her family and grandchildren. The people of southern and eastern Kentucky are proud to call Barbara Bailey one of our most distinguished daughters of the mountains.

HONORING THE 2020 GEORGE MEANY AWARD TO CLINT DRURY OF WEST CENTRAL ILLINOIS BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor and congratulate Clint Drury, Executive Director, West Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council on being awarded the 2020 George Meany Award.

This prestigious award recognizes Clint for his significant contribution to the youth of their communities by volunteering in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America, The George Meany Award was named after the AFL-CIO's first president, who gave strong support to Scouting over the years. In recognition of their contributions to America's future, the AFL-CIO Executive Council then established the George Meany Award. Clint's community involvement this year ranges from the Children's Hospital of Illinois Annual Telethon, Heart of Illinois United Way, Illinois Prevailing Wage Council, Better Build, Labor Day Parade, and too many more examples to count Clint has dedicated his time and energy to his community, leading by example to strive and improve the lives of those around him.

Clint is a 22-year member of the Laborers' Local 231 in Pekin, Illinois. As the spokesman for the construction professionals of central Illinois, Clint's role could be best described as business development. Business development successes are what is best for the folks he represents, but more importantly, what makes our community a better place to work and raise a family. Clint and his wife, Sarah, are advocates of children with hearing loss, fundraising, and creating policy changes for healthcare plans to include hearing aids and speech therapy. Clint's competitive spirit positions him to secure projects for local, union contractors, in turn putting more union workers on the job with higher wages, benefits, and safe working conditions. The men and women of Central Illinois in the construction industry have benefited because of Clint's relentless efforts to put them to work and keep them working.

I am grateful for Clint's time and commitment to his community and the promotion of American youth. His work has had a profound

impact on our community. Congratulations Clint, the honor is well deserved!

SPRINGFIELD RACE RIOT STUDY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 21, 2020

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill H.R. 139, the Springfield Race Riot National Historic Monument Act, to designate the site of the 1908 Springfield Race Riots as a National Historic Monument to preserve and recognize it as an important part of our nation's history. I am proud of the support this bill has received, and that the House Natural Resources Committee came together in a bipartisan way to amend this bill to pass it as the Springfield Race Riot Study Act, the next step in designating it as part of the National Park System (NPS).

This site represents one of the three worst race riots in our nation's history, where terrible and appalling events of racially motivated mass violence were committed against African Americans for merely existing in their own community, destroying an entire neighborhood as a result. The site and artifacts were unearthed during construction of the Carpenter Street segment of the Springfield Rail Improvements Project and consists of the remains of five homes that were burned during the 1908 Springfield Race Riot. This event, and others like it in Illinois demonstrated that racial injustice was not an isolated issue only in the South, but one that must be addressed across the country.

Ultimately the riots that occurred at the site played an integral role in the formation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) when Ida B. Wells-Barnett, a key leader in the African American civil rights movement, launched an anti-lynching campaign to end violence against African Americans as a result of the horrific events that occurred in Springfield. In 1909, just a year later, the NAACP was established, working tirelessly to improve race relations and to ensure that the events that happened just over a hundred years ago would never happen again.

Just last month, we were successful in adding the Springfield Race Riot site to the African American Civil Rights Network in order to give it proper recognition immediately while we continue our work to designate the site as part of the NPS. The Site is now among several other important places that serve to commemorate and interpret the history of the African American Civil Rights movement. Also included in the Network is the Pullman National Monument in Chicago, which recognizes the first major labor agreement between a company and the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, the first African American led labor union; the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail, which traces the route of the 1965

Voting Rights March in Alabama; and the A.P. Tureaud House in Louisiana, which was the home of the prominent civil rights attorney and legal counsel for the NAACP for more than three decades; along with many others.

I thank the bipartisan group of my colleagues who supported this bill, Rep. DARIN LAHOOD, Rep. ALBIO SIREs, Rep. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD, Rep. ROBIN L. KELLY, Rep. BOB GIBBS, Rep. ANDRÉ CARSON, Rep. DON BACON, Rep. BENNIE G. THOMPSON, Rep. MIKE BOST, Rep. MIKE QUIGLEY, Rep. VAL BUTLER DEMINGS, Rep. SHEILA JACKSON LEE, Rep. ALMA S. ADAMS, Rep. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY, Rep. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, Rep. MARCIA L. FUDGE, Rep. STEVE COHEN, and Rep. SEAN CASTEN.

I also thank Rep. WM. LACY CLAY, who co-sponsored my bill and led the African American Civil Rights Network Act of 2017, which was signed into law in January 2018. This Act established this important Network that I am proud the Springfield Race Riot Site is now part of. Thank you to House Natural Resources Chairman RAÚL GRIJALVA and Ranking Member ROB BISHOP for their support and moving this bill through their Committee.

Thank you to the Springfield Branch of the NAACP, the Illinois NAACP, the Central Illinois African American Museum, and the Library of Congress, for their efforts to preserve the artifacts, and raise awareness regarding the importance of this site.

We must continue this work to preserve and protect this site for present and future generations. It is imperative that we never forget the work that's been done or the innocent lives that were lost, and the work we must continue to do.

OPPOSITION TO H.R. 4447

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today disappointed in the Majority for pushing forward H.R. 4447, the Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act. Despite the bill's stated objectives, this legislation would hurt our economy and hamper technological progress.

This legislation authorizes over \$135 billion in new taxpayer spending, and creates new mandates and prohibitions, all of which would only hurt Americans' finances and consumer choice. The Majority failed to include the most important policies that would enable the rapid investment and development of new energy technologies: regulatory and permitting reforms.

While I was pleased that five of my amendments were considered and that three passed, I cannot in good faith support this partisan legislation that will hurt our Nation's economic recovery and reduce the speed of innovation in the marketplace.

Due to the partisan nature of H.R. 4447, I would have not only voted no, but strongly encouraged my fellow members to do so.