

H.R. 4447 also includes the Climate Smart Ports Act, which will help us address health disparities and other issues in communities near ports, which have often suffered from generations of environmental injustice. The legislation includes a \$1 billion per year zero emissions ports infrastructure program to assist ports and port users with replacing cargo handling equipment, port harbor craft, drayage trucks, and other equipment with zero emissions equipment and technology. In West Oakland, the neighborhood bordering the Port of Oakland, the asthma hospitalization rate for children under the age of 5 is almost twice the rate for Alameda County as a whole. We must take action to reduce the massive amounts of fossil fuels burned by ports—both to address the climate crisis and to help our kids breathe.

I have heard the concerns expressed about some key provisions of this bill, and those concerns are valid. I do not support funding for projects that could result in further use of dirty or dangerous energy sources. I hope that we can work to improve this bill as it moves through the legislative process.

Nonetheless, much of the content of this bill would make necessary steps toward the clean energy revolution that we are all working for. It encourages the innovation that we need to address the fossil fuel-driven climate emergency while investing in renewable energy resources, electrification of transportation, reduction of carbon pollution from industrial and other sources, modernization of the grid and much more.

For these reasons, I support H.R. 4447 as a significant step away from fossil fuels and towards innovation and cleaner energy.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
GEORGIA DOBBINS DAVIS

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Georgia Dobbins Davis, a long-time resident of the 13th Congressional District's Inkster, Michigan and Former Motown artist, who passed away on September 18, 2020.

Born in Arkansas, Ms. Dobbins moved to Michigan at a young age. She spent her teenage years in Inkster, singing and performing with several local musical groups, including the Marvels, the group with which Georgia Dobbins made her mark on Motown. The Marvels nearly missed the chance to audition for Motown when they came in fourth place of their high school talent show. In the end, they ended up tagging along with the winning group. Motown executives were so impressed by the group's performance, they asked the young women to come up with an original song. Ms. Dobbins worked with a friend who wrote the melody for the song "Please Mr. Postman" while she wrote the lyrics in only three days' time. "Please Mr. Postman" was the hit song that launched a career for the Marvels, now known as the Marvelettes.

While Ms. Dobbins ultimately did not pursue a musical career, her song was a significant contribution to music and Detroit's culture and sound. It reached number one on the charts after only fourteen weeks and has been covered by artists such as the Carpenters who had their own hit with it, and the Beatles.

Ms. Dobbins remained in Inkster, raising her daughter, Kimberly and working at a local grocery store. She was well known for her beautiful smile and kind heart. Please join me in honoring the memory of Ms. Georgia Dobbins Davis.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARKWAYNE MULLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Mr. MULLIN. Madam Speaker, I was not present the week of September 21–25, 2020 on account of supporting my son's continuing recovery.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 196; YEA on Roll Call No. 197; NAY on Roll Call No. 198; NAY on Roll Call No. 199; NAY on Roll Call No. 200; YEA on Roll Call No. 201; NAY on Roll Call No. 202; NAY on Roll Call No. 203; YEA on Roll Call No. 204; YEA on Roll Call No. 205; and NAY on Roll Call No. 206.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MADYSON
ANN LATRICE CARTER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Madyson Ann Latrice Carter. Born on this day, September 29, 2004, Madyson would have been sixteen years old.

She was a resident of Clinton, Mississippi who adored her family and friends. She was kind, intelligent, and possessed a smile that could brighten any room.

Regrettably, on June 18, 2018, Madyson departed from this world leaving behind a community of family and friends that continue to cherish her memories. Her courageous spirit and profound empathy for others will never be forgotten.

On behalf of the Second Congressional District of Mississippi, I send my continued thoughts and prayers to the Carter family.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Madyson Ann Latrice Carter.

RECOGNIZING DR. KENNETH L.
MATTOX

HON. DAN CRENSHAW

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Kenneth L. Mattox upon his retirement from public service at Harris Health System's Ben Taub Hospital after 31 years as its Chief of Staff, having proudly served the sick and injured people of Harris County, Texas for nearly 60 years, as a medical student, resident, surgeon and faculty member of Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Kenneth L. Mattox is responsible for much of

what Ben Taub Hospital is known for today, including being one of only two elite Level I Trauma Centers serving the adult population of Harris County, with an emphasis on serving its most vulnerable residents.

As a faculty instructor, he was crucial in training both the present and future generations of surgeons serving southeast Texas and beyond, especially surgeons from the military branch who trained through the Joint Trauma Training Center established and operated at Ben Taub Hospital by the U.S. Department of Defense from 1998 to 2000. Madam Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize the culmination of a stellar career. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing his service to the community and people of Houston and Harris County, Texas.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BOBBY
LEE VERDUGO

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Bobby Lee Verdugo, a Chicano activist from East Los Angeles, most known as the leader of the 1968 East Los Angeles high school walkouts.

Growing up in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, Bobby lived the all-American life—he was a popular football player, his father coached a youth baseball team, and his mother was part of the Parent Teacher Association and volunteered for Bobby's Boy Scouts troop. Despite the active role Bobby's family played in the community, he and his Latino classmates would get singled out for speaking Spanish in school and were subjected to paddlings by their white teachers as punishment. The Latino students at the school were also being tracked into vocational classes. They were not afforded college preparatory courses or resources, and made to feel as if their futures were all but bright. Eastside schools were notoriously rundown and overcrowded and had some of the worst dropout rates in the country. Encouraged by his social science teacher, Sal Castro, Bobby and other students across the Eastside of Los Angeles organized a walkout to protest the discrimination, abuse, and mistreatment. Soon thousands of Latino students across the country followed suit, bringing the attention of the entire nation to their cause.

Bobby eventually enrolled at UCLA but left after two years to work as a bus dispatcher and a labor organizer. He married Yolanda Rios, his high school sweetheart and fellow walkouts organizer, and they had two kids.

After noticing the lack of resources for at-risk young men, particularly Latino youth, Bobby decided to enroll at California State University of Los Angeles at the age of 40 to become a social worker. In 1995, he co-founded Con Los Padres, a counseling program modeled after the Mesoamerican talking circles (círculos), giving teenage fathers the space to discuss their feelings, connect to their heritage, and receive the support they needed to navigate fatherhood.

His advocacy work led him to speaking invitations across the country and Bobby quickly became a frequent figure at Latino high school

youth and academic conferences. Bobby's infectious personality and humor drew thousands of students to him and to them, he became a father-figure and mentor.

Bobby was a trailblazing force that paved the way for the young Latino activists of today and his legacy lives on through their social justice work and activism. May Bobby's lifetime of leadership, passion, and service continue to be an inspiration to us all. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering and honoring Bobby Lee Verdugo.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF POLYCYSTIC OVARY SYNDROME (PCOS)

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the seriousness of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS).

PCOS is a genetic, hormone, metabolic and reproductive disorder that affects women and girls. PCOS can lead to lifelong complications such as infertility; anxiety, depression and other psychosocial disorders; obesity; severe hair and skin issues; endometrial cancer; type 2 diabetes; cardiovascular disease; non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and other life-threatening conditions. Many of these complications are a significant burden on quality of life, health, and the healthcare system.

PCOS affects over 10 million women and girls in the United States. Currently, there is no cure for PCOS, and women living with this disorder experience symptoms such as insulin resistance, menstrual irregularities, weight gain, thinning scalp hair, and depression and anxiety during puberty and throughout their lives. PCOS is a grave issue that affects hundreds of thousands of women in Georgia and millions more across the country. For far too long, PCOS has been a prevalent public health concern, threatening the mental and physical health and quality of life of girls, women and their families.

Increasing awareness about polycystic ovary syndrome is critical to our efforts to address the national maternal mortality crisis and prevent pregnancy-related deaths. Pregnant women with polycystic ovary syndrome are more likely to develop gestational diabetes, preeclampsia (pregnancy-related hypertension) and have emergency C-sections. Without access to quality prenatal care, many African American women with PCOS are not diagnosed until they have difficulty getting pregnant or experience dangerous pregnancy complications. PCOS is also the most common cause of female infertility. Many women living with the disorder often have miscarriages or premature deliveries.

There is a growing need to educate healthcare providers about PCOS because 50–70 percent of PCOS patients are going undiagnosed or misdiagnosed. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 50 percent of women with PCOS develop Type 2 Diabetes or prediabetes by the age of 40 and are at high risk for cardiovascular disease. Women and girls with this disorder are also at higher risk for uterine cancer, liver disease, and suicide.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me to advance this bipartisan effort and make PCOS a public health priority.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on September 24, I was in my district to celebrate the unveiling of the Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative to be located at the University of South Carolina Aiken, as well as attend the ribbon cutting for the Salt Waste Processing Facility at the Savannah River Site. Both of these programs will have positive impacts on our community and I look forward to their success.

For these reasons, I was absent for votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 202; NAY on Roll Call No. 203; NAY on Roll Call No. 204; YEA on Roll Call No. 205; and NAY on Roll Call No. 206.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT S. CROUCH

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Robert S. Crouch of Willisburg, Kentucky.

Following the attacks on our nation in Pearl Harbor, Bob answered the call to serve and arrived at his local recruiting depot on December 8, 1941, with the intention of signing up for the U.S. Army, though he saw the Marines in their dress blue uniforms and decided to sign up for the Marines instead. Bob was eventually deployed to the Pacific theatre. He earned a Purple Heart for his valiant efforts in the Battle of Iwo Jima. He was also awarded a Presidential Unit Citation, Campaign Ribbons, the WWII Victory Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon. He retired from the Marine Corps as a Master Gunner Sergeant in 1984. In addition to his service in the Marines, Bob has served as a volunteer firefighter and serves as a deacon at his church.

I want to thank Bob for his service to our great Nation.

HONORING ZOË ROYER

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the accomplishments of Ms. Zoë Royer who will be honored by The Chamber of Northwest Douglas County as a "Woman Who Soars."

Zoë's story is heartbreaking and inspiring. When she was 14, her mother was killed by her father who then took his own life. She and her younger sister were suddenly homeless and entered the foster care system. Zoë was

placed in more than a dozen homes in her teens and dropped out of high school. Through the help of a local non-profit, she was given hope and a future. She is a recent graduate of Metropolitan State University and now works to pay it forward.

Zoë has become a mental health advocate, a writer and activist. Zoë believes in fighting for a better and more equitable world through building relationships with her community. She is passionate about social change and hopes to inspire and empower others by telling her story.

Zoë has supported suicide prevention projects, charities assisting homeless students in education, and feminist non-profits throughout the state of Colorado. Zoë has been the president of several student organizations, including a women's social justice honor society. She now holds a psychological sciences degree from Metropolitan State University of Denver and is looking forward to attending a Ph.D. program.

As a recent graduate, advocate, and a survivor of incredible adversity, she truly is deserving of such an honor. I congratulate Ms. Royer for being recognized as a "Woman Who Soars."

HONORING PETER BLACKSTOCK

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career achievements and community dedication of Peter Blackstock, a prominent businessman, community steward, and philanthropist who has called the central coast of California his home for nearly 40 years.

Peter Blackstock was born on the East Coast and served in the Army as an officer in Vietnam before working for the Ford Motor Company. In 1982, Peter moved to the Central Coast and purchased the Leslie Motors Toyota dealership in Seaside and renamed it Victory Toyota. Later, he opened Lexus Monterey Peninsula, forming Victory Dealership Group.

During his time as owner of Victory Dealership Group, Peter was a significant supporter of the automobile dealer community. He advocated for and actively contributed to industry priorities as a member of the American International Automobile Dealers Association's board of directors, President of the California New Car Dealers Association, and a director on the board of the National Automobile Dealers Association. He also set the bar for dealerships across the country when Victory Toyota was LEED certified for environmental responsibility in 2014. As a businessman, Peter is held in high esteem by all he worked with for his personal integrity, thoughtful contributions, professional demeanor, and engaging personality.

Peter is an especially involved member of his community on the Central Coast. He has secured resources for and served in many roles in countless organizations, including the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, Monterey Bay Symphony, Monterey Museum of Art, Make a Wish Foundation, AIM Youth Mental Health, Pac Rep Theatre Groups, SPCA, AT&T Junior Golf, Church