

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