

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING BRIGADIER  
GENERAL DAVID A. PIFFARERIO

**HON. DEBBIE MUCARSEL-POWELL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Brigadier General David A. Piffarerio for his admirable dedication and selfless service to our Nation. BG Piffarerio will retire from his assignment as Commander of the 482nd Fighter Wing, Air Force Reserve Command, Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB), Florida on August 2, 2020. BG Piffarerio first took command of the 482nd Fighter Wing at HARB on September 9, 2018. BG Piffarerio's tenure as Commander has marked everlasting change in the City of Homestead.

BG Piffarerio was commissioned to the United States Air Force in 1994 as an honor graduate. BG Piffarerio has served as a command pilot with over 3,500 flying hours making him one of the most proficient pilots in aircrafts such as the F-15E. His devotion to flying led him to a major milestone, becoming the first pilot in the Air Force to log 1,000 hours in the F-22 Raptor. BG Piffarerio has dedicated over 13 years on active duty in a variety of F-15E Strike Eagle and F-22 assignments. He was selected as part of the first cadre to test the F-22 during follow-on evaluations in 2002. Shortly after, BG Piffarerio was named program manager and F-22 test director at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. BG Piffarerio was also a part of the initial cadre who stood up the 477th Fighter Group in 2007. He served as the Commander of the 302nd Fighter Squadron, Air Force Reserve Command's 477th Fighter Group, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. Prior to assuming command of the 482nd Fighter Wing, BG Piffarerio was the Command Center Director at Joint Headquarters North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command.

This admirable work ethic, experienced operational knowledge, and excellent leadership made him a respected and honorable Commander of the 482nd Fighter Wing. For the community in Florida's Congressional District 26, and the devoted men and women at Homestead Air Reserve Base, BG Piffarerio embodies superior professionalism. He led his members with courage and consistency. Under his respected role, BG Piffarerio commanded over 2,500 personnel members, stemming from active duty Air Force association personnel, traditional reservists, Air Reserve technicians, and full-time civilians. BG Piffarerio also managed wide-ranging tenant units that include the Air National Guard's 125th Fighter Wing, Detachment 1 Alert Force, Headquarters, Special Operations Command, South (SOC SOUTH), U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST 91114), the Florida Army National Guard's 50th Regional

Support Group, and members of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

BG Piffarerio's impact reaches far beyond the work at HARB, ensuring the Homestead community benefits as well. He led efforts in enacting positive change within the community by partnering with local businesses, Homestead Hospital, Veterans Affairs, Military Affairs Committee (MAC), the South Dade Chamber of Commerce, and many other community organizations. It has been an honor to have someone of exceptional caliber serve as Commander. On behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today and congratulate General Piffarerio for a lifetime of service. We wish him, his wife, Jennifer and his son, Bryce, the best wishes on his new journey as Deputy Commander, U.S. Alaskan Command, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

### TRIBUTE TO JOHN SHIMKUS

SPEECH OF

**HON. ADAM KINZINGER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2020*

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of my good friend and mentor, Congressman JOHN SHIMKUS of Illinois' 15th District.

For 23 years, JOHN has served here in the House of Representatives, leading our delegation and making his mark on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Before his service in Congress, JOHN served our country in the United States Army and the United States Army Reserve, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

For his district and his country, JOHN has served with great honor, integrity, and conviction. He has changed the game with his work on our nation's energy portfolio and chemical safety measures, especially with the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, which became law in June 2016 and formally outlined how we use and dispose of chemicals.

This was a major undertaking and the success of this legislative achievement is one of many you'll find throughout JOHN's career.

In Congress, he was a champion for finding safe nuclear waste repository solutions and reducing greenhouse gases and sulfur emissions.

He introduced legislation that would streamline permits to enable efficient broadband infrastructure, recognizing the needs of underserved communities.

He also championed the 1999 legislation that officially designated 9-1-1 as the universal emergency telephone number within the U.S.

Yes, that's right—JOHN SHIMKUS made 9-1-1 the official emergency number and we should ALL be grateful. His effort to create and establish this comprehensive emergency communications infrastructure has undoubtedly saved countless lives.

During his time in the House, JOHN's legislative accomplishments ran the gamut—from the 9-1-1 legislation and his impressive (and expansive) energy policy portfolio, to improving child safety measures through Anton's Law and others, securing funding for rare cancer research, protecting veterans and our communities, and leading countless biofuel and telecommunication provisions.

The bills he championed have been signed into law by three different presidents, showcasing the prowess JOHN has in legislating and working across the aisle to get things done for the American people.

It's this ability to find common ground and work together with his colleagues to get the job done that has made JOHN so successful as a Congressman and so well-respected as a colleague.

His leadership has been critical over the years, and I know without question that this institution is better because of his service and that I am a better Member of Congress because of his guidance.

JOHN SHIMKUS is more than a colleague, he's a true friend and a patriot. His impact on Members like me has been incredibly profound and I know his legacy of servant leadership will continue to serve as a model for incoming Members of Congress for years to come.

Madam Speaker, the hometown hero of Collinsville, Illinois has served this chamber well and is most deserving of this recognition here today. We are going to miss our good friend JOHN SHIMKUS in the People's House, but we wish him all the best in his retirement.

### TRIBUTE TO JOHN SHIMKUS

SPEECH OF

**HON. JEFF DUNCAN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2020*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a good friend and esteemed colleague, the gentleman from Illinois, JOHN SHIMKUS.

Congressman SHIMKUS has been a true statesman and a devoted public servant for the people of his district.

He's a testament to hard work, commitment to the job, and dedication to serving the United States of America.

JOHN and I have served on the House Energy and Commerce Committee together and share a passion for energy and environment policy.

We have fought for Yucca Mountain and for the promise of a permanent geological repository for our nation's nuclear waste, something that impacts both South Carolina and Illinois.

We have fought for the advancement of nuclear energy as part of our all-of-the-above energy matrix and a carbon-free source of electricity.

We fought for these things and more—and his efforts in these fights will be truly missed.

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I thank JOHN. It has been great working with him here in Congress.

I know God will bless him in his future endeavors.

## HONORING THE CITY OF BETHANY, MISSOURI

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the City of Bethany. Bethany is celebrating 175 years of being a town this September. Located within Harrison County, Bethany may be a small town within my district, but this town's roots run farther than can be imagined.

Bethany, having been around since 1845, is well known for its early days of being a railroad town which ultimately shaped the economy, culture and community of this wonderful town for almost 100 years until the last train pulled out of Bethany in 1980. The Railroad industry wasn't the only industry that helped the City of Bethany become what it is today. For many years, Bethany was known as one of the best trading places in Northwest Missouri. Now thanks to the Interstate 35, Bethany is still on the map in Northwest Missouri for its service industry and retail industry which has fueled the wonderful growth of Bethany over the past 30 to 40 years. Home of Babe Adams, a great baseball player who pitched in three world series games, and Benjamin Prentiss, a Civil War General and former Postmaster of Bethany, the city of Bethany has many reasons to be proud of its past 175 years.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing the City of Bethany for 175 years of existence but also to recognize the city's extremely bright future ahead. I am honored to represent every citizen within and around the City of Bethany in the United States Congress.

## IN HONOR OF DONNA KELLY-WILLIAMS, RN, PRESIDENT, MASSACHUSETTS NURSES ASSOCIATION

### HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Donna Kelly-Williams in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the American Labor Movement, the Massachusetts Nurses Association and for nearly fifty years of dedicated service to her community.

The daughter of Louise and John Kelly of Somerville, MA, Donna was born on September 19, 1954. Her family lived on Marion Street in Somerville until they moved to Arlington, MA. Donna and her husband Bill bought a house just a few doors down from her parents where they reside today.

Donna attended St. Joseph's High School in Somerville. Subsequently, she enrolled at LaSalle College where she earned her nursing degree. She then enrolled at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, earning her under-

graduate degree, and then earning a Masters' Degree at Cambridge College. In 2007, she attended the Harvard Trade Union Labor Program.

Madam Speaker, Donna took a job at Cambridge Hospital and observed a strike by a union at the hospital. She called her father and he instructed her to come home immediately and not cross the picket line. This incident sparked her fire for collective bargaining, workers' rights and fair representation.

Donna accepted a nursing position at Cambridge Hospital, becoming the President of the Cambridge Hospital MNA Bargaining Committee. Not surprisingly, she rose to the position of Vice-President of the MNA, and for the past twelve years has been President of the MNA.

During her tenure as MNA President, Donna has worked ferociously to represent the nurses and health care professionals in this state. She has accomplished much: legislation banning mandatory overtime was passed as well as legislation limiting the number of patients assigned to ICU nurses across the Commonwealth.

Throughout this COVID 19 pandemic, Donna has fought for PPE for healthcare professionals, for legislation to limit occupational exposure to COVID 19, and to eliminate the re-use of n95 masks which endangers the safety of those who use them. She has worked to secure housing for nurses who are fearful of carrying the virus home, and for counseling for those who are in need.

Madam Speaker, Donna is known for her kind smile, quick sense of humor, her relentless energy when fighting for her nurses and her affection for Dunkin' Donuts iced coffee. She has had the good fortune to be married to Bill for 42 years. They are the proud parents of four children and three grandchildren.

It is my distinct honor to join with Donna Kelly-Williams' family, friends, and contemporaries to thank her for her service to the American Labor Movement, and for her dedication to nurses and patients across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on September 29, 2020. The peaceful transition of power following an election is the cornerstone of our democracy. Had I been present for the roll call vote on H. Res. 1155 to reaffirm this commitment, I would have cast the following vote:

Roll Call 208: Yea.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, due to unforeseen flight delays, I was unable to vote on September 29, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 207, and YEA on Roll Call No. 208.

## CELEBRATING BOND BETWEEN 10 YEAR OLD KHLÖE MOUTRA AND MISSOURI CITY POLICE OFFICER

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a special bond that developed between Missouri City, TX Police Officer Jessica Berry and a young girl, Khloe Moutra. Their friendship sparked a community initiative to collect books for officers to distribute at events and on emergency scenes.

This friendship began thanks to Khloe's grandmother who introduced her to officers at the Missouri City Police Department. After the meeting, "A Book and a Smile" was started with Khloe's extra savings, a program designed to give books to families who couldn't get them at libraries due to the pandemic. Khloe's goal is to give 1 million books to 1 million kids—and she's well on her way with a recent donation of 1,000 children's books from Disney.

Khloe's grandmother wanted her to feel safe going to the police for help when she needed it. This simple gesture blossomed into a wonderful friendship and initiated a goodwill effort to support literacy and give back to the community. This special alliance highlights the potential for goodwill during this pandemic and beyond.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I thank Khloe Moutra and the Missouri City Police Department for the inspirational work they've done for our community.

## CONGRATULATING SISTER BETH BROSNER A CHAMPION FOR THOSE IN NEED, ON HER RETIREMENT FROM HEART, LOVE & SOUL

### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sister Beth Brosner on her retirement as Executive Director of Heart, Love & Soul, a nonprofit in the city of Niagara Falls, New York "dedicated to feeding those in need; body, mind and soul."

A native of Columbus, Ohio and a member of the Sisters of St. Francis at Stella Niagara for more than five decades, Sister Beth's career of care included a stint as development director for her order to ensure the care of her fellow sisters and at one of her hometown hospitals working with volunteers. Her experience and determination in making a difference in the lives of others made her an ideal choice eleven years ago to lead this agency that lives up to its name.

Heart, Love & Soul is now one of the largest organizations in Niagara County, serving individuals and families from Niagara Falls to Lake Ontario. Founded in 1982 as a food pantry by a local prayer group, Heart, Love & Soul has expanded over the years and most dramatically under the direction of Sister Beth to include a dining room, case management, children's, veterans and senior services, cooking

and nutrition classes and community care programs. Sister Beth also oversaw the development of many strong partnerships, especially with the students and faculty of Niagara University, and an expansion of private fundraising, foundation support and public grant awards to meet the growing demand for quality health and nutritional services.

Sister Beth once said, "At Heart and Soul I feel as I've come home" and it is with her welcoming smile, boundless energy and unwavering respect for the humanity of others that she greets her clients, fellow staff members and all who come to her in need. She makes everyone feel like they have found a home as well with her candor, commitment and complete embrace of social justice. Sister Beth's service to others has blazed a trail for us to follow.

Though truly humble and generous in her gratitude to others, it must be acknowledged that her legacy will live on in "Daybreak," the new one-stop center opening this year following a multi-million-dollar capital campaign. More than 30 partner agencies will be housed under one roof allowing for easier access to expanded services for the homeless and those who find themselves in need of assistance.

I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with Sister Beth for the betterment of Niagara Falls and our Western New community as she has become a voice for those traditionally not heard and a champion for those who deserve every opportunity to live lives of value. Fueled by her deep faith, Sister Beth Brosmer embodies the unyielding compassion necessary to foster healing in mind, body and soul. And while she will be greatly missed, Sister Beth Brosmer's home will always be at Heart, Love & Soul.

Madam Speaker, I take this time to congratulate, celebrate and thank Sister Beth Brosmer for her lifetime of service. She is truly a beacon of light and hope and her work will leave a lasting impact on the Niagara Falls community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. RUBEN GALLEG0

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. GALLEG0. Madam Speaker, I missed two votes on September 29, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 207, and YEA on Roll Call No. 208.

#### COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF NORMAN DUNCAN

##### HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Norman Duncan, a World War II veteran who dutifully served our country, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and his Loudoun County community throughout his life.

Mr. Duncan was born in 1919 to Lithuanian immigrants and grew up in Manhattan before moving to Washington, D.C. He was drafted during World War II, and, following a training

accident, was reassigned to General Eisenhower's extended staff and special services division. In this role, he oversaw logistics and supply for U.S. bases in Great Britain and supported Operation Torch in North Africa and Operation Overlord in Normandy. He was awarded the Legion of Honor from France in 2018 for his service.

Following his military career, he made his home in Virginia and worked as a transportation logistics specialist. He was an advocate for minority participation in the transportation industry and volunteered his expertise to serve on President Carter's National Defense Executive Reserve and to consult on logistics for President Reagan's inauguration.

Mr. Duncan was also very active in his community and was named one of the 100 most influential people in Loudoun County in 2016. He served on the Loudoun County Transportation Economic Development Committee and as a board member of the Loudoun Symphony. He was also a passionate advocate for caregivers, having cared for Elsie, his beloved wife of 72 years, as she struggled with Alzheimer's disease in her final years. Labor of Love Day, which he founded, is celebrated every Labor Day in Loudoun County to raise awareness of family caregivers and their loved ones who struggle with Alzheimer's.

Mr. Duncan passed away last year at the age of 100, two months after he attended the 75th anniversary and commemoration of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France. He is deeply missed by his three children, eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Today, the House of Representatives will honor Mr. Duncan's life and memory by passing legislation to name the post office in Leesburg, Virginia after him. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Duncan's life and his lifelong commitment to service.

#### RECOGNIZING HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH

##### HON. LLOYD DOGGETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. DOGGETT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hydrocephalus Awareness Month. Every September patients, caregivers and their families come together throughout the nation in support of the more than 1,000,000 people of all ages living with hydrocephalus in the United States. As co-chair of the Congressional Pediatric and Adult Hydrocephalus Caucus, I believe Congress has an important role to play in both raising awareness of this condition, as well as crafting policies that result in better treatments and potentially a cure. I urge my colleagues to join the caucus to learn more about this devastating condition.

Anyone can develop hydrocephalus, an abnormal accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid in the brain, at any time. This can include premature babies, active duty service members, veterans, and seniors. Individuals can also be born with hydrocephalus, develop it as part of the aging process, or acquire it as a result of infections, brain tumors or traumatic brain injuries, among other causes. The only present treatment for this condition is brain surgery.

From children to veterans, the prevalence of this condition is reflected in my own district. The physicians and staff at the Children's Hospital of San Antonio perform the brain surgeries necessary to treat many of the one in 770 babies across the country who develop hydrocephalus per year. Nationwide, these cases alone cost the U.S. health care system \$2 billion per year. Veterans and active military personnel, such as those stationed at Joint Base San Antonio, are also disproportionately affected. Medical researchers believe that two-thirds of our nation's current and former military service members suffering from moderate to severe traumatic brain injuries are at risk of developing hydrocephalus.

In the midst of this pandemic, it is now more important than ever to improve the federal government's partnership with the hydrocephalus community. Many individuals with hydrocephalus live with other serious medical comorbidities, putting them at a higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. We must do all we can to help patients, health care professionals and families as they struggle to maintain and improve quality of life during these challenging times.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Hydrocephalus Awareness Month and the 1 million Americans living with hydrocephalus by joining the Congressional Pediatric and Hydrocephalus Caucus.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes during the week of 9/21 and on 9/28 due to a minor medical procedure. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 196; YEA on Roll Call No. 197; YEA 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; NAY on Roll Call No. 204; YEA on Roll Call No. 205; NAY on Roll Call No. 206; NAY on Roll Call No. 207; and YEA on Roll Call No. 208.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF FRANCIS V. EGELER

##### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, It is my honor to recognize the life of Francis V. Egeler, who passed away recently after a lifetime of service to his fellow Michiganders. Through his extreme dedication to public service, Frank became an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

Frank was born on December 28, 1963. After graduating from Traverse City Saint Francis High School in 1982, Frank spent a year working with Young Americans as a light and sound operator before studying accounting at Northwestern Michigan College. Following his education, Frank found his passion and calling in life while working on his first political campaign in 1998. This launched a

twenty-two career in Michigan Republican politics, where he would go on to greatly shape the political makeup of Michigan, especially in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. His dedication, kindness, and infectious charisma made him well liked and respected by all who had the opportunity to meet him.

Frank passed away on September 5, 2020. He is missed dearly by his family and friends, and his legacy will undoubtedly live on for generations for come. Frank's tireless devotion to the public good touched the lives of countless Michiganders, and the impact of his work cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of Francis V. Egeler. His legacy will forever live on in his family and through the many lives he bettered through his service.

#### HONORING WESTON T. HENNING

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Weston T. Henning. Weston 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 43, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Weston has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Weston 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, Weston has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Weston restored a sign and added landscaping around the Agency Community Center in Agency, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Weston T. Henning 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 THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MS. ROSEMARY LOWE

### HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and memory of a dear mentor, a great Kansas Citian, and an extraordinary American: Ms. Rosemary Lowe. Ms. Lowe, who passed away on the evening of September 22nd, was an unstoppable force for change, force for good, and force of nature. A public servant can only hope to mean to their community what Ms. Lowe means to hers. Since I learned of her passing, I have been thinking about her remarkable story—about everything she was able to accomplish—and I still find it hard to believe she was able to fit it all into just ninety-four years.

Ms. Lowe grew up in Dumas, Arkansas in the painful shadow of Jim Crow. When she was just fifteen, her family moved to Kansas City, where she would go on to become a pioneer in the fight for desegregation. Ms. Lowe spent her early career with another pioneer in that struggle: Black physician Dr. Dennis Madison Miller, who would go on to be appointed Superintendent of the Jackson County Hospital Colored Division. She worked for him for twenty-three years at his office on 18th and Vine. In the 1950s, Ms. Lowe was instrumental in efforts to desegregate downtown Kansas City department stores. Ms. Lowe was also instrumental in the founding of Freedom, Incorporated of Kansas City, Missouri, a political organization conceived in 1961 to elevate the votes, voices, and volition of the Black community of Kansas City to the halls of government. The next year, she and Freedom, Inc. co-founder Leon Jordan ran for seats as Democratic committee representatives for our City's 14th Ward. She lost. Jordan won. But Ms. Lowe would later go on to win that seat and hold it for two decades as Kansas City's first Black committeewoman. In 1964, when thousands of activists travelled south to Mississippi as part of Freedom Summer, Ms. Lowe stayed in Kansas City and helped register thousands of Black voters before a city-wide vote on a proposed ordinance that would make it illegal to discriminate in taverns, trade schools, hospitals, and clinics. Kansas City's public accommodations ordinance passed, predating the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by several months. A retired cosmetologist, she spent her later years, if anything, expanding her efforts to help her community. She volunteered for the American Red Cross at Menorah Medical Center and the Veterans Administration Hospital of Kansas City, won and maintained a place on the Democratic National Committee for six years, co-founded the Local Investment Commission to improve the lives of children and families in the Kansas City region, and helped convince city leaders to relocate a Patrol Division of the Kansas City Police Department and rename it after none other than Freedom, Inc. co-founder and KCPD's first Black lieutenant, Leon Jordan. And whether it was Freedom, Inc., the Kansas City Democratic Committee, LINC, or any other of the tables of decision at which Ms. Lowe sat, she was, more often than not, either the only woman, the only Black voice, or both.

I failed to mention, of course, the linchpin of Ms. Lowe's life of service. In 1952, after the Supreme Court ruled that people could not be evicted from their homes on the basis of race, Ms. Lowe's became one of the first Black families to move to the beautiful Santa Fe Neighborhood on the East Side of Kansas City. Kansas City's history of 'redlining' and Santa Fe's history of racial covenants meant the transition for the first wave of Black residents was far from easy. White families began to move away in fear until, in 1955, just 15 percent of the neighborhood remained White-owned. Years later, when new residents would move into the Santa Fe Neighborhood, they were told to go see the President of the Santa Fe Area Council, a Ms. Rosemary Lowe, who had held the position for many decades. As President of the Santa Fe Neighborhood, Ms. Lowe fought for more streetlights, improved housing and infrastructure, and stronger, more trusting ties between police and the communities they had sworn to protect.

Ms. Lowe was also a sage counselor, mentor, and role model to countless civic leaders, community organizers, and elected officials like myself, who sought her wisdom as we began our own barrier-breaking careers on a path she helped pave. We who owed her so much, who loved her so much, who looked up to her so much—we called her "Mother Lowe." We sought her out not only for her experience and wisdom, but also for her kindness, her warmth, and her unflinching, unapologetic honesty. She is the political mother of African American power in Kansas City.

Decades working for Dr. Dennis Miller, decades as the committeewoman for the 14th Ward, decades as the President of the Santa Fe Area Council—Ms. Lowe was one of the most dedicated public servants I have ever seen in action. Hers was not a rise to power, where one springs from one post to another. Ms. Lowe became "Mother Lowe" because she stayed in the arena, fighting in the struggles of today, every day, for ninety-four years' worth of days.

There is a stretch of street in Kansas City, on 29th between Prospect and Indiana Avenue. It runs right through the heart of the Santa Fe Neighborhood. It is called the Honorary Rosemary S. Lowe Lane. Today, we honor a woman who has defined a stretch of history in Kansas City. It is a stretch that runs right through the heart of our struggle to become more free and more equal. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the extraordinary life and memory of Ms. Rosemary Lowe. Ms. Lowe's march to a better future for our city did not relent for one minute. Let us be grateful for the world she handed us and resolve to bring the spirit of Mother Lowe to each and every effort we undertake to make it better.

#### CONGRATULATING BILL BECKER

### HON. DEBBIE MUCARSEL-POWELL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bill Becker on his 30 years of remarkable service to the Florida Keys-based U.S. 1 Radio 104.1 FM and to our community.

Bill began his career with U.S. 1 Radio in 1980 when the news station had just established itself. He served as the news director, where he broadcasted local news, and hosted U.S. 1's 90-minute "Morning Magazine" every morning to highlight local issues and events through on-air interviews and commentary.

His passion and devotion to marine biology first led him to the Florida Keys and is what jumpstarted his career in radio. After graduating in 1971, Bill began working at the Lower Keys' Newfound Harbor Marine Institute at Sea Camp. He taught marine biology to kids, through outreach programs and became involved in local organizations. Bill co-founded one of the Lower Keys' signature events: the annual Underwater Music Festival that spotlights coral reef preservation. Every year the event draws hundreds of diving and snorkeling enthusiasts, as well as national and international media coverage.

With his unyielding dedication to his community, Bill's work has left a tremendous impact in numerous people's lives. He volunteered his time during the 1998 Hurricane Georges to offer comfort and critical live updates throughout the storm. Bill partook in broadcasts in Cuba as part of humanitarian efforts led by a local group taking essential medical supplies and food to the island nation. In 1982, Bill broadcasted live from Key West's Mallory Square when the Florida Keys seceded from the Union and formed the independent Conch Republic. Aside from his hard work in broadcasting, Bill also dedicated his time to the community of the Lower Keys by serving as the president of the Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce.

Through all these accomplishments, Bill made himself a pillar of the Keys community and his retirement marks the end of an era. Bill embodies the hard working, community-minded nature that the Florida Keys is known for. On behalf of Florida's 26th District, I would like to thank Bill for his contribution to the community and wish him the absolute best in this next chapter of his life.

RECOGNIZING MS. PATRICIA CROWLEY, PRESIDENT/CEO OF THE GREATER HERNANDO COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with sincere appreciation that I recognize my friend Patricia Crowley, President/CEO of the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce, for her leadership and service to our business community. After 20 years of service to the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Crowley will retire on October 31, 2020.

Ms. Crowley began her career with the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce in March of 2000 as a Membership Representative. A few years later, Ms. Crowley was named President/CEO of the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce. Throughout her years of service with the Chamber, she formed strong partnerships with local leaders and business organizations to strengthen the county's business environment to enable business development and prosperity throughout Hernando County.

Ms. Crowley has been a dedicated servant to people of Hernando County throughout her career. She has served in several organizations including the United Way of Hernando County, Kiwanis Club of Brooksville, and Oak Hill Hospital Board.

I am honored to recognize Patricia Crowley and thank her for her hard work and countless contributions to the Hernando County community. Her commitment to excellence, leadership and service is to be admired, and may it inspire others to follow in her footsteps. My sincerest wishes and congratulations to Pat on her retirement.

HONORING MICHAEL LAIRMORE

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael Lairmore and his nearly 10 years of distinguished service as the Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California, Davis. As Dr. Lairmore retires this year, his dedicated tenure ensures he leaves behind a veterinary school which, ranks among the best in the world and is well-placed to further its success at the forefront of veterinary science far into the future. Alongside the school's pioneering research, the veterinary hospital is unmatched in reputation and patient visits.

Dr. Lairmore became Dean in 2011 and immediately set to work; crafting a long-term and multifaceted plan to guide the institution to its full potential. His emphasis on the importance of the school's student and patient experience at the forefront of his efforts and under his leadership, the school implemented multiple comprehensive student programs, such as the Office of Global Programs and the Counseling and Career Service Center. Dr. Lairmore simultaneously reigned in student fees and was a vanguard for diversity, ultimately making UC Davis a leader among veterinary schools with both the lowest levels of student debt and most diverse student body. Together this allowed UC Davis' program to tackle inequities in the veterinary field and create greater opportunities for the most disadvantaged students.

Dr. Lairmore expanded the school's research capabilities—placing them at the top in funding, infrastructure, and cutting-edge technology. With his guidance, the school partnered with the United States State Department's Office of Food and Agriculture; to curtail the Newcastle and Mad Cow viruses. In addition, Dr. Lairmore played a pivotal role in the development of USAID's PREDICT project and identifying the Marburg and Ebola viruses in bats preventing potential outbreaks. While the world continues to combat the coronavirus pandemic, UC Davis provides a model for stopping future pandemics before they are allowed to spread.

Dr. Lairmore is continuing his career with the School of Veterinary Medicine as a distinguished professor in the Department of Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology. However, it is clear that his legacy as Dean will continue to shape the school and its students and faculty for years to come. On behalf of the people of California's 3rd Congressional District, I offer my sincere gratitude for his dedicated service and best wishes upon his future endeavors and accomplishments.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
GENRE VINCENT PECORA

### HON. GUY RESCIENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. RESCIENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Genre Vincent Pecora who sadly passed away in his North

Huntingdon, Pennsylvania home on August 30, 2020. I knew Vince personally and can attest that his devotion to family, community, and country was evident to everyone who met him.

Vince was the proud owner of Pecora Flooring Inc., a southwestern Pennsylvania company specializing in institutional and industrial installation for over fifty years. Throughout that time, Vince earned the respect and trust of his community through his tenacity, workmanship, and approachability.

Outside of work, Vince was committed to helping kids with cancer after his grandson was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. After watching one of their own go through treatment and ultimately achieve remission, the Pecora family started Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund to support others in similar situations. From entertainment systems to go-bags packed with essentials, Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund anticipates the needs of families confronted with the horror of a childhood cancer diagnosis.

Vince is survived by his wife of 56 years, Donna Day Pecora; children, Daunette Baker and her husband, John, Vincent Pecora and his wife, Brenda, Dante Pecora and his wife, Carla, and Todd Hook and his wife, Julie; sister, Antoinette Capo; grandchildren, Kaitlynn (Ricky) Boyer, James Baker, Genre Baker, Vincent Pecora, Gianna Baker, Avery Pecora and Ava Pecora; and great-grandchildren, Gideon Boyer, Eden Boyer, Lacey Hook and Cameron Hook.

Madam Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I recognize the loss of Genre Vincent Pecora. Vince will be remembered as a friend to many and his legacy will live on in southwestern Pennsylvania.

RECOGNIZING THE UKRAINIAN  
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF CHICAGO

### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ukrainian National Museum of Chicago (UNM), a cultural landmark in the heart of my district, on the occasion of its annual banquet. The UNM prides itself, for good reason, on its museum artifacts, library, and archives, which highlight Ukraine's history, its ongoing fight for freedom and democracy, and the rich culture and contributions made by Ukrainian Americans and Americans of Ukrainian heritage, both to Chicago's cultural tapestry and to that of the United States.

Each one of the four waves of immigration from Ukraine, as well as the generations of American Ukrainians who have followed, have brought with it a wealth of literary, music, artistic, and cultural artifacts, historical testimonials, relics, scientific patents, personal keepsakes and reminders, all of which speak to the importance of Ukrainian heritage and the personal and professional accomplishments of American Ukrainians across our country.

Themselves a part of the third wave of Ukrainian immigrants to the United States, Oleksa Hankewych, Julian Kamenetsky and Orest Horodysky, founded the Ukrainian Library and Archival Center in 1952 in order to

preserve books and other documents at risk of destruction in Ukraine. Shortly after the establishment of the Library and Archival Center, a call went out to the Ukrainian community, which enthusiastically responded. Several years later the Library and Archival Center grew into the Ukrainian National Museum of Chicago, fully funded by community donations. While some artifacts in the Museum's burgeoning collection were purchased in Ukraine, others were donated by Ukrainian American collectors and artists, as well as from personal libraries and individuals throughout the community, in Chicago and beyond. Over 100,000 Ukrainian Americans live in Chicago, and I am proud that the Museum has its roots in our great city.

The Ukrainian National Museum of Chicago too has much to be proud of, due to the hard work of its staff, board of directors, and officers. Unfortunately, only two of its past presidents remain with us—Dr. George Hryciak and Jaroslaw Hankewych, son of the Museum's founder, Olexa Hankewych. Today, under the leadership of Lydia Tkaczuk, the Museum's first female president, the UNM continues its work in one of Chicago's most historic neighborhoods, Ukrainian Village. More than just engaging visitors and adding to their understanding of Chicago's rich and diverse communities, it also serves as a window to Ukraine, its history, and its people.

The Museum's diverse collection of folk-art, fine art, tapestry, traditional dress and artifacts help to illuminate the societal impact American Ukrainians have had on Chicago and across the United States. Its permanent exhibitions educate visitors on the history, heritage, politics, culture and religions of Ukraine and the broader Ukrainian American community, including exhibits on the Kozak period, Ukraine's role in the World Wars and importantly, the Holodomor, the forced famine-genocide of 10 million Ukrainians by Stalin across 1932 and 1933.

Madam Speaker, the Ukrainian National Museum is a place where visitors feel welcomed and engaged. It serves as a pillar of knowledge and culture for the Ukrainian community, for individuals of every background who call our city home, and for all the universities and students, artists, and authors throughout the world who have benefited from work in its archives. The City of Chicago is lucky to house such an institution, and it is my privilege today to recognize the Ukrainian National Museum here in Congress.

#### REMEMBERING FATHER NICHOLAS VIERON

#### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Father Nicholas Vieron, the much admired retired pastor of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Memphis, who passed away Tuesday morning at the age of 94. Father Vieron was a revered ecumenical leader in Memphis, serving as Chairman of the Memphis Ministerial Association at the time of the 1968 Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike and the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. With Rabbi James Wax, the Reverend Frank

McRae, Dean William Dimmick and other religious leaders, Father Vieron confronted Mayor Henry Loeb the day after the assassination, which helped bring the strike to an end and helped bind Memphis together during that time of crisis for our city. A native of New Orleans and the son of Greek immigrants, he grew up across the street from America's first Greek Orthodox Church. Father Vieron came to Memphis to become pastor of Annunciation Church in 1955 after attending seminary in Brookline, Massachusetts, and served as a priest in Louisville, Kentucky, and Huntington, West Virginia. In Huntington, he received a master's degree from Marshall College. In Memphis, he received a J.D. from the University of Memphis School of Law in 1970. He retired from Annunciation in 1991 but stayed busy. For decades, Father Vieron taught a 15-week course in the Greek language to all comers, telling students that there would be no tests but that they were required to endure his corny jokes. My favorite: There are three stages in life—young, middle aged, and “you're looking good.” For 40 years, he served as chaplain to the Memphis Touch-down Club. He also served as editor of *The Epistle*, a newsletter for retired Orthodox priests. In 2015, he received the MLK Legacy Award from the National Civil Rights Museum. His wife of 69 years, Bess, passed in 2017. I want to express my condolences to his sons, Leonidas and Paul, his four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, the entire Annunciation Greek Orthodox community, and his many friends and admirers. Father Vieron led an exceptional life of service and he will not be forgotten.

#### COMMENDING WESLEY YUEN FOR HIS HELP FINDING SOLUTIONS FOR SPACECRAFT SANITIZATION

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Wesley Yuen, a junior at Clements High School from my hometown of Sugar Land, who has helped us combat the spread of COVID-19 in space.

This summer, Wesley was selected to attend NASA's Student Enhancement in Earth and Space Science internship for two months at the University of Texas, Austin. He was one of around 60 high school students selected from a pool of 600 applicants. Wesley and his team successfully researched how to stop the spread of coronavirus between astronauts going between Earth and the ISS using the few materials they have. This valuable work will help set the rules for safe space exploration for decades to come.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas and America, I thank Wesley for his hard work. He has a bright future ahead, and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

#### HONORING DAVID KENT FRUECHTENICHT

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David Kent Fruechtenicht. David is a very special husband, father, and leader who is proudly retiring from a career of service to this country.

David Fruechtenicht has dedicated over 41 years to protect this nation. After joining the Air Force in 1980, David quickly realized that he enjoyed serving his country, as he says he just kept reenlisting and next thing he knew 20 years had flown by. After leaving active duty, David used his expertise with Electronic Intelligence to move over into DOD defense contract work but still found his way back to the Air Force by April of 2007. Whether it be active duty, consultant, or Air Force Civilian, David has continuously found a way to serve his nation. As David says he wouldn't change anything that he has done and ultimately that shows the true love and pride that David has for this country and I wish him well in retirement.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing David Fruechtenicht on his retirement and for his years serving our nation. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress.

#### AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS OF A MORE PRODUCTIVE EMERGING TECH ECONOMY ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2020*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the American COMPETE Act. This package of bills includes two of my own—the SMART IoT Act and the Advancing Unmanned Delivery Services Act.

The SMART IoT Act would encourage the development of future Internet of Things policies that will promote innovation and help these technologies grow to further benefit consumers and businesses alike. It is crucial we have the right federal policies in place to bolster this industry that has dramatically changed the way we live, manufacture goods, farm, and even receive health care through internet-connected devices.

I also introduced the Advancing Unmanned Delivery Services Act with my friend from Michigan, Mrs. Dingell. This legislation would evaluate the many benefits contactless delivery has for various sectors of our country and help identify potential regulatory roadblocks to the use of their services. This technology is especially important today as Americans depend on home delivery services to remain socially distant to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus.

I urge my colleagues to vote in support of the American COMPETE Act to ensure the United States remains a global leader in innovation.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TED BUDD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I missed this vote because I had to take a personal family call.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 201.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY,  
INCORPORATED-ETA LAMBDA  
CHAPTER

**HON. DAVID SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated-Eta Lambda Chapter, on their 100th Anniversary.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the first inter-collegiate Greek letter fraternity established for Black college students, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, in 1906. In a period of one hundred fourteen years, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. grew from one undergraduate group of seven members to an international organization with an active membership of more than one hundred fifty thousand. The national organization is now the central organization to many subordinate chapters.

The Eta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was founded in Atlanta, chartering on May 19, 1920. As the First Alumni Chapter, and one of the most accomplished in the Southern Region (Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi) I am honored to highlight the rich history and significance of my beloved fraternity in Atlanta.

For one hundred years, the Eta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has been intertwined in the fabric of the City of Atlanta; from Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport to Andrew Young International Boulevard and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center, just to name a few. Notable Alpha Brothers have served as leaders in all levels of government, business, education, and civic affairs.

I am a proud member of this prestigious organization, which was founded on the precepts of many deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the historic significance of the centennial anniversary of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated-Eta Lambda Chapter.

## THE EASTSIDE GIRLS

**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer a tribute to 15 remarkable women who through their 65 year relation-

ships with each other is a story itself; but, I believe, might also offer a way to carry many of us through this tumultuous time of economic upheaval, tragic illness and death, and riots in our streets where we have lived peacefully all these years.

Their belief in each other has allowed them to love and share tragedies and disappointments. Their lifetime of friendships and memories help them to remember to laugh and make time together.

Melany Burton Davis remembers what she recalls as one of the scariest days of her life at age 10, when she had to go to a new elementary school. "Little did I know that the precious girls I met that day were going to be lifelong friends. Each of them made me feel not just accepted but valued and loved."

She goes on to say, "Even when we all went our separate ways for decades, whenever we got together I had the same feelings of being valued and loved. These beautiful girls always bring joy to my heart, and I am blessed to have them in my life."

They are often asked, "How do they do that?"

Jackie Nantz Kelly, one of the women, answered, "Where to start? How do you describe a 70-year friendship?"

We started in two different elementary schools that merged into the same junior high school where it all began. We grew closer in high school, but went our separate ways in college. We married, had children, some divorced and had struggles of single parent hood, but we survived and all of us raised beautiful children. We are all not the same religion, but believe in God and we love our country."

In 1987, 26 years after we graduated high school, we decided it was time for a reunion. We remembered our best times were slumber parties so that's what we did, Dana Gant Tate sent the invitation and commanded for all of us, "Sleeping bags, pillows and baby doll pajamas or you don't come!"

We had a great time and decided we had to do a better job of keeping in touch, and we did.

We began to travel.

Tricia Walker Christensen was our historian forth is outing and in her words, "In 2010 we had a great opportunity to celebrate and travel when we joined 60 passengers to birth the USS *Fort Worth* at Mariette Marine Corporation. One of our Eastside Girls was KAY MULLENDORE GRANGER and she was the sponsor of the ship. We watched as she stood with her grandsons and smashed a bottle of champagne against the bow of the ship. We were proud and excited. We were also holding our breath hoping that the hit would be successful. KAY was never athletic, so it wasn't a sure thing she could do this."

We gathered together for parties and get togethers that others hosted and at some point someone suggested we needed a name. Many of us still lived in the part of Fort Worth where we had all that fun, so we named ourselves "The Eastside Girls" for the area we grew up in and that is the name we have used for 23 years.

The slumber parties were a thing of the past until 2001 when Key Stevens Richardson invited us to her house in Austin. As Key puts it, "After years apart and attempts to get together, we began the tradition of reuniting for an annual memorable weekend a tour house.

Hank, my husband and an Eastside guy, leaves town and our raucous group takes over the house. We all talk at once. There is laughter (someone suggested we should be called the 'The Eastside Cacklers') and there are tears."

Key's little sister Nancy Stevens Klein is the only one allowed outside our class and she adds, "I'm honored to be included in this wonderful group of women who support and inspire each other and in doing so make each one of us stronger. I wouldn't miss seeing them every year for anything."

Laughter is the most important part of this long friendship. Talana Hadsell Wier says, "My very best memories are of the laughter we always shared with whatever we did. Sliding down the stairs at Melany's house, pep rallies at Eastern Hills High School, talking about our boyfriends. And now making it through the good and tough times of marriages and raising families. And then being able to once again come back to our fun times of memories together."

Jaynie Lewis Shaffer says, "We are each unique and different yet the same because of our shared heritage. It is wonderful to be with people who knew me then. I don't have to explain anything to them. Like a beautiful grand piano with individuals key that emit a beautiful tone and perhaps at times may need fine tuning, we make lovely music and come together." Jaynie spent 30 years at IBM to prepare herself for the most important job—technical support for the Eastside Girls.

Priscilla Willis Coleman was the cutest, most popular and funniest of the "Girls." She never misses the August Austin slumber party and is the most talkative and gets funnier every year. She added that it is important where we have that Austin soiree. "It is in the hills of Austin so we don't disturb anyone, and believe me, a group of women who haven't been together all year, all talking at the same time, accompanied by a few margaritas and glasses of wine—this can become quite loud."

During the year we keep in touch by phone. And we text. And Priscilla says she imagines we will continue until we can't drive anymore and we will take an Uber or a van. But she continues, "I really love these women. We would do anything in our power to help each other. We are happy together, sad together, and we pray for each other. We share a common bond that knits out lives together."

We are all in our 70's now, but we will always be the Eastside Girls."

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF VIRGIL SIMON LOONSFOT  
"RED CLOUD"

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, It is my honor to recognize the life of Virgil Simon Loonsfoot "Red Cloud", who passed away at the age of 80 after a lifetime of service to his fellow Americans. Through his extreme courage and selflessness, Virgil became an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

Virgil was born on August 17, 1940 in L'Anse, Michigan. Following his education, Virgil served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam



War. After his service, he worked as a truck driver and did maintenance for housing in Sault Sainte Marie. Virgil was a member of the Holy Name of Jesus church, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, former president of Ojibwa Seniors, and past commander of KBIC Veterans. His joys in life included fishing, watching football, enjoying the outdoors, KBIC Community Pow Wows, and serving those in his community through Veterans organizations and Toys for Tots.

Virgil passed away on September 25, 2020. He is missed dearly by his family and friends, and his legacy will undoubtedly live on for generations for come. Virgil's tireless devotion to the public good touched the lives of countless Michiganders, and the impact of his life cannot be overstated. Visitation for Virgil will be held on October 1, and his funeral service will be held thereafter with traditional service with drums, committal prayers, and Baraga County Area Veterans providing military rites.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of Virgil Simon Loonsfoot "Red Cloud". His legacy will forever live on in his family and through the countless lives he bettered through his life and service.

#### HONORING DYLAN MONTGOMERY EVANS

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dylan Montgomery Evans. Dylan 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 115, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dylan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Dylan 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, Dylan has Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Dylan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Dylan constructed two signs that can be removed and replaced as needed for Wesley United Methodist Church in St. Joseph, Missouri.

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

#### SUPREME COURT REPLACEMENT

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, last week, South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson who, when first elected in 2010, was America's youngest Attorney General, explained to Newsmax with John Gizzi,

"The Case for Moving the Supreme Court Confirmation."

"Since the passing of United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Democrats and members of the mainstream media have accused President Donald Trump and Senate Republicans of hypocrisy and unfairness.

"First, let's look at the constitutional perspective. In the case of nominating and confirming a United States Supreme Court justice, the rules are simple. Article II, Section 2 of the United States Constitution says that the president '... shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint ... judges of the Supreme Court.'

"A president has not just the right but a duty to appoint a person to the Supreme Court so long as that appointment is accompanied with the advice and consent of the Senate.

"Second, as to the historical perspective, these actions are neither shocking nor unprecedented. As Dan McLaughlin of the National Review, Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and others have pointed out, there have been 44 presidents, and 22 of them have had 29 vacancies to fill in their last year in office.

"Regardless of how you feel politically about filling this vacancy, history and the Constitution support Trump and the Republican Senate. The Senate needs to move forward and fill this seat now."

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

#### HONORING HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH

#### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, each year in September, designated as Hydrocephalus Awareness Month, hydrocephalus patients, caregivers, and other supporters across the country work together to raise awareness of the impact and prevalence of hydrocephalus and urge public and medical officials to garner more resources to improve treatment protocols and one day find a cure.

As we all know, COVID-19 and its inherent social distancing requirements have limited many public awareness activities, but this past month members of the Hydrocephalus Association and the Pediatric Hydrocephalus Foundation, and other active supporters, adjusted and relied on social media and other venues to share statistics, brochures and personal stories to enhance awareness of this condition.

As the co-chair of the Congressional Pediatric and Adult Hydrocephalus Caucus, I call on all my colleagues in the House to take the time and learn more about hydrocephalus so we can better assist our constituents and their family members who live with challenges of hydrocephalus every day.

Hydrocephalus is colloquially known as "water on the brain." In truth, the condition is caused by an abnormal build-up of cerebrospinal fluid and can be treated only by surgically implanting a drainage shunt in the brain. Everyone, from babies to the elderly, can develop hydrocephalus. While some cases are congenital, many cases are caused

by a traumatic brain injury, an infection, or even just develop as part of the aging process.

Hospitals across the country work to serve the over one-million adults with hydrocephalus, including the New Neurons Neurosurgery Institute (NNNI), located in my district in Spring Lake, New Jersey. NNNI's pediatrics division plays a critical role in addressing the needs of thousands of children with hydrocephalus in New Jersey and across the country. Nationwide, over 400,000 babies a year are born with hydrocephalus.

Through their compassion, skills, and critical expertise dedicated medical professionals such as those at NNNI save lives every day.

United States citizens are not alone in their struggles with this condition. Unfortunately, the global situation is even worse, which is why I've introduced the Global Brain Health Act, which adds hydrocephalus to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. This approach would ensure more robust foreign assistance for treating those infants and children in developing countries with hydrocephalus and other brain health-related conditions. It also fosters study in treatment protocols that can be shared here at home.

It's essential for Members of Congress to better understand this condition and its profound impact on the people we represent. I urge my colleagues to join the bipartisan Congressional Adult and Pediatric Hydrocephalus Caucus. As a member you will not only help raise awareness but may also play a role in creating public policies that lead to better treatments and hopefully a cure.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED OCTOBER 6

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Crossfire Hurricane investigation.

SD-106



OCTOBER 7

rent status of the rail network and the  
track ahead.

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
Transportation

SR-253

To hold hearings to examine passenger  
and freight rail, focusing on the cur-