

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 GALLEGU

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Mr. GALLEGU. 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