

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.