

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF MARK
ANTHONY

HON. LAUREN UNDERWOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mark Anthony for his service in my office in Washington, D.C.

Mark joined our office as a legislative fellow and served as an advisor for my work on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, in addition to handling a policy portfolio that included defense, foreign affairs, agriculture, and trade. Among other accomplishments, he coordinated legislation to improve mental health care delivery at the VA and worked with our agricultural community to navigate the challenges of COVID-19 and ongoing trade tensions. Mark was instrumental in the development and introduction of the Lethal Means Safety Training Act, the Veterans in STEM Act, and the No Coronavirus Copays for Veterans Act.

Mark's professionalism, work ethic, and dedication were invaluable assets throughout his time in my office. I commend his drive to advance mental health and suicide prevention services for veterans and to improve outcomes for women veterans and younger veterans. Although Mark may be leaving our office, our veterans in northern Illinois and our community members who support and honor them will continue to benefit from the results of his hard work and expertise.

Prior to joining my staff, Mark earned a Bachelor of Science from George Mason University and served our country as an officer in the United States Marine Corps, where he deployed twice in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. I am grateful he chose to continue his career in public service by joining my office. Our office will miss his kindness, diligence, and friendship.

Madam Speaker, I would like to formally thank Mark Anthony for his service to my office, to Illinois' 14th Congressional District, and to our country.

UYGHUR FORCED LABOR
DISCLOSURE ACT OF 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a cosponsor and a senior member of the Committees on the Judiciary and Homeland Security, I rise in strong support of H.R. 6270, the "Uyghur Forced Labor Disclosure Act of 2020", which directs the Securities and Exchange Commission to issue rules requiring U.S. publicly traded companies to disclose imports of manufactured goods and materials

that originate in or are sourced in part from the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR) on an annual basis.

With this bill, companies would also be required to disclose that the goods and materials did not originate from forced labor as well as describe the nature and extent of commercial activity related to the products.

Furthermore, companies must also provide the gross revenue and net profits attributable to the good.

The legislation also stipulates that companies must say whether they intend to continue importing from that entity.

H.R. 6270 ensures that both the SEC and GAO would be required to report to Congress on compliance, oversight, and effectiveness.

For years, the Chinese government has engaged in a systematic campaign of repression targeting Uyghurs and other Muslim groups.

Chinese authorities have used the pretext of terrorism to suspend the Uyghurs' civil and political rights and pursue the internment of Uyghurs in "educational training centers" where they are forbidden from practicing their religious and cultural beliefs.

These same education centers are forced labor camps.

According to the BBC, approximately one million Uyghurs have been detained without trial, forced into mass internment camps, and subjected to forced labor, torture, political indoctrination, forced renunciations of faith, and other severe human rights abuses.

The U.S. Holocaust Museum's Simon-Skjoldt Center for the Prevention of Genocide recently determined that there is reasonable basis to believe crimes against humanity are being committed in the XUAR.

Furthermore, satellite imagery, leaked official documents from the Chinese government, and the testimony of camp survivors have confirmed a widespread and pervasive forced labor system that exists inside the mass internment camps.

This is a systematic, widespread, and shocking violation of basic human rights for which the Government of China must be held accountable.

The United States cannot and should not sit idly by while these gross injustices are happening.

According to numerous reports, forced labor by the Uyghur detainees in labor camps and factories feed into the supply chains of more than 80 well-known global brands.

In its 2019 Annual Report, the Congressional-Executive Commission on China found that goods produced with forced labor included textiles, electronics, food products, shoes, tea, and handicrafts.

Mr. Speaker, companies have a moral duty to ensure the goods they purchase are made using free workers who are paid a fair wage, and the transparency measures in this bill are key to ending the persistence of modern-day slavery in supply chains.

Importing products made wholly or in part from forced or prison labor is not only against U.S. law but also international human rights standards.

However, audits and due diligence efforts to ensure clean supply chains are nearly impossible due to government surveillance and the pervasiveness of forced labor in the regional economy.

Time and time again, the United States has been the beacon of freedom in the world and a fierce defender of human rights.

Today, we, as Members of Congress, have a duty to continue that legacy by condemning the heinous human rights violations against the Uyghur people in the XUAR.

By passing H.R. 6270, our actions send a message to China that Congress not only stands in solidarity with the Uyghur people but also that we will always speak up for the vulnerable and the voiceless whether that is in the Xinjiang region of China or anywhere else in the world.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank Congresswoman WEXTON for introducing this vital piece of legislation, and I am proud to do my part in leading this bill through the House.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in voting for H.R. 6270.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDY
CHRISTOFOLIS

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend, Judy Christofolis. Not only was she my close friend, she was also a community leader and a successful businesswoman. Over the last ten plus years of her life, she exhibited her incredible spirit and determination as she bravely fought metastatic breast cancer. Sadly, she lost her battle on March 12, 2020. I will forever cherish my memories of her.

Judy was born on January 19, 1962, in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Gerald and Martha Morford. She proudly attended school in Warren Township in Indianapolis at Moorehead Elementary, Woodview Junior High, and graduated from Warren Central High School in 1980. Judy attended Butler University, graduating in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science in accounting and finance.

Judy began her career as a CPA with Geo. S. Olive, a regional accounting firm. There she met her future husband, Ted, whom she married in 1986. Judy later was controller at Baker & Daniels law firm but eventually founded her own accounting business, Windsor Accounting Services, which later became Redwood Accounting Services. In 1998, she and Ted started Redwood Investment Advisors, an independent fee-only investment advisory firm. In 2011, Judy joined my campaign team, and served as my treasurer since 2012.

Judy and I met as members of the Junior League of Indianapolis, an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism,

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developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Judy was an exemplary and active member, serving as treasurer twice and was a board member for multiple years. She used her financial skills in the volunteer world, developing the investment strategy for the Junior League's endowment, making the Indianapolis chapter one of the most successful chapters in the country. The Indianapolis Art Center (IAC) benefitted from her accounting, financial and investment skills during her tenure on its board. Ted and Judy enjoyed taking clients and friends to ArtSparkle, the summer party supporting IAC. In addition, Judy was on the board of Indianapolis Day Nursery, Indiana's oldest and largest early childhood education non-profit.

In the last decade of Judy's life, while she battled breast cancer, she was a founding member of the Indianapolis American Cancer Society Guild and served as its treasurer. The Guild's mission is to support the Central Indiana office of the American Cancer Society by generating awareness, raising funds and providing support for community outreach programs to achieve the shared goal of saving lives by helping people stay well, get well, find cures and fight back. This mission epitomized Judy's fight against breast cancer.

Judy was known for her compassion and friendship and lived her life with passion. She was cherished by many, including her dear friends in her book club as well as the "Kool Kat" Club, made up of long-time high school girlfriends. Every Christmas, she entertained clients and friends at a much anticipated and beloved party, exclusively catered by Judy. She learned her skills from studying at the Culinary Institute of America in New York. The cookies and dog treats were especially prized by those fortunate enough to attend!

Judy had a love for animals that was unmatched. Often times, Judy found dogs but sometimes they found her as was the case with Jasmine, one of her favorite strays. Ted and Judy's beautiful homes were always full of dogs adored by them both.

Judy spent summers at Lake Wawasee in Syracuse, Indiana as a child, and later she and Ted built a beautiful home on Syracuse Lake which was always full of family, friends and fun. I was pleased to be a guest there several times.

She was a loving wife, sister, daughter, aunt and friend who will be missed deeply by so many people. She was strong and courageous throughout her entire fight with breast cancer, never lost her positivity and fought hard until the very end.

I stand today in honor of the wonderful life my friend Judy lived. I know so many will miss her and remember her as a shining light in their lives. I send my sincerest condolences to her husband Ted, her fur babies Jasmine, Big Boy Joe, J.B., Josie and the late Brady, her brother Richard and his family and all who were fortunate enough to know her.

CELEBRATING FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

HON. BEN McADAMS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. McADAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Filipino American History Month which commemorates the arrival of the first Filipinos, or "Luzones Indios," landing in what is now known as Morro Bay, California on October 18, 1587. For over 400 years, Filipino Americans have been key participants in the American experiment, striving towards equality and justice for all.

This continues today. As our nation battles the COVID-19 pandemic, Filipino American healthcare workers have been essential in our response to the virus. Nearly 150,000 healthcare workers across the country are second or third-generation Filipino American. I deeply appreciate the hard work and sacrifice of these heroes who fight every day to protect and heal their fellow Americans.

Since 1900, Filipino Americans have enriched the fabric of Utah as artists, farmers, educators, healthcare workers, and activists. Over 15,000 Filipino Americans call Utah home and are one of our state's fastest growing communities. As we commemorate Filipino American History Month, I am so grateful for the contributions that have been made to our great state and Nation by Filipino Americans.

JUDGE RICHARD E. FIELDS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Judge Richard E. Fields of Charleston, South Carolina. I am in awe of his continued public service to the Lowcountry and his trailblazing legacy for the African American community of our state.

After graduating from Howard University School of Law in 1947, Judge Fields was the first black attorney to open a law firm in Charleston. He found success after success as a South Carolina Circuit Court judge until his retirement in 1992.

Judge Fields is a proud worshiper at the historic Centenary Methodist Church, where he was elected as Treasurer in 1950 and still holds that position to this date. For more than 50 years, he served as the delegate to the South Carolina Annual Conference and was a member of the Merger Committee that desegregated the white and Black conferences of the United Methodist Church during the late 1960s and early 1970s. A voting rights "champion," Judge Fields helped form the Charleston County Political Action Committee where he organized black voters and helped elect Black South Carolinians to office.

Anyone who knows Judge Fields can attest that he is a friend who quickly becomes family. He is more than willing to offer legal advice or spiritual affirmations and he does so with integrity and kindness. Not many people can say they have a U.S. Post Office named after

them like Judge Fields; even less can say they have lived such a fulfilling and philanthropic life like Judge Fields. I thank Judge Fields for an incredible century of service to South Carolina.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, due to commitments back in my district, I had to miss votes on September 30, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 209; YEA on Roll Call No. 210; YEA on Roll Call No. 211; NAY on Roll Call No. 212; and NAY on Roll Call No. 213.

HOMELAND SECURITY ACQUISITION PROFESSIONAL CAREER PROGRAM ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5822, the "Homeland Security Acquisition Professional Career Program Act," which would authorize an acquisition professional career program (APCP) within DHS.

This program, which DHS established in 2008, is a pipeline for a cadre of acquisition professionals to support the Department's multi-billion dollar investments in goods and services.

Under APCP, DHS hires individuals, many of which are new to the Federal government or recent college graduates, at the GS-7 grade level to work in one of six acquisition positions.

Upon successful completion of the three-year program, participants are placed into permanent full-time positions at the GS-12 grade level.

The bill outlines the requirements for the program, which includes acquisition training, on-the-job experience, Department-wide rotations, mentorship, shadowing, and other career development opportunities for participants.

The bill also requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to report annually to Congress through fiscal year 2026 on various aspects of the program, including the DHS components and offices that participated, attrition and retention rates, and the Department's recruiting efforts for the program.

The Department of Homeland Security is the third largest Department of the U.S. government, with a workforce of 229,000 employees and 22 components including TSA, Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, FEMA, the Coast Guard, Secret Service, Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers, the National Protection and Programs Directorate, and the Science and Technology Directorate.

This year, the House Appropriations Committee approved \$50.72 billion in FY 2021 discretionary funding, including \$48.1 billion in

nondefense discretionary funding, for the Department of Homeland Security.

These taxpayer dollars must be used in a manner consistent with the mission and purpose of the Department of Homeland Security, while using the best methods for assuring adherence to good government principles.

I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SETH MOULTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. MOULTON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained from the floor on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 and missed one vote. Had I been present to vote, I would have voted in the following manner: YEA on roll call No. 213.

CELEBRATING LOVELAND CHAPTER 211'S 150TH RE-CONSECRATION

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Royal Arch Masons at Loveland Chapter 211's re-consecration on October 7, 2020.

Loveland Chapter 211 has served the community since 1870, building a network of over 600 members through the years. Currently, the association has 57 members who proudly dedicate their charter to service, personal development, and the betterment of their community.

Congratulations to Loveland Chapter 211 on this notable anniversary and re-consecration. We are grateful for their many years of service.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL ASHLEY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant General Robert Ashley on the eve of his retirement, after over 35 years of service to his nation as an Army intelligence officer.

As testament to his competence and character, on two-separate occasions, the Nation entrusted General Ashley with the responsibility to lead different elements of our Intelligence Community.

The congressional intelligence committees are unique as they must truly partner with the organizations they are charged to oversee.

In my time on the Intelligence Committee, and his time leading military intelligence organizations, I have appreciated General Ashley's candor and ability to think strategically.

As the Army's Intelligence Chief, he implemented reforms that saved struggling acquisition programs and delivered tools directly to warfighters.

Most recently, in his tenure as Director of DIA, General Ashley led key initiatives that ensured continuing the transformation of the DIA.

Perhaps most importantly, and in the best tradition of service, General Ashley took time out of his busy schedule to mentor junior intelligence officers. I am confident that this next generation of intelligence professionals will be his most significant and lasting legacy.

General Ashley has done his part to leave the Army, the Department of Defense, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Intelligence Community in a stronger position for his successors and the Nation. We wish him well.

HONORING WILLIAM LANSON FOR HIS UNIQUE AND INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise today to join the Amistad Committee, the City of New Haven, and all of those gathered today in paying tribute to a pioneering African American who quite literally changed the landscape of the City of New Haven, William Lanson, and who ultimately faced defamation and destitution from a white Majority that used its levers of state power to put him into ruin. But, today, we return him to his rightful and honorable place in the history of our town as a bronze statue is dedicated in his honor.

According to a Hartford Courant piece in 2001, quote, "William Lanson was an extraordinary figure in early 19th-century New Haven. Almost certainly an escaped slave, Lanson overcame incredible odds to become a highly successful businessman, one of the earliest black entrepreneurs in Connecticut." William Lanson was a man ahead of his time in many ways, none more so than in the innovative engineering concepts that he brought to his successful projects in the City of New Haven. Though little is known about his earliest years, we do know that Lanson and his family moved to New Haven around 1803 and within just seven years he became the city's principal wharf builder.

In 1810, he was the only contractor able to complete the complicated 1,350-foot extension to the city's Long Wharf, enabling larger boats to dock in the city's port and allowing the city to compete with nearby ports including New York. The extension was only possible because he employed specially designed scows, carefully designed by Lanson himself, capable of carrying twenty-five tons of stone at a time. The stone was quarried by him and his laborers, from nearby East Rock, floated on the scows to the harbor where they were installed to stabilize the pilings for the wharf's extension. Following his success at Long Wharf, Lanson was contracted to build the retaining wall for the newly planned Farmington Canal where it flowed into the harbor basin. These two projects changed the very character of New Haven Harbor and the City itself, further

allowing both to thrive and prosper—a feat which would have not been accomplished without William Lanson's invaluable contributions.

It was more than the architecture of the city to which he contributed. It was its business landscape, its civic culture, and its moral fiber, as an African American leader who fought their disenfranchisement. He was a successful businessman, operating a hotel, grocery, and livery service, as well as a founding member of the Temple Street Church, which later became the Dixwell Avenue Congregational United Church of Christ. He was a fierce abolitionist and advocate for voting rights.

According to research by Yale, in 1811, the Reverend Timothy Dwight, President of Yale College, praised William Lanson, as quote, "honourable proof of the character which they sustain, both for capacity, and integrity, in the view of respectable men." But, as the Yale research said, quote, "By the end of the 1820s such praise had all but vanished . . . and Lanson found himself beset financially and attacked and ridiculed." According to Amy L. Trout, curator at the New Haven Colony Historical Society, quote, "he was constantly harassed by the police. The minute he was released from the police station and got home, he would be arrested for something else."

Late in life, Lanson wrote that he was jailed five times in six years for a total of 450 days, for selling liquor at his hotel, the Liberian, a very common practice. The pressure continued until he died forgotten, defamed, and destitute. So, we right that wrong. And, we must. Lanson was an unbelievably important and impressive man, an African American who reshaped, reformed, and re-invigorated. Doing so as an African American in the 19th century. He was a force.

William Lanson left an indelible mark on the City of New Haven and I am glad to be able to witness our community coming together to recognize, celebrate, and preserve his story. My deepest thanks to the dedicated members of the Amistad Committee and the City of New Haven who have ensured that William Lanson's contributions to our community will always be remembered.

COVID PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, AND EFFECTIVE PLANNING FOR ADVANCED REQUIREMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACT OF 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as the Founding Chair of the Coronavirus Task Force and a senior member of the Judiciary and Homeland Committees, I rise in strong support of H.R. 7496, the "COVID PREPARE Act," which requires every federal agency to submit a report to Congress on the steps they are taking to respond to a potential resurgence of COVID-19, including measurable goals, anticipated challenges, and how they will consult with Congress.

I would like to thank Representatives BRAD SCHNEIDER and JOHN KATKO for introducing and leading this important piece of legislation.

By passing this bipartisan bill today, Congress has taken it upon itself to ensure that all federal agencies are aware of the risks associated with any resurgence in coronavirus cases and are prepared to address them efficiently.

This legislation stipulates that Congress will receive regular updates from these agencies until the President ends the emergency declaration related to the coronavirus pandemic.

At the beginning of this pandemic, the federal government's response to COVID-19 was delayed, disorganized, and haphazard.

It is because of these inefficiencies that the United States currently has over 7 million cases of the coronavirus and over 205,000 related deaths.

In the state of Texas alone, there are currently 761,332 cases of the virus and approximately 15,820 deaths.

We must not make the same mistakes again.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to wreak havoc on American communities and take thousands of American lives, experts have warned that things might get even worse in the fall, especially as schools, businesses, and communities continue to reopen.

Over the last six months, federal agencies have learned many hard lessons, and they have crafted new, effective strategies that will protect families and communities across the country fight against a possible resurgence of coronavirus cases this fall.

We must put our faith in science and continue to invest in testing, contact tracing, as well as vaccine development.

In my own district, I have facilitated the opening of 32 testing sites since the beginning of the pandemic in an effort to curb the spread of the virus.

Mr. Speaker, Congress has a duty to assure the American people that the federal government is doing everything in its power to beat back the dual health and economic crises of this pandemic.

H.R. 7496 honors that responsibility entrusted to us by the American people, and I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to come together and vote for this important legislation.

COMMEMORATING THE VICTIMS
OF THE NAZI MASSACRE AT
BABYN YAR IN UKRAINE BE-
TWEEN 29-30 SEPTEMBER 1941

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate all those who lost their lives in the Holocaust and honor the memory of those who were so brutally murdered in the atrocities that took place between 29-30 September 1941 at Babyn Yar in Ukraine.

It is of great importance to me to bring this issue to the attention of the United States Congress because of my Jewish heritage and family ties to Ukraine, but also to shine a light on one of the darkest chapters in our shared history. The past must never be forgotten, and the lessons we learn, especially the painful ones, should guide us to a better future.

As we see a resurgence of antisemitism and Holocaust denial across the world, and when

there are fewer and fewer living survivors to tell the story first hand, it is essential that we learn the tragedies of the past and educate future generations so we can prevent these events from never happening again.

Today, it is critically important to remember one of the Holocaust's most oft-forgotten horrors—the massacre that took place at Babyn Yar in Ukraine and in other Eastern Europe countries, silenced for so long by the former Soviet Union.

The massacre of Kyiv's Jews at Babyn Yar was one of the largest mass killings by the Nazi regime at a single location during World War II. It is incumbent upon us to remember the sorrow and grief of the victims and their families of the Babyn Yar massacre, and I commend the Ukrainian people for coming together to deal with this tragedy and commemorate the horrific atrocity at Babyn Yar.

In honor of the 79th anniversary of the horrifying massacres at Babyn Yar, where it was officially estimated that up to 100,000 people were murdered during the Nazi occupation of Kyiv from 1941 to 1943, I rise today to honor all those who lost their lives, remind our colleagues and the world of the tremendous evil that took place at Babyn Yar, and commend the people of Ukraine for their commitment to remembering these horrific events. We must continue to stand up and say, "never again."

A review of the timeline of events surrounding the Babyn Yar tragedy are an important part of our solemn duty to ensure that terrible events like these can never happen again:

On September 19, 1941, Axis forces occupied Kyiv. A week later, the Nazi occupational government and SS leadership convened at Rear Headquarters Army Group South and made the decision to exterminate the Jews of Kyiv.

On September 28, 1941, the Nazi occupiers of Kyiv posted the following notice: "All [Jews] living in the city of Kiev and its vicinity are to report by 8 o'clock on the morning of Monday, September 29, 1941, at the corner of Melnykova and Dokterivska Streets (near the cemeteries). They are to take with them documents, money, valuables, as well as warm clothes, underwear, etc. Any [Jew] not carrying out this instruction and who is found elsewhere will be shot. Any civilian entering homes vacated by [Jews] and stealing property will be shot".

On September 29-30, 1941, the eve of Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year in Judaism, 33,771 Jewish civilians were shot and killed by machine-gun fire at Babyn Yar, a ravine northwest of Kyiv. Between September and early October 1941, about 38,000 Jews were murdered at or near Babyn Yar; and the total Jewish death toll there until the Nazi retreat was around 40,000.

When Nazi forces retreated from the Soviet Union, they attempted to hide evidence of the massacres at Babyn Yar by exhuming the bodies and burning them, but in 1991, the government of independent Ukraine erected a monument in the shape of a menorah dedicated to the Jewish victims at Babyn Yar. Sadly, the names of many of these civilians who perished have been lost forever.

IN RECOGNITION OF ADAM GROGG

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the extraordinary service of Adam Grogg, who served in the House's Office of General Counsel as an Associate General Counsel. During his tenure, Mr. Grogg played an integral role in safeguarding the legal interests of the House of Representatives and its Members, Officers, and employees in connection with federal court litigation involving issues of the highest institutional importance. Specifically, Mr. Grogg provided invaluable legal counsel and representation to numerous Committees of the House, greatly assisting them both in fulfilling their constitutionally authorized oversight functions and defending those prerogatives in litigation. In particular, Mr. Grogg's legal work has significantly contributed to the Committee on Oversight and Reform's investigation and litigation related to the 2020 decennial census.

Additionally, Mr. Grogg has provided vital legal counsel to the House regarding the presidential impeachment, as well as with respect to the defense of long-standing institutional powers, including the House's constitutional authority to adopt rules permitting its Members to participate in the legislative process remotely by proxy during an unprecedented global pandemic.

Mr. Grogg's work on behalf of the House has been of the highest caliber and I have no doubt that his next employer will benefit from his exceptional legal counsel. On behalf of the entire House community, I thank Mr. Grogg for his dedicated service to the House, and I wish for him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 212, P.Q. for H. Res. 1161, and NAY on Roll Call No. 213, Adoption of H. Res. 1161.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO
GRANT HONORARY PROMOTION
TO WORLD WAR II VETERAN,
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DELBERT
LITRELL TO CORPORAL

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill to grant an honorary promotion to World War II veteran, Private First Class Delbert Littrell of the United States Marine Corps from Private First Class to Corporal.

PFC Delbert Littrell is an extraordinary World War II veteran. PFC Littrell served in

five major campaigns as a member of the 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division. He not only survived the combat rigors and horrors of Iwo Jima, but also assaults on the Marshall Islands, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa. All of these battles were some of the heaviest battles fought in the Pacific theater during World War II.

The Secretary of the Navy when recommending this honorary promotion said, "Littrell's extraordinary service to the Marine Corps is noteworthy and rises to the service that warrants favorable consideration for this unique honor. The recommendation to concur with the request is a testament to his enduring selflessness and sacrifice."

In addition to his service during the war, PFC Littrell has long served his community. The Marine Corps League Coquille River Detachment recognized PFC Littrell as their 2016 Marine of the Year. In 2019, he was awarded with a Marine Corps League Distinguished Service Award and was also recognized as the Marine Corps League Marine of the Year for the Department of Oregon.

PFC Littrell reliably and honorably performed his duties in the Marine Corps throughout his period of active service. PFC Littrell is worthy of an honorary promotion to Corporal. By passing this legislation, we have the opportunity to honor the notable service of this outstanding veteran.

This honorary promotion is championed by the Navy and Marine Corp and I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill's swift passage.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF GERRY
LYNN

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Gerald Allen "Gerry" Lynn of Brandenburg, Kentucky. Gerry passed away on September 6, 2020, and I will miss him deeply.

Gerry was a passionate servant of his community. He always tried to bring people together. I first met him when he served in the Kentucky State House of Representatives. He then went on to serve as the Meade County Judge Executive, a role in which he worked tirelessly to better Meade County and the region. I always enjoyed spending time with him because he was interested in everything—and he could do anything. Whether it was paragliding, wiring his own home, or working hard to help Meade County, he accomplished anything he put his mind to. In addition to serving his community, Gerry also served our Nation in the Army.

Of all of Gerry's accomplishments, it was his proudest of his family. My prayers are with his wife Nancye, his children, and his grandchildren. Gerry was an honorable man and a pillar in our community who will be missed by all.

HONORING SHELBY HAMLETT

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Shelby Paisley Hamlett, who passed away on September 14, 2020 at the age of 82. Shelby was dedicated to helping others in an array of volunteer and charitable organizations.

Shelby was born in Wytheville, Virginia on August 20, 1938, to Alton and Rachael Paisley. She grew up in the town and then attended Hollins University, which took her to the Roanoke area where she would spend much of the rest of her life.

Shelby was deeply devoted to several causes and organizations that sought to improve lives in her community and around the world. At the age of 18, she became involved in the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), starting with the Brambleton Jr. Woman's Club in Blue Ridge District, GFWC Virginia. The organization became a lifelong commitment, and Shelby went on to serve in post after post, including Virginia President 1980 to 1982 and ultimately International President 2000 to 2002. In this role, she helped develop the GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar, attended the Women's World Vision Conference in China, and participated in an Operation Smile Medical mission.

Her passion for helping others extended to other causes. I met Shelby when I served on the board of Easter Seals Virginia, an organization devoted to helping Americans living with disabilities, which she assisted in creating and longed served as a member of the Board of Directors. She was also on the national Board of Directors. As the local level, she was part of the Roanoke County PTA Association, helped develop special education classes for the county's schools, and was a longtime active member and deacon at Heights Community Church in Roanoke.

Shelby is survived by her son David, brothers Monte and Randal Paisley, and several nieces and nephews. I would like to extend my condolences to them on their loss.

STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5823, the State and Local Cybersecurity Improvement Act, which authorizes a new DHS grant program to address cybersecurity vulnerabilities on State and local government networks.

The new grant program would be authorized at \$400 million with a graduating cost-share that incentivizes States to increase funding for cybersecurity in their budgets.

Under the bill, State, tribal, and territorial governments would be required to develop comprehensive cybersecurity plans to guide the use of grant funds.

This bill tasks the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Nation's cyber risk advisor, that works with partners to defend against today's threats and collaborating to build more secure and resilient infrastructure for the future to provide support to state and local governments.

The bill also requires CISA to develop a strategy to improve the cybersecurity of State, local, tribal, and territorial governments, among other things, identify Federal resources that could be made available to State and local governments for cybersecurity purposes, and set baseline objectives for State and local cybersecurity efforts.

CISA would also be required to assess the feasibility of implementing a short-term rotational program for the detail of approved State, local, Tribal, and territorial government employees in cyber workforce positions at CISA.

Lastly, the bill establishes a State and Local Cybersecurity Resiliency Committee comprised of representatives from State, local, tribal, and territorial governments to advise and provide situational awareness to CISA regarding the cybersecurity needs of such governments.

As a member of the House Committee on Homeland Security since its establishment, and current Ranking Member of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security. This bill is of importance to me.

The threats we face—digital and physical, man-made, technological, and natural—are more complex, and the threat actors more diverse, than at any point in our history. CISA is at the heart of mobilizing a collective defense as we lead the Nation's efforts to understand and manage risk to our critical infrastructure.

I am a cosponsor of H.R. 5823, and ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this important step to improving cybersecurity of state and local governments.

HONORING SENATOR BILL
MONNING

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I ride today to honor Bill Monning, the retiring Senator representing the 17th Senate District of California, for his career in advocacy and public service and his commitment to serving the people of the central coast of California. His leadership has improved the lives of many, and I am honored to acknowledge this legacy today.

Senator Monning was born in Culver City, California, in 1951 and raised in Pasadena. After finishing high school at Flintridge Preparatory School, where he excelled as an athlete, Monning attended college at the University of California, Berkeley. Following his graduation, he attained his Juris Doctorate from the University of San Francisco. His time spent in the Bay Area in the 1970s led him to commit himself to a career of advocating for and serving others.

After passing the California Bar Examination, Senator Monning worked as an attorney protecting the rights of migrant farm workers

at the United Farm Workers of America and the Migrant Farm Worker Project at California Rural Legal Assistance. Monning served as the Director of the Salvadoran Medical Relief Fund from 1982 through 1987 and was the Executive Director of the Nobel Peace Prize winning organization International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War from 1987 through 1991. Monning then went on to serve as a professor at the Monterey College of Law and Monterey Institute of International Studies and president and co-founder of Global Majority, Inc., an organization committed to education, training and advocacy in the field of non-violent conflict resolution.

Senator Monning's service in the California State Legislature began with his election as Assemblymember for the 27th Assembly District, representing parts of Monterey, Santa Cruz, and Santa Clara counties from 2008 to 2012. In 2012, he was elected Senator of the 17th Senate District, which includes all of San Luis Obispo and Santa Cruz counties and portions of Monterey and Santa Clara counties. He was reelected in 2016 and served as Senate Majority Leader from 2015 through 2018. Currently, Monning serves as Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Rules and is a member of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and the Senate Committees on Budget, Health, Judiciary, Natural Resources and Water, and Rules. He also represents the Senate on the California Air Resources Board. Throughout his time as a legislator, he has been a leader in protecting natural resources and the environment, improving the health of all Californians, and serving veterans.

As Senator Monning prepares to celebrate his retirement, I am proud to commend him on his lifetime of serving others. I have no doubt he will enjoy spending this time with his wife, Dr. Dana T. Kent, his two children, and three grandchildren. On behalf of Central Coast residents, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Senator Bill Monning for his public service and wishing him a long and healthy retirement.

HONORING FRANK VARDEMAN, JR.

HON. LUCY MCBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Frank Burton "Burt" Vardeman, Jr., a life built on faith, service, and family. Mr. Vardeman passed away peacefully on September 13, 2020 at the age of 95. He is survived by his wife Martha Frances Hay Vardeman, their four children Frances, Frank, Cile, and Marty; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The first of four brothers, Burt was born in Columbus, Georgia and grew up in Covington. He attended public schools and graduated from Covington High School in 1942. During his freshman year at North Georgia College, Burt was drafted into the United States Army Air Corps. He served his country during World War II as a Flight Radio Operator on B-24 Liberator bombers with the 15th Air Force, surviving 31 combat missions over Nazi-occupied Europe. During one mission, Nazis destroyed three of the engines on Burt's plane, and he and his crewmates considered jumping

into the Aegean Sea. Fortunately, they spotted an airstrip in the distance, where they landed and were housed by the Tuskegee Airmen, who frequently escorted his Bomb Group, while waiting for another plane. Burt frequently said throughout his life, "I owe my life to the Red Tails."

After the war, Burt came home and studied at Auburn University using the GI Bill, where he met Martha, his "Sweetie Pie." Graduating in 1949 with a B.S. in Building Construction, Burt and Martha moved to Tuscaloosa, Alabama to join Martha's father, a Presbyterian minister who had just been named president of Stillman College, a historically black college. Serving as Business and Property Manager at Stillman College, Burt helped the school become an accredited four-year institution by overseeing the construction and management of IO major campus buildings, a considerable achievement during the Civil Rights Movement.

Burt, Martha, and their four children moved to Atlanta in 1965, where Burt worked until his retirement in 1989. His accomplishments during that career included overseeing the construction and administration of the Presbyterian Church USA headquarters. In retirement, he spoke of a deep gratitude for the heroism of the Tuskegee Airmen and was made an honorary Tuskegee Airman himself. Burt volunteered for numerous organizations, including North Decatur Presbyterian Church and Kiwanis, enjoyed golfing and fishing, and was an avid bowtie enthusiast. More than anything, however, he cherished his family.

Burt and Martha built a family rooted in love and support. He selflessly served his American family overseas by defending democracy and at home by building the foundation for a more just and equal future. Through his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, Burt's legacy of faith, service, and family is destined to live on for generations.

It is my distinct privilege to help honor and celebrate the storied life of Burt Vardeman. As his family continues to grieve this profound loss, I offer my deepest condolences. On behalf of myself, the Sixth Congressional District, and the United States House of Representatives, I am eternally grateful to Burt for his unbounded dedication to the betterment of humanity and the overflowing passion with which he lived.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF PASTOR DAVID E. KELLER OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and ministry of Pastor David E. Keller of Fort Wayne, Indiana. After 34 years of service to the Greater Fort Wayne community, Pastor Keller is retiring from his role as Senior Pastor of Abundant Life Church.

In June of 1986, Pastor Keller began his ministry at a small church just across the street from Saint Francis College in Fort Wayne. Through the help of God, he sought to grow his church to include every culture, every tongue, and every nationality. After a signifi-

cant investment of his own finance and will, what started as an 1,800 square foot facility has grown to a massive 98,000 square foot facility that is completely debt free.

Pastor Keller has established a diverse outreach that now ministers to 3 major ethnic groups: Asian, Hispanic, and African. This is in addition to a ministry dedicated to the deaf and hard of hearing, and the main weekend congregation. He has also helped sponsor and establish a Bible school and Christian orphanage in India, and fostered a multi-campus ministry in Ghana, Africa.

Today, Pastor Keller is leaving behind a thriving, dynamic, and diverse congregation that ministers to hundreds of people each week. Under his leadership, the Abundant Life congregation has truly become a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic and multigenerational assembly who understand that "we are all level, at the foot or the cross."

I wish Pastor Keller, his wife Marta, and their children and grandchildren the very best as he moves on to the next chapter of his life. While we will sorely miss his leadership, there can be no doubt that many in the community are better off today because of his great work.

THE NOMINATION OF JUDGE AMY CONEY BARRETT TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank President Trump for nominating Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the United States Supreme Court, and urge her immediate confirmation.

Currently serving on the Seventh Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals in South Bend, Indiana, Judge Barrett has shown throughout her highly-successful legal career that she has an outstanding legal mind and that she is more than qualified to serve on the Supreme Court.

As a fellow Hoosier, I have the utmost confidence that Judge Barrett would honorably carry out the duties of a Supreme Court Justice and would help defend the constitutional rights of all Americans.

I also believe that she appropriately understands the role of the Federal Judiciary in our Republic is to rule on the law—not to make it up from the bench.

I thank Indiana's Senators for indicating their support of Judge Barrett's nomination, and urge the rest of the United States Senate to follow suit and quickly confirm this highly-qualified Hoosier to the bench.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. I want to thank my

friends, the co-chairs of the Democratic Women's Caucus, Representatives SPEIER, FRANKEL, LAWRENCE, HAALAND, and ESCOBAR, for organizing and convening this fitting tribute to a trailblazing American heroine.

As a lawyer with the ACLU and as the second woman on the Supreme Court, Justice Ginsburg was a pioneer for reproductive rights, civil rights, and equal protection under the law. Without her leadership and conviction, the world would be a different place for women, people of color, the LGBTQI community, and others who have not been afforded equity and justice under the law. Her tenacious fight for gender equality in the face of powerful opposition, and her historic opinions and dissents on the bench, bent the arc of history towards justice.

Her legal brilliance, bravery, and her commitment to a democracy that serves all, make her a model for the next Supreme Court Associate Justice and for all justices who follow.

When Justice Ginsburg wrote decisions, she wrote with a clarity that helped the broader public understand the moral and legal issues at stake. She also had an empathy for the experiences of others. When I had the chance to meet and have dinner with her, I felt that she understood the particular challenges that Black women and women of color faced. And she was a powerful ally for justice movements whether they sought to dismantle unjust systems built along lines of race, ethnicity, gender, class, sexual orientation or gender identity.

We mourn the loss of such a brilliant, bold and visionary woman whose legacy will continue to live. We have a responsibility to continue her fight for equality and justice.

My thoughts are with her children, grandchildren and loved ones during this difficult time.

SUPPORTING AMY CONEY
BARRETT

HON. JAMES R. BAIRD

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. BAIRD. Madam Speaker, today I rise in support of fellow Hoosier Amy Coney Barrett to be confirmed to the Supreme Court.

Barrett is immensely qualified to serve as a Supreme Court justice.

She clerked for Justice Antonin Scalia before teaching law school in Indiana at the University of Notre Dame, where she received the "Distinguished Professor of the Year" award three times.

Three years ago, she was confirmed with bipartisan support to the Seventh Circuit of the Court of Appeals. There she developed a reputation of being an exemplary jurist who follows and upholds the Constitution.

In addition to her distinguished record and qualifications, Mrs. Barrett is a role model for women. She is a devoted wife and a loving mother to seven children, while still effectively performing her responsibilities as a justice.

Judge Barrett will be an excellent addition to the United States Supreme Court, and I look forward to her confirmation without delay.

HONORING SUPERVISOR JANE
PARKER

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jane Parker, the retiring County Supervisor for the Fourth District of Monterey County, for her commitment to serving the people of the central coast of California.

Supervisor Parker was raised on the Monterey Peninsula and graduated from Monterey High School. After studying at the Monterey Institute for International Studies and LaVarenne Cooking School and traveling

across Europe, Parker made a name for herself as a chef in southern California, where she lived for 15 years. After travelling through Asia and Africa, Parker felt it was time to return home and settled in Monterey once again in 1991. There, she established a healthy meal preparation service for working families and homebound seniors.

Back at home on the Central Coast, Supervisor Parker felt a responsibility to give back to her community. In 1995, she began working for Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, eventually serving as vice president of development until 2005. As part of the organization's executive leadership team, Parker helped Planned Parenthood Mar Monte serve a record number of patients and earn it the title of most successful Planned Parenthood in the nation. During this time, Parker ran for and was elected to serve on the Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) Board of Trustees from 1999 to 2003. As a Trustee, she effectively advocated for policies to protect MPC's reputation for providing outstanding and affordable education and student services. From 2005 to 2009, Parker was Associate Director of the ACTION Council of Monterey County, where she helped address unmet needs in the county and improve the quality of life for residents through the pursuit of economic and social justice.

Supervisor Parker was first elected as County Supervisor for the Fourth District of Monterey County in 2008 and reelected in 2012 to 2016. As a County Supervisor, Parker has prioritized delivering responsible land-use policies, equitable healthcare access and high-quality healthcare services, water and mass transit solutions, increased accountability and customer service for County services, and prevention-based law enforcement strategies. As a result of efforts she has led, the Board now posts Agenda packets online for the public to view and conducts performance evaluations of the Chief Administrative Officer and other direct reports.

As she begins her retirement, I have no doubt that Jane will continue to serve her community. We, on the Central Coast, are grateful for her contributions to our community and celebrate her successful career.