

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.