

people of faith from the greater Miami area for over a century. The church has provided summer camps and afterschool programs for children, worked to feed the homeless, and assisted families facing hardships. Rooted in the values of Ministry, Mission, and Service, the church is a valued and integral piece of our community and history.

I am deeply grateful to Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church for its dedication to serving the Miami area. May the church continue this excellent work for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF DISTRACTED DRIVING MONTH

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join thousands of organizations and individuals around the country in observation of Distracted Driving Awareness Month. First recognized by Congress 10 years ago, this commemoration brings attention to the persistent problem of distraction on our Nation's roadways.

More than 700 people still die or are injured every day in the U.S. as a result of distracted driving crashes. According to a recent survey released by the National Safety Council—a nonprofit based in my district—only 62 percent of drivers were “very willing” to obey state laws preventing cell phone use. This tells me drivers fail to see the dangers of distracted driving.

Research shows that using electronic devices increases cognitive distraction. This can be deadly on the road, where a split-second distraction can cause a crash. Approximately 2,841 people died in distraction-affected driving crashes in 2018—that's eight people every day dying from a completely preventable cause—and this is widely believed to be undercounted as many states do not include the option on crash reports to document distracted driving. We have to close these gaps, and that starts with raising awareness.

Despite a decrease in traffic volume during the pandemic, crash fatality rates have risen at an alarming level, with estimates that the rate of death on our roadways was 20 percent higher in the first six months of 2020 versus the same time period last year. We've taken cars off the roads, but we haven't reaped any safety benefit.

Recognizing these dangerous trends, last year I was proud to introduce the SAFE TO DRIVE Act with my colleagues Mr. GALLAGHER and Mr. COHEN, to incentivize states to pass laws eliminating distraction on our roadways. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting passage of this legislation. We need it now more than ever.

As we mark the 10th Anniversary of Distracted Driving Awareness Month, I encourage all motorists to commit to driving attentively and safely and to avoid using cell phones and in-vehicle technology that take attention off the task of driving. I also hope my colleagues will join me this month in raising awareness about this important issue. Do it for all of our constituents. Their lives are more valuable than any call, email, or text.

HONORING MARK GUETHLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES (IUPAT) UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mark Guethle of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT). With a long and illustrious career working for the citizens of North Aurora and Kane County, Mark has distinguished himself as a valuable and dedicated member of the community.

Mark has served as the Director of Government Affairs of the Painters Union since the early 2000s. Throughout his career, Mark has been dedicated to advocating for working people and their families. I have been lucky to work closely with him on a variety of labor issues to benefit working families in Illinois, and I am proud to call him my friend.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mark Guethle's exemplary service to the people of Aurora and congratulating him on a prominent career.

IN RECOGNITION OF DANIEL J. FORTE

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Daniel J. Forte as he completes his 35-year tenure with the Massachusetts Bankers Association. After joining the MBA in 1985, Daniel ascended to the position of President and CEO in 1997 and has since developed close relationships with many bankers, lawmakers, and banking regulators in New England and across the country.

Representing 72,000 employees across 130 banks, his contribution to the New England banking community cannot be overstated. His accomplishments include working in conjunction with the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation to support the passage of the 2010 Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, various pieces of banking modernization legislation, and the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. He will be remembered by his colleagues for his leadership, integrity, strong faith, wit, and attention to detail.

I'm proud to recognize Daniel for his distinguished service to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the New England banking community. I wish him, his wife Stella, and their two children the best of luck in their future endeavors.

OPPOSITION TO THE NOMINATION OF AMY CONEY BARRETT AS ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as senior member of the House Committee on the Judiciary, as citizen of the United States, as a mother, and as a African American woman I rise in my strong opposition to the nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to replace the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the Supreme Court of the United States.

I oppose this nomination because Judge Barrett's extreme record on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, along with her ideologically driven writings and speeches, demonstrate that she is incapable of rendering equal justice under law.

Judge Barrett is hostile to *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), and to Supreme Court cases upholding the Affordable Care Act (“ACA”) and is being nominated to be the decisive vote on the Court to reverse these landmark rulings, so that millions of people can be deprived of access to essential health care services and abortion access.

One highly respected legal commentator who has studied her record in depth called Judge Barrett's record on the bench “fundamentally cruel” and said that she “has either written or joined a remarkable number of opinions that harm unpopular and powerless individuals who rely on the judiciary to safeguard their rights.”

The rush to confirm Judge Barrett is a key part of this impeached and dissembling president's corrupt scheme effort to avoid a peaceful transfer of power and remain in office at any cost.

Indeed, the President recently admitted that he wanted a ninth justice in place because he believes the Supreme Court will end up deciding the election winner, and he wants another loyalist on the Court to tip the scale in his favor.

No justice confirmed under these circumstances would have legitimacy in a case bearing on the outcome of the presidential election, so it is troubling that Judge Barrett has not stated publicly that she will recuse herself from participating in any such case.

By nearly a two-to-one margin, Americans believe that the winner of the upcoming presidential election should fill the current Supreme Court vacancy.

In this they are in lockstep agreement with the principle enunciated by Senate Majority Leader MCCONNELL on February 13, 2016, when he refused to even confirmation hearings, much less a floor vote, for President Obama nomination of Judge Merrick Garland to succeed Justice Scalia:

The American people should have a voice in the selection of their next Supreme Court Justice. Therefore, this vacancy should not be filled until we have a new president.

This principle was echoed by the current Judiciary Chairman GRAHAM who stated in 2016:

I want you to use my words against me. If there's a Republican president in 2016 and a vacancy occurs in the last year of the first term, you can say Lindsey Graham said let's