

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF MOTHER
LEE ESTHER DAVIS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mother Lee Esther Davis.

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalms 34:1.

Mother Lee Esther Davis was born the 5th of 10 children to the late Mr. Leroy and Mother Josephine Wilson, Sr., on December 27, 1955. A native of Bolton, MS, and longtime resident of Jackson, MS, Mother Davis transcended from Earth to Glory at her home surrounded by her family on Friday, October 16, 2020.

After receiving her education from the Jackson Public School System, Lee married the late Mr. Levi "Ham" Davis, Jr., on December 25, 1971, and to this union three daughters were born, Debra, LaTanya and Sharon. She also had one son, Jeremy. She became gainfully employed for several years as a dietary aide, and then went on to become a bus driver with the Jackson Public School District before retiring after 13 years of loyal dedicated service.

As a young child, Lee accepted Christ into her life and was baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost at the House of Prayer Church under the leadership of the late Pastor Doris Lee. She continued to serve faithfully at Holy Tabernacle as a Church Mother, Prayer Warrior and member of the Home and Foreign Mission under the leadership of Pastor Ivory Lee.

Lee is preceded in death by daughter LaTanya Davis and son, Jeremy Davis; one sister, Frankie Mae Wilson; and two brothers Leroy "Pete" Wilson, II, and Ray Paul Wilson.

She leaves to cherish her memories and carry her legacy two loving and devoted daughters, Debra (London) of Pearl, MS, and Sharon of Jackson, MS. Six grandchildren: Meco Shoulders of Washington, DC, Jaquavious "Quay" and JaVonn Shoulders of Pearl, MS, and Jourdan, Avery and Ivory Davis of Jackson, MS. Four sisters: Ida M. Byther-Smith and Lida M. Thomas-Ragland of Chicago, IL, and Josephine Butler and Angela Wilson of Springfield, IL. Two brothers: Clifton (Kristina), and Jack Wilson of Springfield, IL. A very dear and special companion, Mr. Charles Boone, two adopted grandsons, Carl and Eeon Black of Muskegon Heights, MI; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mother Lee Esther Davis was a woman of virtue, poise, strength, and wisdom. She stood for what was right and never wavered. She was the epitome of a Proverbs 31 woman. Mother Davis will be missed by many. Sleep on faithful servant of God and may your works praise you in the gates.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Mother Lee Esther Davis.

HONORING STEVE AND LINDA
WASHBURN OF PFLUGERVILLE,
TEXAS

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30 years of service and ministry of Steve and Linda Washburn with First Baptist Church in Pflugerville and their work in the Pflugerville community.

First Baptist Church was founded in 1973 as a mission-minded ministry dedicated to sharing a passion for God's word and leading people to faith and salvation in Christ.

Under the guidance of Pastor Washburn, First Baptist Pflugerville has become an integral part of the community, where a strong sense of discipleship has led to the creation of many outreach programs—including children and student ministries, a food pantry feeding thousands in the community each year, support groups for the hurting, and a church committed to keeping Christ at the center of the family.

Even as the church has grown, First Baptist Pflugerville has remained committed to their original mission-minded goals, and through the efforts of the congregation, thousands have found the joy, peace, and contentment that spring from a fulfilling and personal relationship with Jesus.

For the past 30 years, Pastor Washburn and his wife Linda have been a source of light, encouragement, and joy for the entire membership of First Baptist Pflugerville. Under their guidance, the church has seen significant change and growth from a membership of around 600 to 2,400. This growth allowed the church to build its current 1,500-seat worship center after outgrowing its first worship center built just a few years earlier. These buildings were necessary after outgrowing the old campus even after several years of providing three separate Bible study hours and worship services each Sunday.

Pastor Washburn's commitment to outreach and involvement have made him a pillar of the Pflugerville community as the ministry of the church strives to help and protect vulnerable and hurting citizens. His desire to help led him to author a book, "Salt and Light," that Biblically explains many of the issues facing the Church and society today.

On October 25th, 2020, First Baptist Pflugerville is saying goodbye to Pastor Washburn and Linda as they begin the next chapter of their lives in retirement. There is no doubt that Pastor Washburn will continue to spread the Word of God no matter where retirement leads him.

I thank both Pastor Washburn and Linda Washburn for their down to earth and positive leadership of this congregation, and for their impact in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

HONORING THE REVEREND ELLIS
CLIFTON, JR.

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor the retirement of Reverend Ellis Clifton, Jr.

Born January 15, 1953, the Reverend Ellis Clifton, Jr. is the only child of Reverend Deacon Ellis Clifton, Sr., and Marie Clifton. He grew up in Inkster, Michigan, and often comments on his childhood, saying, "I had a happy childhood, but it was a different one. While others were playing 'cops and robbers', 'cowboys and Indians', pretending to be superheroes, or playing sports, I was in my backyard playing priest." There is no doubt he would eventually pursue work in the clergy. Reverend Clifton graduated from Robichaud High School in Dearborn Heights, Michigan, in 1970, and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Education in 1974, and certification to teach students in special education and with learning disabilities from Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio. Reverend Clifton taught school in Columbus, Ohio, from 1974 until 1988, when he entered Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry. He received his Master of Divinity in 1991, becoming the first African American graduate of the seminary.

Before returning to Michigan, Reverend Clifton served as curate and interim pastor in Pennsylvania and vicar in Ohio. He was briefly the Vicar at Church of the Resurrection in Ecorse, Michigan, before eventually settling as the 7th rector of St. Clement's Episcopal Church in Inkster. Reverend Clifton's work has gone beyond his service to St. Clement's, but has extended to his surrounding community. Reverend Clifton is a lifelong member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Chaplain and Board Member of the National Action Network Western Wayne County Chapter, Member of the Inkster-Citizens Action Network, and Chaplain for the Bishop H. Irving Mayson Scholarship Fund. He's also served on the Inkster Charter Commission and on Inkster Housing Commission until August of 2020.

Reverend Ellis Clifton, Jr.'s ministerial leadership, commitment to clergy, and service to Inkster is extraordinary and a true reflection of our great district. Please join me in honoring Reverend Clifton, Jr., on his retirement and job well done.

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IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JOSEPH I. CASTRO BEING NAMED CHANCELLOR OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Joseph I. Castro on being named the eighth Chancellor of the California State University system. Dr. Castro will be the first California native and the first Mexican American to hold the chancellorship. In his role as Chancellor, he will oversee 23 campuses and 486,000 students throughout our nation's largest four-year higher education system.

Dr. Castro was born and raised in the small city of Hanford, in the heart of California's Central Valley. The grandson of Mexican immigrants and the son of a single mother, Dr. Castro knows well the challenges so many young men and women face in their pursuit of higher education. Like many of his students, Dr. Castro is a first-generation college graduate. He earned a B.A. in political science, a M.P.P. from the University of California, Berkeley, and later a Ph.D. in higher-education policy and leadership from Stanford University.

Since 2013, Dr. Castro has served as President of California State University, Fresno. Under his leadership, Fresno State attained a national ranking as one of the top universities in the country. The school was also recognized for its commitment and achievements to diversity. More than 60 percent of Fresno State's recent graduating class are the first in their families to attend a four-year institution. As President, Dr. Castro has led by example, encouraging Fresno State students, faculty, and staff to "Be Bold" in order to meet and overcome any challenge that would limit academic, personal or professional growth.

As an advocate for Fresno State and the California State University system, Dr. Castro serves on numerous boards, including the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities' Governing Board, WASC Senior College and University Commission, Mountain West Athletic Conference Board, and the Stanford University Graduate School of Education Advisory Council. Before becoming President of Fresno State, he served for 23 years in the University of California system. From 2006 to 2013, he was Vice Chancellor of Student Academic Affairs and Professor of Family and Community Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco.

Earlier in his career, he held faculty and administrative leadership positions at four other University of California campuses including Berkeley, Davis, Merced and Santa Barbara. Dr. Castro has received five Excellence and Innovation Award from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities for his accomplishments at Fresno State. In 2018, he was named as CSU President of the Year by the California State Student Association. In 2016, he received the Alumni Excellence in Education Award from the Stanford University Graduate School of Education. Dr. Castro has also been honored with the Ohtli Award, which is highest honor granted by the Government of Mexico to recognize leaders who have em-

powered the lives of Mexican natives in the United States.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Castro for all of his achievements. On behalf of a grateful Central Valley and State of California, we look forward to his future accomplishments and what he will do for California State University students everywhere.

REMEMBERING JOSEPH "JACK" MEEHAN

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of Joseph "Jack" Meehan, who passed away recently at the age of 88.

Born and raised in San Francisco, Jack graduated from the University of San Francisco (USF) in 1954. Following service in the United States Army, Jack went to USF for law school; he earned his law degree in 1959.

In 1960, Jack joined the Alameda County District Attorney's (ACDA) Office. While there he created Point of View, a monthly publication, and Points and Authorities, a weekly video series, to help teach California prosecutors. He was recognized for his accomplishments by being presented with the 1978 Prosecutor of the Year award by the California District Attorneys Association (CDA).

In 1981 Jack was appointed Alameda County District Attorney. He was reelected unopposed in 1982, 1986, and 1990. He did not run for reelection in 1994.

Jack was affectionately known as the "Big Guy" at the ACDA Office, beloved by all of his colleagues. His leadership, respect for our system of justice, and concern for victims of crime will be long-remembered.

It also should be noted that as district attorney Jack hired a young KAMALA HARRIS, now a United States senator from California and the Democratic Party's nominee to be vice president of the United States, to be a deputy district attorney. Clearly he could spot talent when he saw it.

Jack was well-recognized for his lifetime of career success and community service. USF awarded him its alumnus of the year award in 1994, and four years later it created the John J. Meehan Alumni Fellowship to honor USF alumni who help develop young lawyers. CDA created the John J. Meehan Career Prosecutor Award, to recognize lawyers for career achievement in criminal prosecution. And, in 2003, the Saint Thomas More Society of San Francisco present him with its Saint Thomas Moore award.

While Jack had many professional successes, it was his family that mattered most. He and his wife, Janet, were married for 59 years, before she died in 2017. They had four children—sons John Matthew ("Matt"), James Patrick ("Jim"), and Mark Emmitt, and a daughter, Anne Marie (who passed away in 1968).

It was mostly in San Rafael where Jack and Janet raised their family. There they hosted many a family event, at which Jack showed his talents for playing piano and bartending that he honed over the years.

My deepest condolences go out to Jack's many family members and friends. He will be greatly missed.

REVEREND DR. ALFRED GORDON

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to recognize one of my constituents, Reverend Dr. Alfred Gordon, who has served the City of Mount Vernon, New York for more than 50 years in ministry. Reverend Dr. Alfred Gordon has served our nation both through his service in the United States Marine Corps and through his work in ministry improving the quality of life for the people of Mount Vernon, especially our most vulnerable populations. In honor of his 86th birthday, it is my privilege to acknowledge the work he has done to better his community and his contribution to our nation as a whole. He has set a high standard for civic engagement and service to one's community, and he is a well-respected and integral part of the City of Mount Vernon. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Reverend Dr. Alfred Gordon on this special occasion.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO ALLOW CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITH PRIOR SERVICE UNDER THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO MAKE DEPOSITS TOWARDS ANNUITIES UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE AND RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill to correct a retirement issue for several categories of workers who used to be under the District of Columbia retirement system.

In 1997, Congress transferred several categories of workers who participated in D.C.'s defined contribution plan from 1987 to 1997 to the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS). However, those workers' service from 1987 to 1997 was not counted for purposes of creditable service or annuity amount in FERS. In 2009, Congress gave these employees the right to have this service counted for creditable service.

My bill would correct this last retirement issue for these public servants. It would allow these workers to buy into the FERS annuity amount for the 1987–1997 by paying 1.3 percent of their base pay plus interest, essentially the employee contribution for this time, and then allowing them the full retirement benefit to which they are entitled.

Our bill is an important step to assisting these workers to get the retirement benefits they deserve. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF RITA
BERTHAY

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Rita “RiRi” Lilly Berthay, who passed away on October 6 after a courageous battle with an extended illness.

Rita’s life began on November 5, 1955 in Greenville, Mississippi. She went on to graduate from the University of Mississippi with a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in social work. After her marriage to Michael Berthay in 1979, she moved to Saltillo where she raised her two sons. A devoted Christian and member of First United Methodist Church of Saltillo, Rita was known for being extraordinarily strong in her faith and an inspiration to all who know her.

Her dedication to serving others was evident in her 28 years in social work, mental health, and counseling. Rita’s career was her passion and purpose. She took great pride in helping those in need and felt she never worked a day in her life. She was instrumental in implementing Crisis Intervention Training which trained local law enforcement how to handle mental health issues. Rita also served as CEO of the Lifecore Health Group until her retirement this past July.

Above all, Rita found the greatest joy in caring for and spending time with her family, particularly spoiling her two granddaughters, Ava and Mary. She was selfless and generous, and always looking for ways to help others. Her life was one of service, grace, and love for her family and community and she will be greatly missed by all whom she encountered.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband Mike Berthay; sons, Clint and Ryan Berthay, as well as many other extended family members.

HONORING SANTA CRUZ SHERIFF
MARCO ANTONIO ESTRADA, SR.

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Santa Cruz County Sheriff Marco Antonio Estrada, Sr., for his decades of public service to Nogales, AZ. The only Hispanic and longest serving Sheriff in the State of Arizona is retiring after a combined career of over 50 years in law enforcement.

A native to Ambos Nogales, Sheriff Estrada was born in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. In December of 1944, his family immigrated to the United States and made their home in Nogales, Arizona. Sheriff Estrada grew up from humble beginnings, and his family often struggled to put food on the table. With a tremendous work ethic, drive, and self-education through avid reading, he overcame poverty.

Sheriff Estrada’s law enforcement career began in 1966, when he first joined the Nogales Police Department as a radio dispatcher. He continued to move up the ranks

with promotions to Desk Sergeant, then serving as Captain from 1978 up to his retirement in 1991.

In 1992, he decided to continue his public service career and ran for The Office of Santa Cruz County Sheriff. He was elected and sworn in on January 1, 1993. Since then, Sheriff Estrada has been re-elected for seven consecutive terms and is finishing his “last rodeo”, as he so famously called it, with a distinguished legacy of service to Santa Cruz County. A proud immigrant himself, he always promoted the welfare of immigrants and is an advocate for the border town. One of his most notable accomplishments was the construction of a new sheriff’s department and county jail named after him: “Tony Estrada Law Enforcement Center.” His long exemplary career in law enforcement counts mainly accolades; however, as our country currently faces tensions between communities and local law enforcement, his greatest accomplishment could arguably be the longstanding positive relationship maintained between the local law enforcement agency and its community under his leadership. As a Sheriff who made it a point not only to enforce the law with strength, but to also enforce the law with compassion, empathy, integrity, dedication, commitment and passion, it’s understandable why residents identify Marco Antonio Estrada, Sr., as a Sheriff who truly reflects the values of their small border town. Sheriff Estrada publicly defended those values and the people of Santa Cruz County against those who would demean the community.

Sheriff Estrada also understood the importance of serving and giving back to his community after hours. He actively volunteers his time to many community-based organizations that include: United Way of Santa Cruz County (serving as a spokesperson for over three decades), the Boys and Girls Club, the Nogales Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club, Way of the Heart Promotora Institute, Nogales Elks Lodge, is a lifetime member of the Fraternal Order of Police, and has always supported charitable organizations.

Congratulations on a job well done and time well served. He is a hero to his family and community and an example of good policing. There will never be another Sheriff Estrada, Sr., but the bar has been set high for The Office of Santa Cruz County Sheriff.

HONORING TOMAS T. ALEJO, JR.

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Tomas T. Alejo, Jr., a devoted pastor, educator, activist, and community leader from the central coast of California. Tomas will be remembered as a tireless advocate for social change in Watsonville and Phoenix, Arizona.

Tomas was born on March 16, 1946, in the southern Texas border region of Weslaco to a humble migrant farmworker family. Tomas and his family migrated from South Texas to California in the 1950s, where they worked in the Salinas, Santa Clara, Central, and Pajaro Valleys picking crops. They eventually settled and established roots on the Central Coast in

Watsonville. Tomas attended Gonzales High School and graduated from Gilroy High School in 1965. From 1966 through 1968, he proudly served our nation in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

Tomas earned his teaching credential from San Jose State University and taught for 24 years at the Santa Cruz County Sheriffs Rehabilitation Center in Watsonville. There, he trained inmates in the trade of auto body repair and painting to help them positively transform their lives and have employment opportunities upon release. He also taught auto body repair and painting classes for six years at Hartnell College in Salinas.

Tomas was also a longtime pastor for the Apostolic Church and served five years doing missionary work in the poorest parts of South Texas and Mexico with his family. He later co-founded Hope Ministries Church in Watsonville, where he was heavily involved in many community events and activities throughout his life. Tomas contributed to countless policy advocacy efforts and co-founded the Annual Watsonville Peace and Unity March in 1994 to end gang and domestic violence. Tomas also served as a contract negotiator for the United Farm Workers in the late 1970s and was invited to lead the opening prayer at the California State Capitol in Sacramento in 2014 for the state’s Cesar Chavez Day Ceremony.

During his retirement in Phoenix, Tomas was heavily involved in community action defending immigrants. He was especially passionate about helping the homeless and less fortunate. In biblical tradition, Tomas deeply believed in the righteousness of defending the poor and most vulnerable in our communities.

Tomas will be remembered for his lifetime of community service and virtuous spirit. We, as a community, celebrate his legacy and all he has done for the central coast of California. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life of Tomas T. Alejo, Jr.

RECOGNIZING AND THANKING MR.
ED PEREZ FOR HIS DEDICATION
TO THE EISENHOWER MEMORIAL
COMMISSION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of Mr. Ed Perez who has served as the Director of Government Relations for the Eisenhower Memorial Commission. It has been a true pleasure and honor to work with Ed many years as I have served on the Eisenhower Memorial Commission.

Ed has proven himself to be a great ambassador in interacting with Members of Congress and their staff. His passion for this project combined with his diplomatic and interpersonal skills were invaluable in helping us get to the end goal of dedicating an incredible memorial to one of our greatest American leaders. Above all, Ed is a truly kind person.

As the commission winds down after completing this enormous task, I want to personally thank Ed for his great work. He and his family can forever look at the monument and be reminded of his job well done.

HONORING VINTON POLICE
OFFICER BRANDON ALTERIO

HON. BEN CLINE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Brandon Alterio of the Vinton Police Department, who was chosen by his peers as Officer of the Year for 2019.

A graduate of William Byrd High School and Liberty University, Alterio embodies the ideal of service above self.

Following a six-year stint in the United States Air Force, he joined the Salem Police Department, where he served four years before transferring to Vinton PD last March.

He made a quick impression on his colleagues and the community when he received notoriety for selflessly buying a nine-year-old boy a bike when he learned that the child's had been stolen.

When presenting the award to Alterio, the Chief of Police said that he was being recognized for his devotion to the town, the agency, and the profession.

The Chief continued stating that Officer Alterio had exhibited exemplary skills, a can-do attitude, and a desire to succeed in the short time he had been with the Department.

Alterio has served the people of Vinton with excellence, compassion, and fairness, and will continue to do so.

I congratulate him on this distinct honor and wish him well on his career in law enforcement.

COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE UNITED NA-
TIONS

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the upcoming 75th anniversary of the United Nations and recognize the continued importance of multilateral action as we pursue a more peaceful, prosperous and just world.

On October 24, 1945, less than two months after the world emerged from the deadliest conflict in human history, the United Nations Charter entered into force, formally creating the United Nations. The Charter was and continues to be a visionary document dedicated to the indispensable idea that, through diplomacy and consultation, states can work together to achieve a better world.

American leadership played a central role in the effort to establish the United Nations. Even before the United States entered the Second World War, President Franklin Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill issued the Atlantic Charter to outline their vision for the post-war international order. In the final years of the war, individuals like Cordell Hull, Edward Stettinius Jr., Ralph Bunche and many others played crucial roles in shaping the draft United Nations Charter.

Congress was deeply involved as well, with Members on both sides of the aisle participating in the San Francisco Conference. Rep-

resentatives Sol Bloom of New York and Charles Aubrey Eaton of New Jersey and Senators Tom Connally of Texas and Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan helped make the case for the United Nations in Congress and to the American public. On July 28, 1945, the Senate voted to ratify the United Nations Charter by an overwhelming vote of 89 in favor, 2 against—a dramatic change from the rejection of the League of Nations just 26 years prior.

Yet the push for a United Nations also came from beyond the halls of Washington. In 1943, a dedicated, passionate group of Americans created the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA), bringing the discussion of a post-war order to homes and communities across the country. Thus began a rich history of advocacy for American leadership and participation in the United Nations that continues to this day, with over 20,000 UNA-USA members in over 200 chapters across the country.

In the decades since 1945, through the most turbulent years of the Cold War, through the challenges of decolonization and entering the new millennium, the United Nations has been center stage for the international community in addressing issues like conflict and peace, economic development, global health, gender equality, human rights and more. Through the United Nations and the multitude of specialized agencies that have emerged to coordinate international action, the international community has come together to eradicate smallpox and curb other infectious diseases, protect the ozone layer, lift millions out of poverty, promote maternal and child health, preserve cultural and historical sites and so much more.

Yet, in an era of renewed great power competition, we must not forget nor neglect the responsibility of the United Nations for international peace. This duty is enshrined first in the preamble of the United Nations Charter in its resolution to “save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.” In our world today, amidst heightened tensions, rising nationalism and a growing rejection of multilateralism, we cannot afford to forget United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld's famous statement that “the United Nations was not created in order to bring us to heaven, but in order to save us from hell.”

No one can deny that there are limits and flaws to the United Nations, and examples abound of ways in which the organization has fallen short. Yet it is also an evolving institution, reshaping itself to face the challenges and meet the demands of an ever-changing world. To quote Hammarskjöld again, “setbacks in trying to realize the ideal do not prove the ideal is at fault.”

The United Nations was America's answer to an uncertain global future in 1945. Since then, the United Nations has been a pillar of the liberal international order that has benefited not just the United States but the entire world as well.

It is too early to say exactly how future historians will recall 2020. The challenges ahead are many, not just this COVID-19 pandemic, but also a worldwide economic recession, a global refugee crisis, climate change, and more. America's answer to those challenges must include the United Nations. It falls upon all of us today, as heirs to the legacy of those brave and visionary Americans who won both

the war and the peace after, to continue working with the United Nations in pursuit of the future we want.

REMEMBERING JAMES M. RYAN,
JR.

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my cousin James M. Ryan, Jr., of Warren, Ohio, who passed away Monday, October 19, 2020, at the age of 51.

James was born November 11, 1968, in Warren, Ohio, the son of James M. Ryan, Sr. and the late Linda DeMattio. On May 11, 1990, he married Tina L. Jones, with whom he shared 30 years of marriage and many wonderful memories.

To say Jimmy was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, who deeply loved his family is an understatement. His deep affection and joy that he got from his family was always evident to anyone who knew him. He loved nothing more than to be surrounded by them at a party or family event. Jim was a man of deep faith and compiled a list on his phone for people he was faithful to pray for. I have never witnessed anyone go through a battle for their life with the level of faith in God that Jim did. It was truly inspiring to watch him let go and Let God. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and coaching his sons in sports. He loved watching the Cleveland Browns, Indians, and the Ohio State Buckeyes.

He was self-employed and the caretaker of Johnson Community Center.

Memories of James will be cherished by his loving wife, Tina L. Ryan of Warren, OH; father, James M. Ryan, Sr.; three sons, Michael Ryan, Zachary Ryan and Justin Ryan all of Warren, OH; sisters, Amy Machingo and Jaime Ryan both of Warren, OH; grandson, Aaron Ryan; mother-in-law, Dolores (Ashley) Yakubek and father-in-law, William Jones, Sr. and Jimmy had a very special relationship and bond with my dad, Allen Ryan, Sr., that they both treasured dearly.

In addition to his mother, Linda DeMattio, he was preceded in death by his stepfather, Anthony DeMattio; and maternal and paternal grandparents. Jimmy will be missed by so many. His spirit and love were a blessing to all that knew him. We are all better off for having been touched by his life. Godspeed Jimmy.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
THOMAS “TIM” MILTON SMITH

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Thomas “Tim” Milton Smith, who passed away on October 11, 2020.

Tim was born to parents Milton and Edwina Smith on August 17, 1940 in Memphis, Tennessee. He grew up in Memphis, graduating from Central Hill School and later attended Northwest Community College.

In 1971, Tim and his wife Janice moved to Horn Lake, Mississippi. Tim's dedication to his country and community were made evident by his service in the United States Army and 40 years of service to the City of Horn Lake. He was a reserve Police Officer for 10 years and an Alderman for 27 years. Additionally, he served three years on the Planning Commission and one year on Design Review. Tim believed in the potential of his beloved city and was widely known for his commitment to its improvement.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Janice; son, Larry Sheffield; daughters Tina Judd and Lee Antley; eight grandchildren, and many other family members.

Thomas "Tim" Milton Smith's life was one of service, grace, and love for his family, community, and country. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

IN RECOGNITION OF AY YOUNG
AND THE BATTERY TOUR

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize AY Young, an entertainer, singer-songwriter, dancer, producer, entrepreneur, and leader in the fight for a more sustainable world. On September 18th, the Office of the Secretary General of the United Nations announced that Mr. Young had been named one of the U.N.'s seventeen Youth World Leaders, a position he will hold for a two-year term. Standing out as the only American on that list, Mr. Young was then placed on Energy News Network's annual "40 Under 40" list, which recognizes young leaders paving the way for a clean energy economy. While these honors have shined an international spotlight on Mr. Young, his musical talents are rooted on street corners in the heart of America.

Mr. Young grew up in Kansas City, Missouri. A home-schooled Eagle Scout, he began writing poetry at the young age of fourteen, drawing attention to topics far beyond his years. In fact, his earliest compositions brought focus to the "Troost Divide," a deep and painfully visible scar left by decades of redlining and a lasting symbol of the residential segregation and economic disparities that persist in Kansas City to this very day. Mr. Young and his trademark fedora soon became fixtures of Kansas City street corners from the River Market to the Plaza. His shows have always been interactive and engaging, looking more like spontaneous parties than standard routines. In 2012, Mr. Young appeared on The X Factor, receiving a "Yes" vote from all four judges. However, despite this noteworthy accomplishment, Mr. Young was still unable to find a manager or record label willing to carry his career to the next rung on the conventional ladder to stardom. Unfazed, he went back to the street corners, this time not just in Kansas City but across the country, garnering a grassroots following while opening for the likes of Wiz Khalifa, SHAGGY, T-Pain, Flo-Rida, Aaron Carter, and Wyclef Jean. But Mr. Young wasn't just busking his way across America to earn his keep; this too was simply an opening act. After learning that over a billion people on

Earth lack access to electricity, Mr. Young decided to turn his tour into the start of a much deeper, much more difficult, journey. Mr. Young's tour, it turned out, would be powered entirely by renewal energy.

Thus was born the Battery Tour, a global movement developed by Mr. Young and his enterprising business partner Thor Dietrich. Showcasing musical artists alongside innovative new technologies designed to address global crises, the Battery Tour takes the forces of a musical experience, sustainability education, and a humanitarian mission and unites them into a whole that is more powerful than any of its parts. Mr. Young has hosted and performed more than 800 shows around the world—each a unique fusion of original solos, interactive covers, and personal requests—powered only by renewable energy. His performances are pure collaboration—collaboration between artists, collaboration between music and technology, collaboration between Mr. Young and his audiences. If you have a request or want a turn at the mic, he will make it happen. Mr. Young calls his fans "outlets" because they provide the power that drives both his shows and the causes he champions. They see a world and a way of life in need of drastic change. "Outlets" across the globe have faith, I have faith, the U.N. has faith, that Mr. Young can help make it happen.

The Battery Tour is a bold, innovative, and powerful idea, aimed at leveraging creative passion in pursuit of a societal goal, while leveraging a societal goal in pursuit of creative development. If the Battery Tour expands its reach and proves successful in raising awareness the world over, significant innovations will be seen in the realms of sustainable energy, music, and live performance. And they're just getting started. Young and Dietrich's newest addition to the Battery Tour global brand is the creation of an app that promotes and incentivizes small acts of sustainable altruism among their many "outlets." They hope the Tour will one day feature a large variety of artists who can each be fully compensated for their work as they promote sustainability on the world stage.

Madam Speaker, please join me, a proud Fifth District, and "outlets" around the world in congratulating Mr. Young on these well-deserved honors and wishing him luck as he goes forth as an ambassador for our country, the 193 members of the United Nations, and a better, cleaner, more equitable future for all of humanity. Let each of us aspire to his example and seek to set our talents upon such a noble and pressing goal. Our unsustainable life is contributing to worldwide inequality and condemning future generations to build their lives in a world on fire. So, to my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I say this: if we truly want to honor Mr. Young and his leadership, it's time to plug in.

RECOGNIZING THE ROLE OF CREDIT UNIONS AND CONGRATULATING LISA SCHLEHUBER ON HER ELECTION TO THE NAFCU BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the role of credit

unions across the country, and especially in Indiana. I'd also like congratulate Indiana's Lisa Schlehuber on her recent election to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Credit unions play a vital role in our nation's banking ecosystem allowing more people to access capital, obtain mortgages, and receive other financial tools that are otherwise difficult to obtain. Additionally, I've seen firsthand in my own district, how credit unions provided vital services during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that the smallest of businesses received the necessary aid to assist during such trying times.

Lisa currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Elements Financial Federal Credit Union, headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana. She has 37 years of experience in accounting and financial management and has served as the CEO of Elements since 2005. During her tenure as CEO of Elements, the credit union has grown by over 60% and now manages \$1.66 billion in assets and serves 112,000 members. Recently, Elements was honored as one of Indiana's best places to work.

Lisa has a wealth of financial services and leadership knowledge. Her vision and decision-making skills will be a valuable addition to the NAFCU Board and credit unions for years to come. Lisa attended DePauw University and is an active member of her community, sitting on the local United Way and Chamber of Commerce boards.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lisa Schlehuber and wishing her the best of luck in her new role on the NAFCU Board of Directors. I look forward to working with her and NAFCU members to better serve our constituents during these challenging times.

RECOGNIZING TOM BULGER

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and pay tribute to Tom Bulger and his more than 40 years of service to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), on the occasion of his well-earned retirement.

The MTC is the San Francisco Bay Area's designated metropolitan planning organization and the region's transportation planning, financing, and coordinating agency. After beginning his career as a member of the MTC staff, Tom soon felt the pull of our nation's capital and moved to Washington, DC, where for 35 years he has represented MTC as President of Government Relations, Inc. During his time as MTC's advocate, Tom has played a key role in advancing national transportation policy.

Tom's tireless efforts spanning four decades assisted in establishing Surface Transportation Program and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program through the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and continued to the present-day Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act which currently is funding projects throughout the country. Tom's fierce advocacy helped secure full funding grant agreements

for major Bay Area transit expansion projects. During his tenure, MTC has developed a well-earned reputation for being one of the nation's most creative and effective transportation organizations.

Tom's career achievements reflect not only his deep knowledge of transportation policy but also his genuine respect and affection for the people of both parties who put policy into action. Congratulations, Tom, on an outstanding career. Please accept our deepest appreciation to you for dedicating your intellect, your energy, and your gregarious good humor to keeping our nation on the move.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREVENTING UNWARRANTED COMMUNICATIONS SHUTDOWNS ACT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I'm proud to introduce the Preventing Unwarranted Communications Shutdowns Act, a bipartisan bill to limit presidential powers to control or shut down communications networks, including the internet.

The American people rely on the internet for nearly every aspect of their personal and professional lives and this dependence has only increased during the pandemic. As such, internet shutdowns are an extraordinary infringement of individual rights. Sadly, authoritarians in many countries have used internet shutdowns as a tool to squash rights. The public interest group Access Now reports that in 2019, the internet was shutdown at least 213 times.

Section 706 of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. 606) currently authorizes the President to take control of communications facilities or equipment in certain circumstances. While the internet is, by design, decentralized and cannot be 'shut down,' this provision leaves open the possibility for a presidential order that leads to Americans not being able to access the internet.

While this provision is codified as part of the Communications Act of 1934, and it was amended in 1942 and 1951, the provision directly traces back to Section 2 of the Radio Act of 1912. President Woodrow Wilson used the authorities granted by the Radio Act during World War I in 1914 and 1918 with respect to telephone systems, radio stations, and marine cables. Earlier still, in February 1862, Congress gave President Abraham Lincoln the authority to take over telegraph lines during the Civil War.

While historians can debate about whether these actions were warranted, they serve as an important basis for my rationale that the appropriate public policy measure to reform Section 706 is not to cut the power completely, but to add strict checks to it.

The Preventing Unwarranted Communications Shutdowns Act limits the President's authorities and adds checks to any actions taken under section 706. In particular, my legislation limits the reasons the President may take action under Section 706 to ones necessary to protect against an imminent and specific threat to human life or national security, if such action is narrowly tailored and is the least restric-

tive means for the purpose; requires that the President notify congressional leaders (i.e., Speaker, House Minority Leader, and Senate Majority and Minority Leaders), senior executive branch officials (i.e., Vice President, department heads, intelligence community heads, Joint Chiefs of Staff), and the FCC before or not later than 12 hours after taking any action authorized under Section 706; nullifies Section 706 orders 12 hours after issuance of the order if the President does not provide notification in the specified time and form; nullifies Section 706 orders 48 hours after the President provides notice unless three-fifths of each of the House and the Senate vote to pass an approval resolution, with an affirmative vote of at least one-quarter of the minority party in each chamber; requires a report by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) after every Section 706 order, and requires a one-time GAO report estimating the impact of a communication shutdown; and requires that the U.S. government compensate providers and customers of providers for any communications shutdown under Section 706.

Unchecked executive powers and the emergency authorities of the President under Section 7–6 of the Communications Act need to be revisited. May there never be in a situation where these authorities are needed, but if there is, the representatives of the people should decide the scope and extent of any shutdown, not any single individual.

I thank my colleague Congressman MORGAN GRIFFITH for partnering with me to introduce this important, bipartisan legislation, and I ask my colleagues to support it.

UNITED STATES AND REPUBLIC OF INDIA RELATIONS

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the robust friendship and solidarity between the United States of America and the Republic of India.

Our two nations share a long history of partnership in response to the most ardent of global challenges. In 2007, Vice President of the United States Dick Cheney and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, along with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Australian Prime Minister John Howard, created the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue. This framework led to the creation of the Malabar naval exercise. This agreement has proven to be prescient given the Chinese Communist Party's recent malign actions in the South China Sea. In recognition of China's threatening posture, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and United States President Trump, along with their Japanese and Australian counterparts have invested in the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue as a commitment to a more free and open Indo-Pacific. I urge our G–7 partners to consider inviting the Republic of India into the G–7 to further our multilateral cooperation.

During a previous meeting with the Consul General of India in Atlanta Dr. Swati Kulkarni, I learned of the recent conflict at the Line of Actual Control and the Galwan River. While India records countless times where China

has crossed this border, this increase in tensions resulted in the deaths of Indian soldiers. I appreciate Prime Minister Modi's interest in reducing tensions and agree with the recent statements from United States Secretary of State Mike Pompeo regarding the conflict. I applaud joint efforts by the United States and the Republic of India to combat terrorism and urge both countries to find additional areas of cooperation.

Our two nations have grown closer and increased collaboration as a result of COVID–19. This global pandemic has shown the world that it must do more to secure pharmaceutical supply chains and insulate them from harmful actors. It is my firm belief that increasing trade partnerships between the United States and the Republic of India will result in greater prosperity for our people.

Madam Speaker, I thank the Consul General for her time and for her sincere desire to build a better relationship between the United States and the Republic of India.

INDEPENDENCE FOR ARTSAKH

HON. TONY CÁRDENAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call on the United States government to formally recognize the independence of the Republic of Artsakh.

For too long, we have failed as a country to state unequivocally that the people of Artsakh, a historical part of Armenia populated by Armenians to this day, have a right to self-determination as an independent republic and it has opened the door to violence.

For weeks, Artsakh has suffered a brutal assault by Azerbaijan and Turkey in the form of merciless rocket attacks and bombings. This is, in part, the consequence of our past failures to exert leadership in this region of the world.

We must make clear that we will stand against the aggression of Azerbaijan and their allies in Turkey when they would wage war against a people for seeking self-rule and independence, a people for whom the specter of genocide still lingers.

It is time for the United States to correct course and make it clear that we stand behind the protection of life and preservation of human dignity by standing behind the Republic of Artsakh. As the world's oldest modern democracy, it is our heritage and duty to do so.

IN CELEBRATION OF MS. RAFAELA "LALI" GARCIA'S 93RD BIRTHDAY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with abundant joy and immense pride to celebrate the 93rd birthday of Ms. Rafaela Garcia, known to friends, family, and community members as "Lali." A cornerstone of the Hispanic community in Kansas City, her work as a private citizen, as an activist, and as an

office holder has improved thousands of lives in the Kansas City area across multiple generations.

Lali's ambition throughout her career has been clear: "To make a better life for the Hispanic community through [her] involvement in various organizations." Over the last eighty years, Lali has accomplished that goal with conviction and grace. She began her activism at the young age of 13, when she first started going to the Guadalupe Center in Kansas City. At the time, the Center dedicated most of its resources to administering a school and clinic for underprivileged immigrants who had settled in Kansas City. Even at 13, Lali had a vibrant vision for what the Center could become: an integral part, a pillar, in the Kansas City Hispanic community. Serving for forty-six years on the Center's Board of Directors, including three terms as the Board President, she oversaw a massive expansion of the Center, among many critical victories. Today, the Center has grown to provide many essential services for Latinos, including healthcare, education, financial assistance, childcare, workforce development, and much more. Today, the Guadalupe Center, in no small part because of Lali's contribution, provides opportunities for newly-arrived immigrants to achieve their American Dream while also promoting pride in their culture and heritage.

But Lali, ever the visionary, was not satisfied transforming just the Guadalupe Center. She knew that change would not come for the Kansas City Hispanic community until they organized and voted for elected officials who would advocate for them at every level of government. Recognizing this, Lali founded La Raza Political Club in 1989. Under her leadership, La Raza worked endlessly to register new voters for each election, ensuring for the first time a seat at the table for the small but vibrant Hispanic community in Kansas City. Most Novembers, you could find Lali at her polling place, trying to convince everyone in her community to vote for a more equal, more just, and more promising America. Even this year, amidst a global pandemic, she has worked with her team to register hundreds of young Latino voters in what could be the most important election of their lifetime.

These actions alone would have been enough to satisfy most of us. But Lali has served Kansas City and the Hispanic community in a variety of roles throughout her career, and she is always finding new ways to effect change. She is a member the Union Cultural Mexicana Ladies Auxiliary, a full-time volunteer at the Casa Felix Senior Center, and a Board member for the Ethics, Human Relations, and Citizen Complaints Commission. She was also appointed to the Guadalajara Sister City Commission, as well as the Port Authority Board of Commissioners, and has served on the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Committee since 1987. I list these accomplishments not to account for everything Lali has achieved—an impossible task for such a short time. Rather, I highlight her work because it teaches all of us a lesson about what it means to participate in our community. The framers of our Constitution knew they were drafting a document to govern an imperfect nation, plagued by animus and inequality. In the preamble of this document, which serves as the foundation for our entire system of government, they instructed each subsequent generation to use its articles and amendments

to form a more perfect union. The system relies on passionate, courageous, free-thinking Americans like Lali, pushing it towards a more just, tranquil, and equitable way of life. The arc of the moral universe bends towards justice, but it doesn't do it alone.

Lali recognized early on that if she could uplift voices and register voters, she could change her neighborhood for the better. If she could change her neighborhood, Lali knew she could change her city; if she could change her city, she could change her state; if she could change her state, she could change our nation. Lali represents all that is great about America, Madame speaker; she represents the audacious notion that one person in one city can change the lives of millions who have struggled to realize the full rights and protections of our government. I am eternally grateful that fate brought Lali to Kansas City and that I have been able to witness her action, advocacy, and affection for others during my time in public office. Lali has done more than her fair share to make our union more perfect.

One of the many unfortunate consequences of the ongoing public health crisis is the missed opportunities to celebrate and enjoy one another's company, whether it is graduations, bar mitzvahs, naturalization ceremonies, or the birthday party of a local hero turning 93 years young. It is imperative that we take time to celebrate life's milestones. Madame Speaker, please join me and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District as we forever enshrine our gratefulness for the work of Lali Garcia in the Congressional Record and as we wish her the happiest of birthdays. It is my fervent hope that we will be celebrating her 94th birthday in person, with a celebration fit for a local legend.

CELEBRATING THE MARRIAGE OF
JIM BERT AND LYDIA LAUDERDALE

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madame Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Jim Bert and Lydia Lauderdale of Shannon, Mississippi.

Jim and Lydia attended different high schools, with Jim graduating from Shannon High School and Lydia graduating from Okolona High School. Jim went on to become a Mississippi State Bulldog, and Lydia attended Northeast Mississippi Community College where she earned a degree in Nursing. Jim and Lydia were married on Wednesday, October 23, 1970 in Starkville, Mississippi, but later made Shannon, Mississippi their home.

Five years after their marriage, Jim started his family business, Shannon Steel Service, while also helping his father's business, Tom Lauderdale Paper Company. At the same time, Lydia was working in hospitals and nursing homes all throughout North Mississippi before retiring as a school nurse for Lee County Schools.

Jim and Lydia are the proud parents of their two sons, Bert and Stewart Lauderdale, who work alongside Jim and Jim's brother, Tommy, in the family business. They are members of Shannon First United Methodist Church, and are also proud grandparents of six.

Their commitment to each other and the community is inspiring, and we wish them many more years of happiness.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR MICHAEL
VINACCO

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Ms. GRANGER. Madame Speaker, I rise today to recognize Air Force Major Michael Vinacco on the completion of his Legislative Fellowship with my personal office. Major Vinacco has been assigned to my staff since January 2020 and has done a superb job as a trusted advisor for national security, foreign operations, and veteran policy issues.

Major Vinacco was raised in a military family and earned his commission from Virginia Military Institute in 2008. Prior to being selected for his prestigious Defense Legislative Fellowship, he served as a Program Manager for a multibillion-dollar Air Force program. Additionally, he has over a decade of experience in engineering and aircraft maintenance, to include a combat deployment to Afghanistan in 2012.

During his Fellowship, Major Vinacco was instrumental in helping my staff and I develop the fiscal year 2021 House defense appropriations bill. His direct contributions will help provide our nation's uniformed men and women with the resources needed to defend our nation. Additionally, Major Vinacco coordinated dozens of engagements with senior departmental officials to include a tour of the Southwest Border with Deputy Secretary of Defense Norquist and a tour of Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth. In addition to departmental engagements, Major Vinacco served as my connection to the defense industrial partners that make Fort Worth and North Texas our nation's defense aviation production hub.

Airmen like Major Michael Vinacco are the reason our nation's Air Force is the best in the world. On behalf of the 12th District of Texas, I offer my congratulations and best wishes to Michael, his wife Lisa, and children Luca, John, and Zachary, as they continue their military journey in service to our great nation.

HONORING EDWARD J. TRACEY

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madame Speaker, in this the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII, I rise to pay tribute to Edward J. Tracey. Like so many of our courageous WWII veterans, Ed is gone but will not be forgotten. Madame Speaker, I am confident that the following highlights of the contributions Ed Tracey made to the War effort will reveal a legacy, not just for the 13th District of Ohio, but for the broader impact Capt. Tracey had on the victory against tyranny.

Ed, along with his two brothers and two sisters, grew up at RFD No. 3, a farm located in Cortland, Ohio.

Ed began his lifelong love of flying by taking lessons from a local flight instructor by the name of Ernie C. Hall at Hall's Airport. Ernest "Ernie" C. Hall who is widely recognized for his long career in aviation, was born near Warren, Ohio in 1890. A friend of the Wright brothers, Hall built his first powered airplane in 1909 and flew it in 1911. He began his career as a civilian flight instructor in 1913, opening a flying school in Pennsylvania in 1915. During World War I he transferred to Call Field in Wichita Falls, Texas where he trained over 500 military pilots for combat. In 1922 Hall relocated his flight school to Warren, Ohio where he taught until his death in 1972. His 1911 monoplanes have been displayed at the Smithsonian's National Air & Space Museum in Washington, D.C., and at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. Ed logged a total of 110 Hrs. at Hall's Airport.

Ed left the family farm and traveled to Canada to join the Royal Canadian Air Force in May 1941, seven months before Pearl Harbor. Ed became a Flying Sergeant in the Royal Canadian Air Force and trained in the following aircraft: Fleet Finch, Harvard, Tiger Moth and the Fairey Battle. Ed logged a total of 375 Hrs. in the RCAF from May 1941 through May 1942 and was awarded the Canadian War Medal.

After serving one year in the RCAF, Ed transferred to the U.S. Army Air Corps in June 1942 and was posted to Tyndall Airfield Gunnery School near Panama City, Florida for combat training. During training at Tyndall Field, 2nd Lt. Tracey met 2nd Lt. Clark Gable, the "King of Hollywood" and one of the stars of the 1939 film classic "Gone with the Wind." After what must have been a night full of many stories, most likely related to training and the uncertainties that lie ahead, Tracey left sporting Gable's service hat (also known as a crusher) and vice versa. They met again the next day for the ROTC (Return of The Crushers). Ed logged a total of 264 Hrs. in the following aircraft from June 1942 through September 1943: O-46A, L-4B, AT-6A, AT-6C, BT-13A, O-47A, O-47B, (P-51A, P-51B Mustangs), A-33, AT-9, AT-9B, P-40L Warhawk, (B-25C, B-25D Mitchells), B-26 Marauder, B-34 Lexington.

In October of 1943, Ed transferred to the 522nd Squadron—27th Fighter Bomber Group. The 27th supported the 5th Army's drive toward Rome. Ed flew the A-36 Apache, the P-40F Warhawk, and the P-47D Thunderbolt in combat. The nose Art on his Thunderbolt read RFD No. 3—Ed wanted the enemy to know where his special deliveries were coming from, and there were many.

January 12, 1944, Ed was on a mission to take out enemy gun positions close to the front lines in South Central Italy. His A-36 Apache developed engine trouble near Gaeta Point and he had to leave the formation. Ed got as far as the Volturno River Valley before coming down in a field for a belly landing.

The impact caused the prop to slice through the canopy. Lucky for Ed, his head went down and forward, just in time to avoid disaster. Ed flew a total of 102 air combat missions from October 1943 through August 1944 and logged a total of 165 hrs. of flight in the Mediterranean Theatre of War. Rome was liberated on June 5, 1944. "ANGELS ON OUR SHOULDERS" said Captain Mille (Tom Hanks), in reference to the P-51 Mustangs in one of the last scenes of the movie, "Saving Private

Ryan." Many of the Angels of the 27th Fighter Bomber Group did not return.

Captain Tracey transferred to the 3rd Army Air Force in July 1944, and trained and prepared students for combat in the P-40 and P-51 Mustang. Captain Tracey logged a total of 362 Hrs. in the following aircraft until his discharge on December 7, 1945: B-17F Fortress, P-47D Thunderbolt, BT-13B, C-47A, UC-78, (P-40, P-40F, P-40K10, P-40L, P-40N, P-40N15, P-40N20, P-40N25, P-40N35, RP-40N, RP-40N25 Warhawks), (P-51C, P-51C6, P-51C10, P-51D, P-51D20, P-51K5, P-51K10 Mustangs).

All together Captain Tracey served a total of one year in the Royal Canadian Air Force and three years and seven months in the U.S. Army Air Forces. Ed logged 375 hours in the Royal Canadian Air Force and 825 hours in the U.S. Army Air Forces for a total of 1,200 hours. Ed logged flight time in a total of 45 individual aircraft.

Ed's love of aviation was not about to end. He became a member of the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) and built and flew his homebuilt Mustang II.

I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in saluting the legacy of a very accomplished WWII combat pilot and instructor, Edward J. Tracey.

HONORING BRUCE JOHNSON

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding achievements of Bruce Johnson, who will retire on December 31, 2020, after 44 years as a distinguished television news anchor and reporter. I have worked with Bruce Johnson ever since being elected to Congress and will miss his heavy hitting questions and incisive reporting.

Bruce Johnson has won 22 Emmys, is a member of the Society of Professional Journalists Hall of Fame, the Washington, DC Hall of Fame and will soon be inducted into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame at the University of Kentucky. He has also received the Ted Yates Award and the NATAS Board of Governors Award and is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and the National Press Club.

Throughout his career with WUSA9, a CBS affiliate in the District of Columbia, Bruce Johnson has reported on stories ranging from local D.C. news to federal matters, from the local real estate market to government shut-downs and from D.C.'s mistreatment in the CARES Act to violence on the streets of D.C. During Johnson's distinguished career, he has shed light on difficult topics for his audience in D.C. and across the nation.

Bruce Johnson's career took him from his hometown of Louisville, Kentucky to places as far away as Rome, Bangkok, Dakar and Tokyo on special assignments for WUSA9. Even before the international chapter of his career, Johnson made a name for himself in D.C. by reporting on notable stories, including the 1982 Metro train derailment and the 1977 Hanafi Siege, in which 142 people were held hostage by 12 gunmen leading to the deaths of two individuals.

Bruce Johnson endured a difficult blow from a heart attack in 1992 while on assignment in Southeast D.C. His journey back to health included completing the Marine Corps Marathon. In 2018, he was dealt a second blow when he was diagnosed with cancer. He responded to these illnesses as a true reporter, taking Americans along with him to help provide clarity on difficult experiences. Johnson stayed true to his honest reporting even when he became the story. He is the author of two books. The first, entitled Heart to Heart, was inspired by his heart attack, and the second, All or Nothing, was an exposé on the life of D.C. basketball player Victor Page.

I have known Bruce my entire career, and I had hoped that he would remain at Channel 9 as long as I remained in Congress. Bruce commented once during an interview that he covered my first congressional campaign. Having been on his show many times to discuss issues that affect D.C. residents, I have grown to consider Bruce a friend. He has helped tell the story of D.C.'s challenges and triumphs and lent his platform and voice to the fight for congressional equality for the District.

Bruce's demeanor and his down-to-earth, relatable storytelling will be missed on the air as he goes on to pursue other accomplishments in the next chapter of his life. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Bruce Johnson for his distinguished career in journalism. I wish him the very best in the years to come.

LORRAINE KNUTH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I am most proud today to rise today to recognize Ms. Lorraine Knuth, a long-time resident of Waukegan, Illinois, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on October 31.

I first met Lorraine through Mary Carmody at Midwest Veterans Closet where she has volunteered for many years. In honor of her centenary year, Lorraine has asked for donations to be made to Midwest Veterans Closet to help her construct a new building and expand their service capacity to our men and women veterans in the area.

To mark her lifetime of service, I wish to share Lorraine's life story today, for it clearly embodies so much of the opportunity, perseverance, and sacrifice that makes her and our nation so special.

Lorraine was born on October 31, 1920, in Langlade, Wisconsin, the seventh of nine children. She excelled in school, entering high school a year early. During the Second World War, Lorraine enlisted in the U.S. Army as part of the Women's Army Corps. After basic training at Daytona Beach, Florida, she headed west to Camp Stoneman in northern California. She served there until the war ended, working in the camp hospital as a Special Diet Cook.

After the war, Lorraine met her husband and travelled the world through his military service. She decided to move to Waukegan after visiting her late sister, who was already living in the area. She has lived in the same house for

more than sixty years, where she raised her three sons. Today, Lorraine is both a proud grandmother and great-grandmother.

Lorraine is a longtime volunteer with Midwest Veterans Closet, and now serves as the organization's Chair. Midwest Veterans Closet provides food, clothing, and other household items for veterans of all ages in the local area, all free of charge. Employment and housing assistance are also offered at no expense as well.

In addition to her incredible work at Midwest Veterans Closet, in 2017, Lorraine was just the fourth woman veteran to participate the Lake County Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C. In 2019, she was one of a select group of women veterans to be honored by the James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center Annual Women Veterans Lunch.

I wholeheartedly congratulate Lorraine Knuth on her 100th birthday and thank her for her service to our community and nation.

RECOGNIZING THE REPUBLIC OF
ARTSAKH

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise because for more than four weeks, Azerbaijan and Turkey have been waging war on Artsakh, bombarding civilians, churches, and committing possible war crimes. More than 800 soldiers have been killed repelling Azerbaijan's attacks, and dozens of civilians are dead. Estimates are that more than half of the civilian population of Artsakh has been displaced, sleeping in cars or open fields away from falling bombs, as winter approaches.

For decades, through the OSCE Minsk Group, the United States has supported a peaceful, democratic, and negotiated resolution to the dispute surrounding Nagorno Karabakh, or Artsakh. We have persisted in this policy even as Azerbaijan launched countless assaults and as their leadership frequently threatened war to redraw the line of contact by force, and as they rejected monitoring along the line of contact.

Today, it appears that Azerbaijan and Turkey are determined to make good on their threats. With bombs, and drones, and Syrian mercenaries, Turkey and Azerbaijan are pushing ahead with a war that has no end in sight. The Armenian people are the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the genocide perpetrated a century ago by the Ottoman Empire, and the words and deeds of Erdogan and Aliyev today call to mind the crimes of one hundred years ago.

We cannot allow history to repeat itself. If Azerbaijan and Turkey have determined to wage war, the United States, the Minsk Group, and the International Community should make clear that they will not succeed in their aims.

And that if they persist in this violence, we must recognize the Republic of Artsakh as an independent nation. Doing so would send the strongest possible message that we will not allow border disputes to be settled by the indiscriminate and devastating use of force against civilian populations.

Aliyev and Erdogan must be made to understand that if they continue with this war, there

will be consequences. The United States will not stand idly by.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE
AND LEGACY OF MR. GENE MOR-
GAN

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today on behalf of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, the Kansas City community, and the Jackson County Democratic Committee. I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Gene Morgan, a lifelong Kansas Citian whose dedication to serving others will have an enduring impact throughout our community.

Scripture says, in 2 Corinthians 9:7, that each of us "must give as he has decided in his heart, for God loves a cheerful giver." There is no doubt Gene was a cheerful giver of his time, energy, and intellect. Gene made it a lifelong goal to work on achieving criminal justice reform in Kansas City. After seeing how substance abuse impacted children in the juvenile court system, he was elected President of the Kansas City Community Center. Fueled by his unwavering belief that people could change for the better and improve their lives when given the opportunity, Gene promoted drug rehabilitation and treatment services throughout his tenure. As an Adjunct Professor in the Criminal Justice Department at the Metropolitan Community College, he mentored the next generation of advocates and prepared them to engage our community in discussions on crime prevention and justice reform. As a member of the Jackson County Community Backed Anti-Crime Tax (COMBAT) Commission, he worked tirelessly to ensure Kansas City residents could live free from the dangers of illegal drugs and violent crime through the use of prevention, education and treatment services. And as the Parliamentarian and Ward 4 Committeeman for the Jackson County Democratic Committee, he wholeheartedly supported candidates and elected officials dedicated to reforming a system that incarcerates too many and rehabilitates too few—costing us too much money and too many lives.

Public service has long been a family affair for Gene and his wife, Judy, who currently serves as the State Representative for the 24th district in Jackson County. During fifty years of fruitful and devoted marriage, Gene cheered Judy on as she taught and counseled students in the Kansas City Public School District. When Judy decided the best way to continue serving others was through elected office, Gene served as her campaign manager and treasurer, always by her side lending his steadfast support.

While he was an active participant in politics, attending countless community events and helping elect candidates across our city and state, Gene never lost sight of the central reason he decided to dedicate his life to public service. It was the same reason—the same motivational force—that drove him out of bed every morning with the verve and optimism to find success in the face of adversity. That reason, as anyone who knew him will tell you,

was his enduring love for the people he served. When working the room at a committee meeting or greeting guests at a fundraiser, he always took an extra moment with each person to ask them questions about their personal lives. He asked these questions not to pry or feign sincerity, but because his passion for service was fueled by an unwavering desire to empathize and help people rise above the adversity in their lives. If Gene heard you were struggling or facing a problem, he was the first to lend a helping hand and a shoulder to lean on. After learning of his death, countless friends, family, and colleagues came together to share anecdotes about how Gene had positively impacted their lives. A common thread, woven through each person's happy memory of Gene, was his presence in their lives as a "true friend." This is a title earned through years of continuously looking out for others.

Back in May, Judy was on her way back from Jefferson City after honorably representing her constituents when she received the phone call that too many families are familiar with, especially during the on-going public health crisis. Gene was experiencing pain and on his way to the Emergency Room. Judy was able to visit with him for a brief period of time, before leaving pursuant to COVID-19 precautions. When informing supporters and friends of his condition, Judy explained that while she was physically unable to be with him, her "thoughts [were] only with Gene." Judy spent the next five months as she had spent the previous fifty years—providing unconditional love and care for Gene. Sadly, his condition worsened until October 9th, when his brave battle with cancer came to an end. While we mourn Gene's death, we find solace knowing that in the waning months of a life well-lived he was never alone, as his beloved partner in life and in service was with him in person and spirit until his final moments.

Today, the thoughts of Kansas City, the Metropolitan Community College, and the Jackson County Democratic Committee are with Judy, their daughter Courtney, their son-in-law Robert, and their grandchildren Alex and Olivia, as they celebrate and remember the life and legacy of Gene Morgan. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Gene's legacy and offering heartfelt condolences to his family. In his passing, Gene leaves behind a family that is more cohesive because of his contribution, a city that is stronger because of his service, and a union that is more perfect because of his presence.

GLOBAL WILDLIFE TRADE
BIOSECURITY ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Global Wildlife Trade Biosecurity Act, a bill that would create a diplomatic global effort to ban the sale of live and fresh wildlife for human consumption. This policy, and the authorization of corresponding programs, would reduce risk and increase research of zoonotic diseases, support reduction of wildlife trafficking, and expand programs that aim to close wildlife markets.

This bill also authorizes programs to address the demand for live and fresh wildlife for human consumption by improving nutritional choices and outcomes while protecting critical wildlife areas.

A Whole of Government approach that embraces a One Health model is critical to ensuring that we are much better prepared for another zoonotic disease like COVID-19, that we understand its risks, and that we can mitigate spread from animals to humans.

My legislation would create a Global Zoonotic Disease Task Force, would require a multi-sectoral strategy from USA ID to reduce the demand for wildlife consumption through food security interventions, and authorizes an integrated zoonotic disease program to research, conduct surveillance of priority and unknown diseases, and prevent spillover through behavioral changes.

I am thrilled to be joined in leading this bill with my colleague on the State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee, Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY. I urge the House of Representatives to join me in passing this important legislation.

HONORING ALAN TURING AS A
DISTINGUISHED MATHEMATI-
CIAN AND HERO

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Alan Turing was a brilliant English mathematician, founder of modern computer science and a World War II hero.

His contributions during the war, especially his work alongside others in cryptography, were hailed as 'priceless' by our own President Eisenhower. By breaking German military-codes, Turing helped to quickly win the Battle of the Atlantic, without which the Allies may not have been able to launch D-Day in 1944. His efforts helped to shorten the war, possibly by years, saving incalculable human life.

Even today, our lives are impacted by his work. Turing is credited with creating the

modern computer concept and helping to found computer science by theorizing a programmable machine capable of computing anything computable.

Yet Turing was more than just a mathematician, an inventor or a hero. Turing was a gay man. Because he was gay, he faced persecution for merely being who he was. In 1952, just seven years after he had helped defeat the Nazis, he was prosecuted for being in a gay relationship and forced to undergo chemical castration to avoid prison.

Two years later, in 1954, he died, possibly by suicide. He was only 41.

Turing's life is a reminder of how brilliant anyone could be, no matter what the world perceived them or of whom they loved. His life also serves as a reminder of the harm and costs that accompany discrimination and prejudice. We will never know what else Alan Turing might have discovered had he been accepted, and what he might have accomplished had his life not been cut so short. We do know that the world owes him a great deal of gratitude, and for that, we honor him for LGBTQ History Month.

RECOGNIZING PROFESSORS PAUL
R. MILGROM AND ROBERT B.
WILSON, LAURATES OF THE
NOBEL PRIZE IN ECONOMIC
SCIENCES

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring two of my distinguished constituents who are this year's recipients of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences, Stanford University Professors Paul R. Milgrom and Robert B. Wilson. The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, more commonly known as the Nobel Prize in Economics, is given by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm and was established in 1968, joining the five original prizes established by Alfred Nobel in his 1895 will.

Professors Milgrom and Wilson are being honored for their extraordinary contributions to

the field of economics in game theory, specifically for "improvements to auction theory and inventions of new auction formats." They are best known for developing the simultaneous ascending auction in 1994 for the Federal Communications Commission to better allocate licenses for the public's airwaves (also known as spectrum). Since then, spectrum auctions have generated over \$100 billion for the U.S. Treasury and expanded connectivity for millions of Americans. Their contributions to auction theory have implications in a broad range of subjects beyond spectrum allocation, including real-time bidding for internet ad delivery, fishing quotas, and the renewable energy market.

Both professors have had distinguished careers. Professor Milgrom is the Shirley and Leonard Ely Professor of Humanities and Sciences in the Department of Economics at Stanford University, and he is a Professor, by courtesy, at both the Department of Management Science and Engineering and the Graduate School of Business. He is also a member of the National Academy of Sciences, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and Senior Fellow at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research. Professor Milgrom holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, and earned a Master's and Doctorate degree from Stanford.

Professor Wilson is the Adams Distinguished Professor of Management, Emeritus, at the Stanford Business School. He is also a member of the National Academy of Sciences and a Fellow and Council Member of the Econometric Society. He earned a Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate degrees from Harvard, and he has received honorary degrees from the University of Chicago and the Norwegian School of Economics.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House to join me in congratulating Paul R. Milgrom and Robert B. Wilson on receiving this most prestigious award, recognizing their contribution to the design of pioneering auctions that have impacted economic practices around the world. It's my privilege to represent them, pay tribute to their brilliance, and thank them for making every American exceedingly proud of their accomplishments.