

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.