

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MATTHEW NICHOLAS SUTHERLAND

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Nicholas Sutherland. Matthew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Matthew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Matthew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Matthew has served his troop as patrol leader and earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Matthew has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Matthew made closets at the Clay County Museum for his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Matthew Nicholas Sutherland for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. GEORGE V. RAINEY

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Mr. George V. Rainey who passed away on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at the age of 89. He was the oldest Zulu king of the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club.

A New Orleans native, Mr. Rainey attended New Orleans Public School System and graduated with the first senior class at Booker T. Washington School in 1949. He would later join the U.S. Army where he served in the Korean War. In 1967, Mr. Rainey started Rainey's Restaurant and Catering, which quickly became a staple in the city. For several decades it was one of the most prominent Black-owned restaurants in the area that served both the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival and Essence Festival.

In 1972, Mr. Rainey joined the Zulu Social Aide and Pleasure Club where he served in a variety of capacities for more than 45 years. In 1978, he was elected Big Shot and starting in 1991 he served as the organization's vice president for five years. In his service as a Board member for more than two decades, he was integral to the production of Zulu's poster

series and its successful pursuit of corporate sponsorships.

In 2005, when Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans, Mr. Rainey returned home to assist families in need. Along with Bishop James Nelson Brown of Fisher Community Church and the 82nd Airborne Division cooks, he worked courageously for two months to feed the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Mr. Rainey was a treasure to the city of New Orleans. That is why he was honored by President George W. Bush and the Jefferson Award Foundation. He lived a fulfilled life doing what he loved to do for so many years. I am grateful for his service. I send my sincere prayers, condolences, and strength to the Rainey family during this difficult time. May his soul rest in peace.

Mr. George V. Rainey's wife, Jeanne died in 2005. He is survived by three daughters, a son, and six grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. George V. Rainey.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes due to a death in the family. Had I been present for Roll Call vote number 221, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 4611, the Ocean Pollution Reduction Act II, I would have voted Yea.

HONORING PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOANNA MCCLINTON

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleagues, Rep. BRENDAN BOYLE and Rep. MARY GAY SCANLON to honor State Representative Joanna McClinton, who has been elected as the Democratic Leader of the Pennsylvania State House. Rep. McClinton will serve as the first woman and first woman of color elected in this role.

Rep. McClinton is a lifelong Philadelphian. She is a graduate of La Salle University and Villanova School of Law, both located in Philadelphia, PA. Rep. McClinton was an Assistant Public Defender for seven years. In 2013, she entered the political field as Chief Counsel for State Senator Anthony H. Williams. In August 2015, Rep. McClinton was sworn in to serve the people of the 191st Legislative District of Pennsylvania after winning a special election.

Breaking barriers is not new to Rep. McClinton. In 2018, she became the first Afri-

can American and woman to be elected as the House Democratic Caucus chairman for the 2019–20 legislative session. Rep. McClinton's historic election makes her the highest-ranking woman to serve in the Pennsylvania General Assembly's 244-year history and the highest ranking Black Woman.

On behalf of my colleagues, we wish to extend our sincere congratulations to Rep. Joanna McClinton for all her achievements and her continued commitment to public service and enhancing the quality of life for residents within her district and the state of Pennsylvania.

HONORING NNAMDI P.J. ANYANIKE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nnamdi P.J. Anyanike. Nnamdi is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nnamdi has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Nnamdi has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nnamdi P.J. Anyanike for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

REMEMBERING TOMMY PACELLO

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Tommy Pacella, President of the Memphis Medical District Cooperative, who passed away gracefully on Monday at the age of 43. Mr. Pacella did much to improve his hometown, particularly the Medical Center area, where he helped 36 businesses open and thrive over the past six years. Before that, as an Assistant City Attorney and at the Mayor's Institute of Excellence in Government, Mr. Pacella brought best practices and a passion for improvement to his city, and they will be his lasting legacy. Mr. Pacello, a graduate of the Evangelical Christian School, the University of Georgia, and the University of Memphis, where he earned a law degree and Master's degree in city planning, was uniquely qualified to tackle the urban issues that were his chosen field, and he excelled. I was pleased to work with him on the

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transportation infrastructure issues of the Medical Center district and appreciated his thoughtful ideas for improvements that he laid out at a roundtable forum I hosted just last year. Mr. Pacello was also chairman of the Memphis Chapter of the Urban Land Institute, which named him as one of the top 40 real estate professionals under the age of 40 in 2015, and he served on the Memphis Area Transit Authority board of commissioners. The way he approached his illness with a positive mindset and a focus on the essential was an inspiration to all who knew him. I express my profound condolences to his wife, Olivia; his young daughters, Colette and Cecile; his many friends and colleagues; and all those his life inspired. I have no doubt that, had he been given more time, he would have been one of our greatest civic leaders. He led a fine life and will be missed."

RECOGNIZING LUCERO STOCKETT
FOR HER PROMOTION TO CHIEF
MASTER SERGEANT

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my United States Air Force fellow, Lucero "Lucy" Stockett on her promotion to Chief Master Sergeant.

Born in Mexico, Lucy was raised in El Paso, Texas, and, at the age of seventeen, enlisted in the United States Air Force (USAF). She began her impressive career in the USAF as an inflight refueling operator, with her primary specialty being a KC-10 Boom Operator. Lucy's experience includes qualifications as a Boom Operator Instructor, Formal Training Unit Instructor, and Evaluator. She has had multiple deployments supporting Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. While enlisted, Lucy has continued to learn and better herself, receiving a B.S. in Sports Medicine from American Military University in 2014, and an M.A. in Executive Leadership from Liberty University in 2017.

It has been a privilege having Lucy in my office this year. She is bright, passionate, eager to learn, and a true patriot. As an enlisted officer, she brings invaluable experience and expertise regarding our nation's defense. My staff and I have valued having her as a member of our team and we are proud to be a part of this important milestone for her.

It would be remiss to recognize Lucy without touching on why her promotion is such an impressive accomplishment. With Chief Master Sergeant being the highest enlisted rank in the Air Force, Lucy's promotion is an inspiration for all young women who are interested in a career in our Armed Forces. She has shown that with dedication, hard work, and perseverance, any dream can be achieved.

Madam Speaker, it has been an honor to work with Chief Master Sergeant Lucero Stockett this year, and to pay tribute to her well-deserved promotion. I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

HONORING STAMEY'S BARBECUE
IN GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Stamey's Barbecue in Greensboro, North Carolina, which this year is celebrating 90 years of exceptional business.

Founded in 1930, Stamey's is renowned across my district for its Lexington-style barbecue, which involves cooking pork exclusively over hardwood coals and with their own original dip. Stamey's pitmasters arrive well before sunrise to begin a laborious cooking process that can take up to ten hours.

There is a saying at Stamey's that, "good barbecue takes patience and an acute taste for perfection," and their reputation across the state backs up that commitment to excellence.

Stamey's founder C. Warner Stamey was born in 1911 as the youngest of 11 children. After moving to Lexington, Mr. Stamey sold pork in tents across the street from the courthouse with talented barbecue men Jess Swicegood and Sid Weaver. In 1938, Mr. Stamey bought Swicegood's Barbecue and renamed it Stamey's.

In 1953, Mr. Stamey opened the 2206 W. Gate City Blvd, Greensboro location, which was later joined by the 2812 Battleground Ave, Greensboro location in 1970. Warner eventually handed the business off to his son Charles who was later joined by his brother Keith Stamey in 1970. In 1993, current owner Chip Stamey joined the family business. Sadly, Keith passed away in 2000, but Charles Stamey still resides in Greensboro where he proudly serves as barbecue pitmaster emeritus.

Madam Speaker, treasured family establishments like Stamey's Barbecue give character and richness to the districts we represent. I am proud to have Stamey's in North Carolina's 13th Congressional District, which is a source of great pride in our community. I ask that you please join me in both congratulating them on 90 years in business and wishing them well as they embark on the next 90 years.

CONGRATULATING THE SULLIVAN
EAGLES SOFTBALL TEAM FOR
WINNING THE 2020 MISSOURI
CLASS II STATE SOFTBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Sullivan Eagles softball team for winning the 2020 Missouri Class II State Softball Championship.

This is Sullivan High School's first state championship win in the history of their softball program. This team and their coach Ashley Crump should be commended for their perseverance and hard work throughout this past season and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating the Sullivan Eagles team for a job well done.

HONORING LUKE JAMES STANTON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Luke James Stanton. Luke is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Luke has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Luke has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Luke has earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Luke has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Luke replaced all the service flag poles at the Veteran's Memorial in Liberty, MO.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Luke James Stanton for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOHN T. BEY'S RETIREMENT FOLLOWING HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I'm honored to congratulate Chief Master Sergeant John T. Bey on his years of service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States of America.

Chief Bey first enlisted in the Air Force Reserve in January 1986. He attended technical school at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, and then was assigned as an electrical linesman at the 911th Air Wing (AW), Air Reserve Station Pittsburgh, where he served for nineteen years. Chief Bey also cross trained into the Fiscal Management (FM) career field in 2004, wherein he ascended the ranks at the 911th AW to Chief Master Sergeant. Chief Bey joined the Pennsylvania Air National Guard in February 2016, and was selected as the Special Operations Mission Support Group Chief, 193rd Special Operations Wing (SOW), Middletown, Pennsylvania. He served for just over one year before being selected as the Superintendent of the 193rd Special Operations Comptroller Flight.

Chief Bey is responsible for overseeing and managing the peacetime training and wartime deployment of a fifteen-person FM team. Additionally, his team is responsible for the FM capabilities serving over 1800 traditional Guard

Members, 400 dual-status Technicians and 150 AGR personnel during the 193rd SOW's regularly scheduled drills and daily operations. The FM team also oversees all financial management deployment briefings and newcomer orientation briefings and accessions.

In addition to Chief Bey's service in the Air Force, he's also served in the Pennsylvania State Police, where he first enlisted on June 5, 1989. He was appointed to the Special Emergency Response Team as a Crisis Negotiator in 1995 until 2003, when he was promoted to Lieutenant and served as Patrol Section Commander and Criminal Investigation Section Commander for Troop G, Hollidaysburg. He was promoted to Captain in 2008, and served as of Administration and Director Training in the Bureau of Education and Training until 2014. Chief Bey retired from the Pennsylvania State Police on October 13, 2014, at which time he served as Chief of Police for the Middletown Borough Police Department until 2016.

With great honor, I commend Chief Master Sergeant John T. Bey for his distinguished career of service to our great Commonwealth and Nation. His selfless service, dedication to duty, and tireless efforts to serving and protecting our Citizens on myriad levels is a great credit to himself, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

CELEBRATING PUERTO RICO'S CHEMIST DAY

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico. Madam Speaker, as we celebrate Puerto Rico Chemist's Day, I would like to thank these professionals for their extraordinary and invaluable contributions to the advancement of science, public health and safety and both basic and applied research and development.

Their core scientific disciplines are essential for every technology we enjoy today, and their work helps create, deliver and ensure the safety of foods, fuels, drinking water, clean air, drugs and medical supplies, industrial processes, raw and processed materials and finished products that are indispensable to our society.

In particular, chemical scientists play a key role in many of Puerto Rico's prime industries, including most notably the biopharmaceutical and medical devices industry, as well as the aerospace and agriculture sectors, which are central to the economic development of the Island.

I especially want to recognize today the Puerto Rico Chemists' Association, which is celebrating its 79th annual conference with this year's theme: The Chemist, Always Creating Solutions for our Society.

Since 1941, this organization has acquired significant scientific and technical expertise to move Puerto Rico forward, while also maintaining standards of excellence in such a distinguished profession, promoting unity among its members, and increasing understanding and education of the chemical sciences.

With the great need for the expansion of scientific knowledge and its application to address the needs of a changing world, it is just that we recognize the work of this branch of the sciences, encourage new generations of students to pursue this discipline, and support them in their continued tasks.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN KUHNLE

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John Kuhnle, and his dedicated service to Virginia's First District. John joined my Stafford District Office two years ago as a part of the Wounded Warrior Fellowship Program and has been an integral part of our team ever since.

John has been a significant member of the District Team in Virginia's First District throughout these past two years. He was dedicated to handling military and veteran case-work, and he provided years of knowledge and experience to the office. John never shied away from a challenge, and he would spend hours researching the latest information on veteran affairs and military topics in order to assist constituents.

John is a model caseworker. Staff routinely went to John for advice and guidance on military and veteran affairs procedure. John set the bar high, and often went above and beyond to make sure veterans and their families received the information and help they needed. I am confident that constituents in Virginia's First District have been in good hands for the past two years, through the selfless service of John Kuhnle.

John's last day with my office is on December 3, 2020 and he will be dearly missed by our entire staff. Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me in recognition of John Kuhnle, and I would like to thank John for his service to Virginia's First District.

HONORING BRENON D. CARR

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brenon D. Carr. Brenon is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brenon has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Brenon has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Brenon has served his troop as Den Chief and earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Brenon has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Brenon planted four raised vegetable garden beds for Life Unlimited, a group home for adults with special needs in Liberty, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brenon D. Carr for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RETIREMENT OF CHP COMMISSIONER WARREN STANLEY

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, I have the honor of recognizing a public servant who has given 40 years of outstanding service to my state: California Highway Patrol Commissioner Warren Stanley, who retired on November 16, 2020. He is one of only a few people in the history of the CHP to hold every position, from Officer to its top executive. Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. appointed him as the 56th Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) in 2017, the first African American to attain the rank of Commissioner in the history of the agency.

I first worked with him when he became Chief of CHP's Southern Division while I was the California Assembly Speaker. I greatly valued his ability to serve as a bridge between the CHP and local residents, a role he would play for his entire career.

Warren's career focus led to his assignment as a member of the Protective Services Detail and as a Field Training Officer. He excelled and rose through the ranks, supervising the CHP's Border Division Investigative Services Unit as a Lieutenant, and then serving as Commander of the CHP Academy. He has completed many elite training programs, including the FBI National Executive Institute.

He reached the rank of Chief in 2008 and assumed command of Coastal, then Southern division. Before his appointment as Commissioner, he served as Deputy Commissioner, responsible for the day to day operation of the largest state law enforcement agency in the nation, with more than 11,000 employees in his charge.

As a law enforcement leader, Commissioner Stanley has spearheaded a number of innovative highway and traffic safety initiatives, including the Impaired Driving Section, responsible for implementing new laws facilitating new research into how cannabis affects driving behaviors. Commissioner Stanley worked to bolster the Highway Safety Corridor Program, which has promoted education, enforcement and coordination on California's roadways with high crash rates. Under his leadership, the CHP achieved a national profile in addressing the special needs and concerns of elderly drivers, as well as collaborating on initiatives to promote responsible driving among teens.

Warren's first commitment has always been to the people, both those under his command and the communities that they serve. He will be remembered for his humility and for his compassionate leadership style. I wish him and his family all the best wherever the next chapter of life may take him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call votes. Had I been present for them, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call 219: S. 327 Wounded Veterans Recreation Act—ON THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND PASS THE BILL—YEA; Roll Call 220: S. 3147 Improving Safety and Security for Veterans Act of—ON THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND PASS THE BILL—YEA; and Roll Call 221: H.R. 4611 Ocean Pollution Reduction Act—ON THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND PASS THE BILL—YEA.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF ROGER LEE WILSON OF
SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Roger Lee Wilson of Salisbury, North Carolina, who passed away on October 18, 2020.

Roger was a husband to Kate and a father to Matt and Wesley. As a member of Unity Presbyterian Church, he faithfully served as an Elder.

Throughout his life, Roger was a devoted and dedicated educator, mentoring and inspiring countless students at Davie County High School and West Rowan High School. Roger passed on his passion for woodworking and craftsmanship to his students. I just missed having Roger as my workshop instructor at Davie High, but was lucky enough to have his successor, his son Matt, as my teacher.

Madam Speaker, I have had the privilege of representing Rowan County as well as my home county of Davie since 2017. I know firsthand how much appreciation there is for the knowledge and skills that Mr. Wilson passed on to his students. Though he had been retired from teaching for quite some time, I imagine he was encouraged to know that schools have begun to again prioritize teaching the technical, trade, and hands-on skills that seem to have been forgotten over the past few decades.

Madam Speaker, our country needs more dedicated men serving and educating their communities like Roger Wilson. The benefits he brought to students and to his community will be felt for generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for a recorded vote on November 17, 2020 for H.R. 4611, the Ocean Pollution Reduction Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 221.

HONORING COLE S. CAYLOR

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cole S. Caylor. Cole is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cole has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cole has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Cole S. Caylor for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER
2 MARWAN SAMEH
GHABOUR

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mrs. TRAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of a son of Massachusetts, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Marwan Sameh Ghabour. He and four other brave American soldiers tragically lost their lives on Thursday, November 12 while on a peacekeeping mission in Egypt.

Mr. Ghabour will be remembered as a hero for his valiant service and commitment to protecting the freedoms and values that all Americans hold dear. This tragic loss serves as a reminder that when our troops bravely volunteer to serve, both they and their loved ones sacrifice more than we can ever imagine. My heart goes out to Mr. Ghabour's family and friends during this difficult time.

Nevertheless, his legacy is secured by the many people who carry his memory forward. In particular, the residents of Marlborough and Arlington, Massachusetts, where he grew up and volunteered, will remember his passion for public service.

I am grateful for patriots like Mr. Ghabour who risk everything to make the United States and the world a better place and are prepared to give the "last full measure of their devotion," as President Lincoln said. We are fortunate that such brave men and women are among us.

Marwan Sameh Ghabour and his fellow servicemembers will never be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF RENEE REYNOLDS

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Renee Reynolds, a Philadelphia difference-maker, before the United States House of Representatives. Ms. Reynolds is a fiercely vocal advocate for women who are battling to beat cancer and who are overcoming domestic violence committed against them.

As she so powerfully puts it, Ms. Reynolds is a domestic violence victor who, for four decades, has used her first-hand experience to fuel her efforts to empower women seeking to change their own difficult and trying situations.

In addition to hosting the annual Pink Diamond Ball to honor the two sisters she lost to cancer and to honor cancer patients, survivors and those that fought the good fight, Ms. Reynolds has sought to expand her ability to spread her message and reach those who need help during the coronavirus pandemic. Among her efforts to do this, she became the Pennsylvania contestant in this year's national Ms. Woman competition, where her platform focused on her advocacy.

Through social media, public speaking, events, partnerships and seemingly more outreach than should be humanly possible, Ms. Reynolds has committed herself to helping people and providing a first-person tale of redemption that highlights her rise from domestic-violence victim to entertainer, business professional and an advocate for women who need a helping hand and inspiration.

Renee Reynolds embodies a commitment to public good. Her efforts are a model for the upwelling of selflessness and giving that has kept America going through these difficult times. She embodies the spirit of Philadelphia.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincerest appreciation to Renee Reynolds for her extraordinary work on behalf of our community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF THE "FATHER OF THE FINAL
FOUR" TOM JERNSTEDT

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Thomas Walter Jernstedt, a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) legend and tireless advocate for men and women student athletes across the country. Tom was known for many things in his career and life, including being referred to as the "Father of the Final Four." I join Tom's family, friends, colleagues and athletes across the country in mourning the loss of this great man who passed away on September 5, 2020.

Tom was born on November 24, 1944, in Carlton, Oregon. Tom attended Yamhill-Carlton High School, where he was an all-state athlete in three sports: football, basketball and baseball. On top of his incredible athletic ability, he was also elected student body

president. Upon his graduation, Tom attended the University of Oregon on a football scholarship, where he was again elected student body president. He graduated in 1967 with a degree in political science and went on to receive a master's in education in 1973. He worked as an events manager at his alma mater until he accepted a full-time position as director of events for the NCAA.

Tom spent the next 38 years working for the NCAA, as a leader and passionate administrator. According to his colleagues and those who worked closely with Tom, he was known to make time for everyone. He was thoughtful, respectable, likeable, honest and a silent power. He is credited with turning the college basketball championship into what it is today, a massive event with fans all around the world and a multi-billion dollar television contract.

The City of Indianapolis benefited greatly from having a leader like Tom in the sports world. He was influential in moving the NCAA headquarters from Kansas City, Missouri to the City of Indianapolis in 1999. Tom not only assisted in making March Madness what it is, he was key in helping the City of Indianapolis host the Final Four. Indianapolis has hosted seven NCAA Men's Basketball Final Fours and three NCAA Women's Final Fours in its history and is scheduled to host the 2021 and 2026 men's finals as well. Tom was very friendly to the City of Indianapolis in many ways, generating events, promoting the city and, according to his friends, there was never a young person who was interested in a career in sports that Tom would not take under his wing.

Tom received numerous awards throughout his lifetime including being inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 2017. He received the John W. Bunn Lifetime Achievement Award in 2001 for his outstanding lifetime dedication to basketball, and the University of Oregon honored him with the Distinguished Alumnus Award. The National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame enshrined Tom as a contributor to the game, and in 2017, he was awarded Indiana's highest civilian honor, the Sagamore of the Wabash. Posthumously, Tom was inducted into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame this year.

Though it is obvious Tom had a huge impact on the world of sports, it is said that his greatest joys were in his personal life. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and true friend. In speaking with Tom's friends, there is one consistent theme that they all mention. Tom was a wonderful friend who would stop at nothing to help those he cared about. He loved playing golf and watching all sporting events with his family and friends. Though he loved all sports, he remained a loyal fan of his Oregon Ducks, rarely missing an event involving his university. Based on this long-term commitment, the University of Oregon has established the Tom Jernstedt Student Athlete Scholarship.

I am honored to stand today and memorialize Tom. He was a man of character and class, constantly putting the wants and needs of others before his own. I join his family and many friends as well as countless student-athletes in mourning the loss of Tom Jernstedt.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF VICTOR BIRD

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Victor Bird on his retirement after a remarkable 36-year career in public service to the state of Oklahoma.

Graduating with a bachelor's degree and juris doctorate from the University of Tulsa, Victor is a lifelong Oklahoman. After graduating, he started his career in law with the public sector. Victor's career in public service started in 1983 in the Oklahoma Attorney General's office. From there he served at Oklahoma State University, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and again the Attorney General's office under two different attorney generals. It was through this impressive path that led him to the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission as the Director in 2002. With no previous aviation experience, Victor recognized the importance of the aviation industry for Oklahoma and immediately put his knowledge of the state to work.

After 18 years at the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission, few have left such a legacy. As the longest serving director in the state's history, his advocacy and implementations have left a distinctive mark on Oklahoma's role in aviation and aerospace. Under his leadership, the Commission has invested \$71 million in state funds and directed \$189 million in federal funds into airport infrastructure statewide. Victor's pro aviation mindset has led to the growth of the annual economic impact to \$44 billion, which has directly resulted in tens of thousands of jobs. Victor Bird played a key role in shaping aviation to become one of the state's largest industries and top employers.

Victor's career has largely gone unnoticed. He is the first and only Oklahoman to serve as chairman of the National Association of State Aviation Officials in its 90-year history. He is also the first and only non-elected public official to receive the Joseph B. "Doc" Hartranft Jr. Award from the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association. In 2006, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Oklahoma Association for Career and Technical Education for his contributions to career and technology education in Oklahoma. In 2009, Bird was the recipient of the prestigious General Thomas P. Stafford Award, which recognizes those who have made substantial contributions to the Oklahoma aerospace industry and who reflect the revolutionary spirit of Gen. Stafford. Additionally, in 2017, Bird received the Kenneth A. Rowe Ambassador of Aviation Award from NASAO in honor of his national accomplishments. Most recently, in 2020, Victor received the President's Award from the Oklahoma Airport Operators Association for his significant work in Oklahoma aviation.

For four decades, Victor Bird's dedication to Oklahoma has continued to help our state make enormous strides in terms of economic growth and innovation. As we reflect on the 36-year career of Victor Bird, let us look at his tireless work to inspire us.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Victor Bird on an extraordinary career and wish him all the best in his much-deserved retirement.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF MS. JEAN D. THOMPSON

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the legacy and work of Louisiana Freedom Rider, Ms. Jean D. Thompson. Ms. Thompson made history by participating in the Freedom Rides that helped illuminate persistence segregation in the South despite Morgan v. Virginia and Boynton v. Virginia.

Born in Lake Providence, Louisiana on January 13, 1942, Ms. Thompson was an active member of the NAACP and Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). Throughout her life, Ms. Thompson participated in a number of sit-ins, was active in Louisiana and Mississippi Freedom Summers, and contributed to anti-war and feminist efforts in San Francisco and Berkeley, California. Starting at the age of 19, her passion and determination made her one of the youngest trailblazers for racial equity.

In response to the federal government's unwillingness to enforce the U.S. Supreme Court's decisions outlawing segregated interstate travel, the Freedom Riders rode integrated buses across state lines in the South to bring awareness to local laws that still required blacks and whites to use separate seating. These intentional actions played a key role in the Civil Rights Movement.

Ms. Thompson is a daughter of New Orleans, and without her desegregation efforts, persistence against injustice, and fearlessness, many of us would not be where we are today. It is critically important that we give Ms. Thompson her flowers while she is still here with us so we can celebrate the strides she took to improve racial equality. May we always lift up her name and honor her legacy by continuing to advance equal rights and justice for African Americans and those of African descent all around the world.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the life and work of Ms. Jean D. Thompson.

CONGRATULATING THE VIENNA EAGLES SOFTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2020 MISSOURI CLASS I STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Vienna Eagles softball team for winning the 2020 Missouri Class I State Softball Championship.

This is Vienna High School's third state championship win in the history of their softball program. They should be commended for their hard work and dedication throughout this past year.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating the Vienna Eagles for a job well done.

HONORING THOMAS J. MANN, IV

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Thomas J. Mann, IV. Thomas is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 215, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Thomas has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Thomas has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Thomas has served his troop as Patrol Leader and earned the rank of Runner in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Thomas has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Thomas built bat houses for the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Thomas J. Mann, IV for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SAMUEL FIGUEROA

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Mr. Samuel Figueroa of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Samuel Figueroa was an outstanding employee who worked at the Creekside Health and Rehabilitation Center in Indianapolis. Having worked at the center since its opening in September 2017, Mr. Figueroa was a dishwasher. We are only aware of his role as dishwasher and are unaware of work in road and building construction. Those who had the opportunity to witness Mr. Figueroa work witnessed a man who took great pride in his job. While on the clock, Mr. Figueroa routinely made others smile and laugh. He was also careful to ensure that the facility was as clean as possible. On many occasions, fellow employees witnessed Samuel scanning the parking lot for trash to dispose of.

By all accounts, Mr. Figueroa was the model employee. Always on time with a smile on his face and willing to go the extra mile, he desired to serve those in need. Mr. Figueroa will be remembered for the wonderful impression he made on his peers, residents and all those who interacted with him on the campus.

The story of Mr. Figueroa is one that is uniquely American. This record is a testament to those ideals he embodied of service and sacrifice, which are inherent to the American spirit. Though Samuel is no longer with us, his spirit of good will and generosity in the halls of Creekside and in the hearts of those whose lives he touched endures.

THANKS BLAKE

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a great man and citizen of the Show Me state, Mr. Blake Hurst, as he celebrates his upcoming retirement. Since being elected the President of the Missouri Farm Bureau on December 7, 2010, Blake has helped strengthen the Bureau financially and grow its influence in Washington, D.C.

The Missouri Farm Bureau was founded as the first state Farm Bureau in the United States in 1915, and over the years, it has grown to include over 130,000 members. During his tenure, Blake was a strong advocate for Missouri's farmers. He will be leaving the Missouri Farm Bureau in a stronger position than when he came into office and has ensured the long-term success and influence of the organization.

Blake has been an active member of the Missouri Farm Bureau for much of his life, serving on the Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee before becoming the statewide chairman and eventually serving on the state board of directors. For eight years, Hurst served as a district board member for the state of Missouri and seven years as the Vice President of the Bureau. Blake has earned a national reputation as a leader in agriculture policy. Over the years, Blake has written numerous pieces which have appeared in the Wall Street Journal, The American, Weekly Standard, Wilson's Quarterly, Reader's Digest, Today's Farmer, and the Show Me magazine of Missouri Farm Bureau. Hurst continues to be an active member of his community, running a wholesale greenhouse business with his wife, Julie, daughter, Lee, and sons-in-law, Ryan Harms and Matt Schlueter.

I wish Blake the very best as he embarks on this new chapter of life, and I am grateful for his service to his community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on November 16th and November 17th due to not being present in Washington, D.C. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

YES on Roll Call No. 219; YES on Roll Call No. 220; and NO on Roll Call No. 221.

HONORING JERALD MUTCHLER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jerald Mutchler. Jerald is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 214, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jerald has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jerald has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jerald has earned the rank of Hardway Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Jerald has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jerald helped in with Our Lady of Mercy Country Home Bench Rebuild.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jerald Mutchler for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO BRIAN POTTS

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brian Potts, a member of the professional staff of the House Appropriations Committee, who has retired after 25 years of service in the Federal Government.

Brian earned his bachelor's degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1994, where he played football and studied accounting. Upon graduation, Brian began his career as part of the Department of the Navy Financial Management Trainee Program. During this time, he worked as an auditor for the Naval Audit Service and as a budget analyst for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller). Brian excelled in the program, and he was awarded the Office of the Secretary of Defense Award for Excellence.

After completion of this program, in 1997, Brian joined the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction as a professional staff member. After leaving the Hill briefly to work as an auditor for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Brian returned to the House Appropriations Committee Subcommittee on Military Construction. In 2004, Brian moved to the Senate Subcommittee on Defense where he would stay until 2014, at which time he became Minority Staff Director for the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies.

When the Senate switched control in 2015, Brian was hired to be the Majority Staff Director for the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, a position responsible for a portfolio exceeding \$500 billion in annual spending. In 2019, I asked Brian to become my National Security Advisor on my House Appropriations Committee staff, and he proved to be a trusted advisor. Brian could always be counted on to give great insight into the issues that face our men and women in uniform.

Brian is known for his love of sports, and I know he is enjoying retirement with his son, Owen, and attending his baseball and basketball games. We wish Brian the best in his new adventure and thank him for everything he has done for our nation's security.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO REQUIRE AN ACCREDITATION PROCESS FOR EDX TESTING

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill that will combat bad actors taking advantage of Medicare by requiring an accreditation process for electrodiagnostic studies or EDX testing.

EDX testing is used to diagnose and guide treatment for neuromuscular conditions that range from the uncomfortable, such as carpal tunnel syndrome, to the life threatening, such as ALS and muscular dystrophy. Current Procedural Terminology requires that a clinician trained in EDX testing personally perform invasive needle electromyography and either perform or directly supervise nerve conduction studies. These requirements ensure proper testing is guided in real time based on biofeedback from active study and a knowledge of health history and potential diagnoses.

An ongoing challenge for EDX testing has been an increase of fraud and abuse when mobile labs send "technicians" to provide an excessive number of tests that are often not medically necessary and tend to be performed poorly, providing inaccurate results that are not clinically relevant. A 2014 report by the HHS OIG entitled "Questionable Billing for Medicare Electrodiagnostic Tests" found \$139 million in annual suspicious spending in this area.

This bill will require that professionals performing EDX testing first demonstrate that they have the proper equipment to conduct the test. Second, professionals must demonstrate that they have the proper training to interpret the results by going through an accreditation process managed by government entities and professional societies. Accreditation has been successful in combating fraud in other patient areas such as mammography and sleep labs.

This bill will protect patients seeking treatment by ensuring they receive the most accurate results possible and I strongly urge my colleagues support for its passage.

CELEBRATING THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor the longstanding friendship and continued alliance between two great nations: the United States and the Republic of Korea.

Seventy years ago, American and Allied servicemembers and civilians bravely came to the defense of South Korea, fighting alongside so many brave Korean citizens against North Korean aggression. While three long years of bitter conflict yielded only a stalemate, from the shared sacrifice and courage of millions emerged an enduring alliance and friendship between the United States and South Korea

based on a common vision for the world and shared values for our peoples. The Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Korea endures to this day as a pillar of stability for the entire Indo-Pacific region. And in just the three generations since the Korean War, South Korea has emerged as one of Asia's great success stories, building a dynamic and diverse economy with a vibrant civil society and popular culture celebrated the world over.

However, the relationship between the American and Korean peoples goes even deeper than the Korean War. In 1882, representatives of the United States and the Joseon Dynasty established diplomatic relations between their countries through the Treaty of Peace, Amity, Commerce and Navigation. This was the first treaty Korea signed with a Western power, a treaty that first acknowledged Korea's status as an independent country.

My Hawaii has also played and continues to play a major role in the strong relationship between our two countries. In 1903, the first Korean immigrants arrived in the United States through Hawaii, and I am proud of Hawaii's history and present as the gateway for new generations of Korean American immigrants and as a major bridge between our countries and peoples. Today, there are over two million Korean Americans across the United States, with almost 35,000 residing in my home state of Hawaii. It is a true honor to represent such a diverse and accomplished community that has contributed so much to the richness of Hawaii.

Today, this House passed two resolutions recognizing the importance of the U.S.-South Korea alliance. H. Res. 809 expresses the importance of the United States alliance with the Republic of Korea and the contributions of Korean Americans in the United States, and H. Res. 1012 recognizes the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War and the transformation of the United States-Korea alliance into a mutually beneficial, global partnership.

I am proud to support both resolutions and will continue to pursue opportunities to strengthen this crucial relationship, as well as to support Korean American communities in Hawaii and across the country.

Thank you: (Gam-sa-ham-ni-da and mahalo)

RECOGNIZING WAUKEGAN TO COLLEGE

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I am so pleased to rise today to celebrate an amazing program in my community, Waukegan to College, and to honor this year's class: Alexis Valdovinos, Moises Arreola-Malagon, Daisy Camacho, Maurice Davison Jr., Diana Diaz, Justin Garcia, Jesus Murillo, Jose Ochoa, Giselle Palomar, Emilio Salgado, and Gabriela Serna-Gutierrez.

A year-round college readiness service, the Waukegan to College program, or W2C for short, launched in 2009. Over the course of students studies, W2C seeks to advance individual's intellectual and emotional development, cultivating a strong commitment to com-

munity and a profound belief that they can build a brighter future for themselves, their families and their communities. By establishing high academic expectations and counseling students and their families on the college application process, W2C helps students realize their full potential by making the dream of college a reality.

All of these students will be the first in their families to attend college, and were selected for the W2C program due to their impressive academic achievements and their contributions to their local communities. As leaders inside and outside the classroom, these students show tremendous dedication and potential.

Strengthening our communities requires building new ladders of opportunity so that all Americans can succeed and thrive. This begins with providing every child, regardless of zip code, access to a high quality, affordable education, and continues by ensuring all families can afford to send their sons and daughters to college.

When our nation's talented young people pursue their passions and follow their dreams, they accomplish far more than personal growth. They serve as role models in their communities and their achievements inspire and motivate other young people to equally strive and achieve.

These students truly are Champions of Change. I wish them the very best of luck in their academic studies and in all their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING JERRY THORNE

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend, Jerry Thorne, on the occasion of his retirement from service to the City of Pleasanton, California, one of the largest cities in my congressional district.

Jerry has made public service a way of life. After completing commitments to the United States Army and the Army National Guard Officer Corps, he left the military holding the rank of captain. He then transitioned into the tech world with a decades-long career in global operations management, facilities design, and environmental engineering for some of the most recognizable names in Silicon Valley. During that time, Jerry settled in Pleasanton, where he has made his home for over 40 years.

His service to the city began in 1995 when Jerry became Parks and Recreation Commissioner. He chaired that commission for ten years before making his first successful run for the Pleasanton City Council. After three terms on the council from 2005 to 2012, he decided to take the reins and run for mayor. He won that race and Jerry dutifully served as mayor of the City of Pleasanton for four two-year terms.

During Jerry's tenure, Pleasanton went through a remarkable period of growth. It is now home to numerous start-up and established technology and biotechnology companies, enabling employees to work near where they want to live. He also helped oversee the

development of several new parks and an aquatic center. And, Jerry has worked to ensure that the city commits to and invests in a high-quality education for Pleasanton's children. This has helped establish Pleasanton Unified School District as one of the premier districts in California.

All the organizations to which Jerry has devoted his time and energy are too numerous to mention. However, I would like to highlight his role as a founding member of the Pleasanton Sentinels of Freedom. This group focuses its efforts on providing opportunities for veterans who have suffered severe injuries as a result of their service. I also appreciate Jerry's guidance as he serves as one of my Service Academy Nomination Board members; that board helps me recommend some of the best and brightest student constituents for admission into some of our country's finest educational institutions and begin careers of service themselves.

I thank Jerry. While I look forward to continuing to work with him on mutual areas of interest in our community, his retirement is well earned, and I hope he is able to enjoy more time at home with his wife, daughter, and grandchildren.

**SUPPORTING MOTION TO GO TO
CONFERENCE ON H.R. 6395**

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to speak in strong support of all the Jackson Lee Amendments made in order for consideration of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021.

I thank Chairman SMITH and Ranking Member THORNBERRY and their staffs for working with me and my staff in consideration of several Jackson Lee Amendments.

I offered several amendments to H.R. 6395 to improve the bill.

Jackson Lee Amendment 180 directs the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress the extent, if any, of the threat to national security posed by domestic terrorist groups and organizations motivated by a belief system of white supremacy, such as the Boogaloo and Proud Boys extremists.

The threat posed by accelerationists and militia extremists—a range of violent anti-government actors, movements, and organizations, some of which branch out of decades-old ideologies and others which are relatively new has led to violent engagement of law enforcement.

My concern is that aftermath of a historic national election, the activity of violence influencers like Boogaloo Boys or Proud Boys will increase and lead to attacks becoming more frequent.

In 2018, we saw too many instances of violent extremists searching for opportunities to sow violence and disrupt democratic processes.

Boogaloo and Proud Boys are targeting constitutionally protected activity for cooption or to provide cover for attacks.

Under the guidance that produced this report, there should not be any activity directed

at groups that are not known for violent activity or have a history of engaging in violence directed at the United States government.

Jackson Lee Amendment 182, directs the Secretary of Defense to report on the number of military bases, installations, and facilities that are named after African Americans; and directs each Secretary responsible for a branch of the military to establish a review process to consider the naming of military installations and covered defense property under the jurisdiction of that Secretary after African Americans who served in the Armed Forces with honor, heroism, and distinction and are deserving of recognition.

I thank my colleagues Representatives BENNIE THOMPSON, WILLIAM LACY CLAY, GREGORY MEEKS, A. DONALD MCEACHIN, MARC VEASEY, STANFORD BISHOP, ANDRÉ CARSON, and JAHANA HAYES for joining as cosponsors of this Amendment.

In every war waged from the Battle of Lexington to the Battle for Fallujah, African Americans have honorably answered the call to duty, and served with valor and distinction in America's armed forces.

The fact that military bases have been named after Confederate military leaders or soldiers is hard to imagine given that they were fighting to end the United States.

The Confederacy was not something that should be held up for honor by the United States or our nation's military.

There is no shortage of honorable replacement candidates to receive the honor of having a military base, installation or facility named in their honor:

UNITED STATES ARMY

1. Gen. Roscoe Robinson, Jr.

General Robinson was a 1951 graduate of West Point who attended the service academy before the Army was desegregated. Robinson served in Korea and Vietnam, with valor decorations in both conflicts, and as a training officer as part of the U.S. military support mission in Liberia. He went on to become the first black commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, deputy chief of staff for operations in U.S. Army Europe, commander of U.S. Forces Japan, the U.S. representative on the NATO Military Committee, and the first black four-star general in the Army.

2. William Harvey Carney

William Carney was the first African American recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, which he received for his actions on July 18, 1863 at Fort Wagner, SC while a member of the 54th Massachusetts Regiment in the Civil War—the state's first all-black regiment.

The 54th Massachusetts was the subject of the film, "Glory," starring Denzel Washington and Morgan Freeman.

3. Lieutenant Colonel Charity Edna Adams

Lieutenant Colonel Charity Edna Adams was appointed to lead the African American Women's Army Corps unit designated as the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, which became known as the "Six Triple Eight."

This unit was instrumental in establishing and maintaining morale because it assured that mail from the battlefield and the home-front flowed efficiently and timely.

4. Lt. Col. Margaret E. Bailey

In 1964, Margaret E. Bailey, Army Nurse Corps, was the first nurse to be promoted to lieutenant colonel.

UNITED STATES NAVY

1. Dorie Miller Messman First Class and Admiral Michelle Howard.

Dorie Miller, Messman First Class was serving in a noncombat role in the Navy, Dorie Miller responded heroically when the battleship *West Virginia* was attacked at Pearl Harbor. He was the first African American to be awarded the Navy Cross, the third highest honor awarded by the U.S. Navy at the time.

2. Admiral Michelle Howard

Admiral Michelle Howard is a four-star Admiral and one of the highest-ranking African American women ever to serve in any branch of the military. Admiral Howard is also the first African American woman to command a U.S. Navy ship, the USS *Rushmore*.

She is the Navy's second highest ranking officer and is currently serving as the commander of U.S. Naval Forces Africa, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Europe and commander of Allied Joint Force Command Naples.

THE AIR FORCE

1. Lt. Col. Shawna Rochelle-Kimbrell

In 2012, Lieutenant Colonel Kimbrell became the first female African American fighter pilot in the Air Force history. Her flights in Northern Watch marked her as the first female pilot to fly combat missions for Misawa's 35th Fighter Wing, and the first African American woman to employ ordinance in combat. She has more than 1,110 hours in the F-16, including 176 hours of combat time.

2. Colonel Ruth A. Lucas

Colonel Lucas was the first African American woman in the Air Force to be promoted to the rank of colonel. At the time of her retirement in 1970, she was the highest-ranking African American woman in the Air Force.

3. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr.

In 1959 General Benjamin O. Davis became the first African American Major General in the United States Air Force. In 1943, he organized and commanded the 332nd Fighter Group known as the Tuskegee Airmen. General Davis received many decorations during his career, including two Distinguished Service Medals and a Silver Star. On December 9, 1998, General Davis was awarded his fourth general's star by President Bill Clinton.

THE COAST GUARD

1. Alex Haley

Chief Petty Officer Haley is best known for writing letters for his shipmates and his short stories and articles, which got him promoted to Chief Journalist of the Coast Guard in 1959. Haley ultimately received a number of military honors, including the American Defense Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal and an honorary degree from the Coast Guard Academy. And most of you know him also as the author of "Roots."

2. Bobby C. Wilks

In 1957, Captain Bobby Wilks became the first African American Coast Guard aviator. He later became the first African American to reach the rank of Captain and the first to command a Coast Guard air station. He accumulated over 6,000 flight hours in 18 different types of aircrafts.

Twenty-five percent of the today's military is comprised of persons of color, of which 17.8 percent are African American.

In 2017, blacks made up 17 percent of the DOD active-duty military—somewhat higher than their share of the U.S. population ages 18 to 44 (13 percent). Blacks have consistently been represented in greater shares

among enlisted personnel (19 percent in 2015) than among the commissioned officers (9 percent).

Jackson Lee Amendment 179 implements a recommendation made by the Cyberspace Solarium Commission to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a strategy to implement Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting, and Conformance (DMARC) standard across U.S.-based email providers to increase the security of email.

I thank my Colleagues Congressmen LANDEVIN, GALLAGHER, KATKO, and JOYCE for joining this bipartisan amendment to the FY 2021 NDAA.

The security of email has grown in importance as it has become in many ways the primary way that businesses, consumers, government communicate.

Jackson Lee Amendment 183 provides authorization for a \$10 million increase in funding for increased collaboration with NIH to combat Triple Negative Breast Cancer.

As a Member of Congress, a mother, a sister and a spouse, and a breast cancer survivor, I feel a special responsibility to do all I can to ensure every American can win in the fight against all types of breast cancer, especially triple negative breast cancer (TNBC).

About 10 to 20 percent of breast cancers test negative for both hormone receptors and HER2 in the lab, which means they are triple-negative.

Studies have shown that triple-negative breast cancer is more likely to spread beyond the breast and more likely to recur (come back) after treatment.

These risks appear to be greatest in the first few years after treatment.

Jackson Lee Amendment 181 provides authorization for \$2.5 million increase in funding to combat post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

According to the NIH, an estimated 3.6 percent of U.S. adults had PTSD in the past year.

PTSD was first brought to public attention in relation to war veterans, but it can result from a variety of traumatic incidents, such as torture, being kidnapped or held captive, bombings, or natural disasters such as floods or earthquakes.

This amendment will help ensure that “no soldier is left behind” by addressing the urgent need for more outreach toward hard to reach veterans suffering from PTSD, especially those who are homeless or reside in underserved urban and rural areas of our country.

I urge my colleagues to support all of these Jackson Lee Amendments.

HONORING JACK T. CHIRPICH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jack T. Chirpich. Jack is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jack has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jack has been involved with

scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jack T. Chirpich for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING COLE COUNTY MISSOURI ON THE COMMEMORATION OF ITS BICENTENNIAL

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Cole County, Missouri, on the commemoration of its Bicentennial.

Located in the heart of Missouri, Cole County was founded in 1820 and named after the fearless pioneer Captain Stephan Cole. Starting with a small community of nearly 1,028 people, Cole County now has a population of around 80,000. This growth is combined with a rich history that outlines the story of the heartland of Missouri.

Shortly after President Monroe signed the Missouri Compromise on March 6, 1820 inducing Missouri into the Union the first Missouri Constitution was written. Alexander McNair was elected Governor, Thomas Hart Benton and David Barton were elected as U.S. Senators and the first Missouri General Assembly comprised of 14 state senators and 43 state representatives was formed. On November 16, 1820 Cole County was established and five years later Jefferson City was founded. In 1826 Jefferson City officially became the capital of Missouri and has been home to the state legislature and governor ever since.

Moving forward in history, throughout the 1840s and into the 1890s Cole County saw massive population growth lead by an influx of German immigration to America. Many came seeking religious freedom, independence and fertile land. From their many tightly bound communities began to grow and develop, many centering around their respective churches.

This year, Cole County will celebrate by placing a special commemorative monument at the trailhead of Katy trail as well as several other smaller events to commemorate this historic event. In these unprecedented times, it is important now more than ever to come together and celebrate our shared history and roots in this great nation.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Cole County on their 200th Anniversary. May their rich history continue to be the foundation for an undoubtedly bright future.

CONGRATULATING BOONE MEADOW ELEMENTARY A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

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Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an outstanding

school in my district that is being honored as a National Blue Ribbon School. It is a pleasure to congratulate Boone Meadow Elementary in Zionsville, Indiana, in celebration of this special occasion.

The National Blue Ribbon designation, given by the United States Department of Education, is awarded to both public and private schools across our great nation. Started by President Reagan and given annually since 1982, the award celebrates great American schools that achieve very high learning standards or are making significant improvements in the academic achievements of their students. In my district and across the country, the award recognizes the great educators, students, and parents who have worked very hard to ensure our children reach their full potential and achieve academic success.

For all these reasons and many more, I am very proud that Boone Meadow Elementary is receiving this prestigious designation. It is a wonderful acknowledgement of the school's commitment to providing young Hoosiers with an exceptional education. While hundreds of schools nationwide were nominated, only 367 schools were designated as 2020 National Blue Ribbon Schools. Of the 367 schools, Boone Meadow was one of only eight Indiana schools to receive recognition, making this recognition all the more impressive.

Boone Meadow is a school that is not only committed to its students, but is committed to the teachers, staff and parents of their community. They are committed to creating an environment that allows students to grow into the leaders of tomorrow. I want to personally congratulate principal Tom Hundley for leading this school to this well-deserved honor.

As an advocate for education and youth, I recognize how important it is for our nation's future to encourage and raise a new generation of Americans who have the skills and knowledge to succeed both in and out of the classroom. Students like those at Boone Meadow give me hope that we will accomplish this vital mission. Their outstanding work is an inspiration to students, educators, and parents across the nation. Once again, congratulations to Boone Meadow Elementary School. I am very proud of them.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.