

Inspired by the hope and optimism of these young people who had endured so much hardship, Kellie became a foster parent for girls who had suffered abuse and sexual assault. The experience opened her eyes further to the challenges average people face in helping survivors stay safe and flourish. She also realized how little the crimes of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation are discussed in our communities, despite how present they are—and that there wasn't a place at the time that could house survivors and help them with their healing journey. That is when Kellie decided to found Dorothy's House.

Dorothy's House was established to create a safe place in Iowa for survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation to get back on their feet and find resources, support, and the space they needed to take those next steps. They provide both residential and nonresidential programming, which for many includes substance abuse or mental health treatment.

The mission of Dorothy's House is to support the individual. Because of this, they make sure to look at someone's profile and identify specifically how they can assist. Common personal goals and needs include physical health care, mental wellbeing, medication support, legal support, job skills, and so on. After identifying what specifically works for the individual's plan, Dorothy's House then surrounds that individual with resources to address and overcome deficiencies.

Awareness is a major challenge when it comes to combating trafficking. It may be hard for people to believe, but the crime of trafficking is prevalent in Iowa. One of the main goals for Kellie and her team is to help people understand that this crime is happening, whether they are aware of it or not. It is underreported, yet it still happens right here in our towns and neighborhoods. By raising awareness of the issue and working with other advocates and law enforcement, Dorothy's House hopes to make it so difficult to transact that traffickers avoid Iowa altogether.

Kellie has made it clear she was not trying to reinvent the wheel on resources when it came to Dorothy's House. We are fortunate that Polk County and Iowa have many organizations and groups that help participants remember their goals and help them to be independent and happy. Since it was founded, however, Dorothy's House has provided a remarkable opportunity for survivors to heal and for the community to stand up against abuse. Kellie's organization has already helped many, and I have no doubt her good work will continue to make a meaningful impact on everyone Dorothy's House serves.

When Iowans identify a problem, they don't walk away from it; they take action and make a difference. Kellie felt called upon to work with struggling teens, to foster youth in need of a stable environment, and to found a unique organization dedicated to helping individuals who have endured unimaginable suffering. That sense of hope and optimism in the face of challenge runs deep in Iowans, and Kellie is no exception. She and the volunteers of Dorothy's House confront pain and challenges every day, yet they still manage to see silver linings and focus on the good—just like those they serve. I want to thank Kellie Markey and her amazing team at Dorothy's House for their compassion, complete dedication, and hard work in central Iowa, and it is my pleasure to recognize them as Iowan of the Week.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL
DALLAS RALPH HANNA

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 20, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Colonel Dallas Ralph Hanna and to thank him for his service as a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Colonel Dallas Ralph Hanna (Ret.) was born August 14, 1938 in Salem, Ohio and passed away on November 16, 2020.

In 1956, Ralph graduated from Salem High School and went on to get his undergraduate degree from Ohio Wesleyan University. He received his master's degree from Central Michigan University becoming a graduate of Air War College and starting his career in the United States military.

Following college, Ralph became a highly decorated career Fighter Pilot in the United States Air Force. He was involved in both the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Vietnam War and held two FIS command positions, retiring as a Colonel. He was stationed everywhere from Goose Bay, Labrador to Colorado Springs, Colorado to Keflavik, Iceland. Throughout his career, he flew the F-102, the F-4, the F-15, the F-106 and the T-33 but one of his favorites was the A-1 Skyraider. Ralph became part of the biggest rescue mission in the Vietnam War flying the A-1 by rescuing downed aircrews and controlling the battlefield until additional reinforcements arrived. This mission is one example of the many times Ralph put his life on the line to serve his fellow servicemen and women and the United States of America.

I had the pleasure of working with and representing Ralph in Virginia's First District, and he will be missed dearly. Mr. Hanna was a patriot of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States. Ralph is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Lou; his two daughters, Nikki and Jenny; his son-in-law, Glen; and his two granddaughters, Hanna and Marissa.

His commitment to the ideals that America stands for, his good citizenship, self-sacrifice and longevity of service are a testimony to all that is best about our country. That is evident throughout his career. Colonel Dallas Ralph Hanna (Ret.) is to be commended for his dedication and commitment to our nation's democratic principles and for the safety of our country. Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me in honoring the life of Colonel Dallas Ralph Hanna and thanking him for his years of dedicated service to the United States of America.

HONORING ARCHBISHOP ABUNE
MELKETSEDEK

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 20, 2020

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor His Eminence Archbishop Abune Melketsedek and his remarkable life committed to faith, knowledge, and compassion. With his passing at the age of 97, he leaves behind a legacy of undeniable virtue and resolve.

Born in Megenta Kusquan in the province of Gondar, Ethiopia, Archbishop Melketsedek was identified at an early age as a prodigious student of the Church. At the age of 11, he was appointed to the diaconate at Debre Tabor Mehanealem, assuming the position of deacon for all the churches he visited. With a gift for scripture and unwavering devotion, he worked his way up through the Church, eventually becoming a close friend of Emperor Haile Selassie I and a trusted member of his cabinet. In 1959, the Emperor appointed the Archbishop to Director of Religious Affairs and tasked him with shaping a new clergy based on merit and integrity. He capitalized on his role, while also using his influence to support charitable organizations that established schools in Addis Ababa and rural parts of Ethiopia.

In 1973, tragedy struck the Archbishop when the militant Derg Regime overthrew the Emperor and imprisoned and executed many of his cabinet and close associates. During the upheaval, the Archbishop was thrown in jail for over eight years. Amid this painful chapter, he remained resolute, spending his time as a counselor and spiritual guide for his fellow inmates who remember him as, "a gift from God and father of consolation." Upon his release, His Eminence could not stand to see the destruction of his country and the debasement of his Church and began actively speaking out against the Derg regime which led to his exile from Ethiopia.

The Archbishop found a new home in Berkeley, California where he continued his work as General Secretary of The Holy Synod of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahdo Church. From the United States he flew all over the world to support and unite the members of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. Archbishop Abune Melketsedek is a credit to the State of California and history will remember him as a good-hearted man with an unflinching commitment to his cause.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 20, 2020

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for a recorded vote on November 19, 2020, on Ordering the Previous Question on H. RES. 1224 and Adoption of the Rule Providing for Consideration of H.R. 8294. Had I been present, I would have voted nay on Roll Call No. 223, and nay on Roll Call No. 224.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAJOR RYAN
T. REILLY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 20, 2020

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major Ryan T. Reilly for his exemplary dedication to duty and service as an Army Congressional Fellow and Congressional Budget Liaison for the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management

and Comptroller). Major Reilly is transitioning from his present assignment to continue his service to our nation and America's Army.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Major Reilly was commissioned from West Virginia University's ROTC Program as an Adjutant General Officer. He completed his undergraduate studies at Waynesburg University earning a Bachelor of Arts degree. Major Reilly also has a Master's degree in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University.

Major Reilly has served in a broad range of assignments during his Army career. He served as the Battalion Personnel Officer (S-1) for the 3rd Battalion 27th Field Artillery Regiment (HIMARS), 18th Fires Brigade (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He then transitioned to the Brigade Personnel Strength Manager for the 18th Fires Brigade (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Upon completion of this assignment, he attended and completed the Adjutant General Captains Career Course at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. After completion of this course and completion of Airborne School, Major Reilly was assigned as Battalion Personnel Officer for the 1st Battalion 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Following this assignment, Major Reilly became the Personnel Strength Manager for the 82nd Airborne Division. Upon completion of this job, Major Reilly was selected to serve as a Basic Officer Leader Course Instructor for the Adjutant General Corps located at the United States Soldier Support Institute at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Major Reilly was then selected for the Army's Office of the Congressional Legislative Liaison's Fellowship Program.

In 2018, as an Army Congressional Fellow, I had the privilege of working with Major Reilly in my office for a year and my office, and I have worked closely with him during his subsequent assignment as a Congressional Budget Liaison for the U.S. Army.

Major Reilly worked tirelessly with Members of Congress and their staffs to accurately articulate the Army's budget positions to the Appropriations Committees. His professionalism, diligence, and commitment to the mission are unmatched, and his work both as a fellow and as a liaison enabled him to successfully represent the U.S. Army and the Department of Defense to the United States Congress.

The foundation of Ryan's military success is his family. Raised in Pittsburgh by Jim and Karen Reilly as one of two children, particular values were established early as paramount: service, sacrifice, hard work, and compassion. He is a devoted husband to his wife, Sara, and a committed father to his son, Jackson, and daughter, Amelia. Sara, Jackson, and Amelia provide the foundation for Ryan's service. Their attitude of service and care for others permeates every organization and activity they participate in; true examples of servant leaders in the Army and the communities they engage.

Throughout his career, Major Reilly has positively impacted soldiers, peers, and superiors. Our country has benefited tremendously from his extraordinary leadership, judgment, and passion. Today, I applaud Major Reilly for a job well done, and I know that my House colleagues join me in wishing Ryan and his family the very best in their future Army assignments and beyond.

Madam Speaker, it has been a genuine pleasure to have worked with Major Ryan Reilly over the last three years. On behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Ryan for his service to our country, and we wish him all the best as he continues his service in the United States Army.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 20, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Nov. 16, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 219 and YEA on Roll Call No. 220.

IN RECOGNITION OF LAUREN GAYDOS

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 20, 2020

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to give my sincere thanks to Lauren Gaydos, who recently ended her four-year tenure with my office. While it is a loss for our staff, I am grateful for her time serving the constituents of my district and wish her all the best in her next chapter.

Lauren began her Washington, D.C. career as an intern in the House of Representatives and was quickly promoted to a full-time staff position during her senior year of college at the Catholic University of America. Being a dedicated public servant, she continued her Capitol Hill career by working for the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. In 2016, she began working in my office as the communications director. Lauren has been devoted to the Second District of Kentucky since her first day, and, her commitment to serving Kentuckians will be missed.

REAFFIRMING VITAL ROLE OF UNITED STATES-JAPAN ALLIANCE

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the U.S.-Japan Congressional Caucus and a cosponsor of this resolution, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 349, "Reaffirming the vital role of the United States-Japan alliance in promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond."

First and foremost, I wish to thank my colleague, co-chair of the U.S.-Japan Congressional Caucus, and fellow Texan, Congressman CASTRO, for his leadership on this important, bipartisan piece of legislation.

For over 70 years, the partnership between the United States and Japan has played a

vital role in ensuring peace and prosperity in Asia and beyond.

At the core of this crucial relationship is a deep and shared commitment to freedom, democracy and the rule of law.

Over the years, this partnership has benefited not only our two countries but also the rest of the world.

From promoting human rights and democracy to combating the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction to improving global health to countering human trafficking as well as assisting the victims of conflict and disaster worldwide, the U.S.-Japan alliance has resulted in so much good for millions of people globally.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be a leader on this resolution and to voice not only the importance of this invaluable friendship but also draw attention to the significance of this partnership in addressing many of the world's challenges.

Furthermore, the U.S.-Japan alliance is a cornerstone of Indo-Pacific stability, and we must continue to prioritize this partnership to further our shared goals of peace and prosperity in the region.

In the past decade, U.S.-Japan defense cooperation has improved and evolved in response to security challenges, such as the North Korean missile threat and the confrontation between Japan and China over disputed islands.

I commend the Japanese leadership for deepening defense cooperation with the United States for the past two decades as part of their efforts to ensure a fair balance of power in the Indo-Pacific.

Mr. Speaker, it is imperative that the U.S. and Japan continue to collaborate and pursue our shared, positive vision for Asia that offers a better path than authoritarianism, predatory economics and geopolitical competition.

Japan's importance as a democratic and economic partner cannot be understated nor should it be ignored.

With uncertainty arising around the world, this alliance is more important than ever before, and I look forward to building on our decades-long partnership by further strengthening our ties and ensuring the safety and prosperity of both nations.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DOWNTOWN INDY, INC. FOUNDER TAMARA ZAHN

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 20, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Tamara Zahn, the founder of Indianapolis Downtown Inc. now known as Downtown Indy, Inc., an organization tasked with developing, managing and marketing downtown Indianapolis. Known as Indy's "greatest cheerleader," her loss will be felt far and wide across the city where she worked as a real estate analyst and consultant before establishing Indianapolis Downtown Inc. Her vision and enthusiasm and well-known contagious pride in the city led to national recognition for outstanding urban revitalization, development and beautification. She was an advocate for the city she loved and a valued mentor to many.