

for inmates close to re-entering society. A model that has been replicated throughout the country. Similarly, Sheriff Ashe was responsible for the nation's first Incarceration Support Systems, offering assistance to those newly freed from incarceration. And if that wasn't enough, Sheriff Ashe helped construct the Western Massachusetts Correctional Addictions Center, one of the nation's original correctional facilities dedicated to substance abuse treatment.

Throughout his career, Sheriff Ashe's tireless work has made our community a safer, more just, caring place. During his tenure, Sheriff Ashe witnessed over 4,600 inmates graduate his educational programs, earning a GED or a high school equivalent diploma. While Mike Ashe oversaw his inmates contribute over 1 million hours of community service to Hampden County communities. While heading the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Ashe was able to present his successful philosophy for community corrections to the rest of the Commonwealth, further promoting an emphasis on rehabilitation rather than punishment. A recipient of the White House "Champions of Change" Award, Sheriff Ashe has made the Commonwealth proud while illustrating through his work, that the United States is indeed a nation of second chances.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 21, 2020

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 244.

DALE SCHMITZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 21, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Dale Schmitz, WWII Veteran who served with the 115th Cavalry. Mr. Schmitz not only served his country honorably; he is a grandfather and a man of integrity that has committed to serve his community. On December 22nd, Mr. Schmitz will turn 100 years old. On this day, Adams County will proclaim, "Dale Schmitz Day", honoring his six years of service to our country and commitment to his family and community.

After his service with the 115th Cavalry in World War II, Mr. Schmitz took a job with Eaton Metals in Denver, CO, staying with the company until the 1980's. During this time, Mr. Schmitz continued his service to the community by helping the Guardian Angels Catholic School in the Berkley neighborhood with maintenance work. Mr. Schmitz was an active volunteer for Habitat for Humanity until the age of 95 and continues to give back to Veterans through organizations like the Wounded Warrior Project. At the age of 97, Mr. Schmitz flew to Washington, D.C. by himself with the, "Rocky Mountain Honor Flight Program", visiting the memorials and landmarks that were dedicated to the service of WWII Veterans.

Mr. Schmitz has been recognized by his community and has helped every neighbor through acts of service by shoveling their snow, mowing their grass, outdoor repairs, and becoming a favorite with the neighborhood dogs by providing them with hot dogs. Mr. Schmitz was called to service when his country needed him, and then continued his service to his fellow neighbors and community. I want to extend my deepest appreciation and thanks to Mr. Schmitz for his contribution and service.

IN RECOGNITION OF BENNY NAPOLEON

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 21, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the work of public servant Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon as we honor his memory.

Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, Benny Napoleon began his law enforcement career working in Detroit's police department in the 1975. He worked his way up the ranks to serve as chief of police in 1998 before retiring in 2001. Napoleon became assistant Wayne County executive in 2004. In 2009, he was appointed Sheriff of Wayne County, the role he continued to serve in until his recent death.

Benny Napoleon's tenure as Wayne County Sheriff was marked by his work to reduce inmate populations, by utilizing alternatives to incarceration and employing electronic tethering. Napoleon was well-known for his affable personality and big-heartedness. He is a true son of Detroit. His absence will be felt by the communities of Wayne County.

Please join me as we recognize Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon for his many contributions to Wayne County and the 13th Congressional District and honor his memory.

HONORING THERESA SCHUTA

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 21, 2020

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the significant contributions of Theresa "Terri" Schuta, one of my closest friends as well as a true leader within the Buffalo Public Schools and the South Buffalo community she has so diligently served, on the occasion of her retirement as Principal of South Park High School.

A proud product of the Buffalo Public Schools, Terri returned to the halls of the schools we walked together as classmates throughout the 1970's as the Principal of Southside Elementary School for seven years until her appointment as South Park High School Principal in 2009. Rising through the administrative ranks, she also gained experience as the assistant principal at Lorraine Elementary.

In the profile of Mrs. Schuta following her appointment, The Buffalo News headline got it just right when it said "Community roots anchor new principal to South Park," Calling her-

self a neighborhood kid, Terri said, "Someone needs to lead South Park who loves South Park. I think that is going to resonate with the kids."

As Principal, Mrs. Schuta has more than resonated—she initiated, innovated and when necessary, intimidated, to deliver quality educational opportunities for her students, their families, her faculty and staff. She introduced new programs into her school, fought for more resources, stood up for her students and demanded more from them as well as herself to better prepare her students to achieve and succeed.

Terri brought the same energy, enthusiasm, tenacity and work ethic I saw in her as our 1978 class president with her every day as South Park High School Principal. She led the way in building partnerships with local businesses and non-profits and now as a designated Community School, South Park students and their families benefit from enhanced learning opportunities, parent engagement and healthy living experiences. She has been a source of positive change in the city's education system as a whole and has impacted the lives of both her students and colleagues.

Terri's enormous contribution to South Park High School has not gone unnoticed. In fact, she has been recognized for fostering accountability in the high school, which resulted in a 10 percent increase in its graduation rate over the past several years. She also pioneered the Bright Lights of South Park program. This project highlights successful South Park graduates as a source of inspiration for current students. Students can then use that inspiration as motivation for their academic work and to live up to their full potential. She oversaw the well-received and extensive building renovation project, the successful 100th Anniversary Celebration including the 2016 release of "Our Fallen Warriors, Remembered," a timeline of more than 150 of our bravest during their experiences as South Park students through their loss of life in service to our country.

Amazingly, Terri has always found time for others as she is an active and passionate community volunteer. Terri was awarded the organization's Campaign Volunteer of the Year award in 2019 in recognition of outstanding commitment to the United Way. Her professional achievements and personal contributions earned her well-deserved recognition as one of 42 extraordinary women featured in the book, "Women in The City of Good Neighbors."

Her work with United Way, local charities and families in need has positively impacted and inspired so many individuals as she personifies the values of faith, friendship and service others instilled in her as a member of the Drilling Family of Lilac Street. She and her husband, Michael Schuta, a retired Buffalo Police Officer, continue that tradition of service with their daughter, Katie, who has followed in Terri's footsteps as the principal of the Buffalo Public Schools' school of culinary arts and management. Katie and husband, Jonathon Whiteside, have recently had a son, Joseph Michael Whiteside, adding proud grandmother to Terri's many titles. Their son, Michael, holds an MBA and works as a senior accountant at PCB Piezotronics in Cheektowaga, New York.

Madam Speaker, I am so proud of all Terri Schuta has accomplished, the indelible mark she has made in uplifting the lives of her

South Park High School family and the legacy she has left for others to follow in school and in the community. Her spirit, steady leadership and unwavering belief in the value of "doing your life's work where you live," is her legacy and an example for others to follow. I look forward to years of continued friendship and wish Terri much happiness and fulfillment in her retirement. I have no doubt that she will find that and more with her loving family and friends in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS TASK FORCE AND OMAR HOSSINO

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 21, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude to serve as the Chairman of the Republican Study Committee's National Security and Foreign Affairs Task Force this Congress. In June, the Task Force issued its National Security Strategy report after convening a number of meetings with top policy experts and engaging in complex discussions on the foreign policy challenges we face. The RSC's National Security Strategy spans over 120 pages and includes over 100 detailed policy recommendations on tackling the Chinese Communist Party, Russia, Iran, and the Salafijihadi movement, and for standing up for democracy and human rights. The report boldly stood up for a foreign policy of American leadership through the principle of peace through strength. It was also noticed and condemned by adversaries such as the Chinese Communist Party, the Kremlin, and the Chief of Staff of the President of the Iranian regime. In only a few months a number of the report's ideas have already been implemented by the Trump Administration, or have been introduced as legislation. For example just last week Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced that the United Front Work Department of the Chinese Communist Party would be sanctioned, something first proposed by the RSC Task Force report. This month also, RSC members introduced six bills taking on China for its IP theft, Rep. JACK BERGMAN introduced a bill to audit U.S. contributions to the United Nations, and I was grateful to introduce the Badr Organization Designation Act, and the Stop the Killing in Syria Act, both based upon the National Security Strategy report.

I am grateful for the leadership of my colleagues on the Task Force including RSC Chairman Rep. MIKE JOHNSON, Rep. ROB WHITMAN, Rep. DON BACON, Rep. ANN WAGNER, Rep. DAN CRENSHAW, Rep. RALPH NORMAN, Rep. BRYAN STEIL, Rep. ALEX MOONEY, Rep. JACK BERGMAN, Rep. NEAL DUNN, Rep. CLAY HIGGINS, and Rep. MICHAEL WALTZ.

I appreciate the hard work of Omar Hossino of the RSC staff in managing the Task Force's meetings, developing policy recommendations, and writing the report. I am grateful for Omar Hossino's dedication and service to the Task Force. Omar Hossino has been a key advisor and invaluable asset on foreign policy issues

not only to members of the Task Force but also to the broader RSC. His vast knowledge of the intricacies of both complex foreign policy issues as well as the intricacies of legislation, especially economic sanctions has been invaluable to me and Task Force members. Omar Hossino's passion and tireless work ethic has also been a driving force behind turning the report into legislative initiatives. Finally, I would like to recognize my Legislative Director Oren Adaki of my staff for his deep dedication and important contributions to this project as well.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 21, 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 247—H.J. Res. 107, Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 YAY.

HONORING JUDITH PAXTON

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 21, 2020

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks in honor of Judith Junkin Brown Paxton of Salem, Virginia, who passed away on December 7, 2020 at the age of 90. She was a pillar of the Salem community who served her fellow citizens as a volunteer and good neighbor.

Judy Brown was born on September 9, 1930 in Roanoke, Virginia, to Elijah Brazelton Brown and Martha Judith Junkin Brown. She graduated from Andrew Lewis High School in 1948.

Her family, church, and community were the objects of her activity and energy. As a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, she sang in the choir for 70 years, directed the children's choir, served on the Vestry, read to the children at St. Anne's Day School, and performed numerous other services for the congregation. She also volunteered at the office for the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Virginia. Her compassion and faith inspired her work as a coordinator for the St. Paul's volunteers who serve lunches for the Roanoke Area Ministries.

As her friends and neighbors, the people of Salem enjoyed Judy's goodwill and hospitality. She cooked chili for the crews of the Street Department as they cleared snow, organized decorating of lampposts for Christmas, and put up flags for Independence Day. From progressive dinners to bridge games, the activities of Salem were brightened by Judy's friendliness and generosity.

Judy was married to the late William Joseph Paxton Jr., who served as Salem's City Manager. She is survived by sons W. David Paxton and his wife Vicki of Roanoke, Joseph Paxton and his wife Annette of Broadway, Virginia, and James Paxton and his wife Hilda of Salem; daughter Martha Paxton Nowlin and

her husband Melvin of Big Island, Virginia; brother William O'Brien and his wife Ellie of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina; and sister-in-law June Newman Paxton of Roanoke. She is also survived by ten grandchildren and their spouses Corey (Danielle) Paxton, Traci (Matt) Rowe, Jessica (Scott) Mackaro, Katie (Marc) Palmieri, Jennifer Paxton, Sara (Greg) Hall, William (Brittany) Paxton, Theresa (Michael) Peregoff, Kimberly (Lacy) Burnette, and Robert (Courtney) Paxton, as well as ten great-grandchildren, Hannah, Shiloah, Norah, Paige Judith, Tyler, Victoria, Evelyn, Ava, Anna Grace, and Joey.

HONORING CHEN LOK LEE

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 21, 2020

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an influential and dedicated man, Chen Lok Lee. Mr. Lee was a devoted educator and prominent printmaker and painter based in Philadelphia, PA. For over twenty years, he was a Professor of Printmaking, Silkscreen and Lithography at Moore College of Art and Design in Philadelphia, which is the first and only visual arts college for women in the United States. Additionally, he taught Chinese calligraphy and painting classes to the community through the Community College of Philadelphia and other private venues.

Mr. Lee was a political refugee from China who escaped narrowly with his life from communist forces in 1950 and was forced to leave his family behind. When his life was in jeopardy, his family helped him escape, and he swam towards Hong Kong and was rescued by a boat and eventually taken to the shores of Hong Kong. He stayed in Hong Kong for eight years, studying at the prestigious Hong Kong University, and then went on to enter the United States as a political refugee in 1959. He settled in New York City's Chinatown and worked his way through the Chinese restaurant business to support himself as a burgeoning artist and to learn enough English to establish footing in his new country. He also began to study under some very prominent and contemporary artists. While at the Arts Students' League in New York, he worked with George Grosz, Stephen Greene and Robert Hale, along with New York painter Hans Hoffman.

From 1967 to 1970 Chen Lok Lee studied abroad at the Rome Academy in Italy and earned an MFA at the Tyler School of Fine Arts as a printmaker, painter and lithography under Romas Viesulas and Richard Callner. In 1973, he was awarded a prestigious fellowship from the Ford Foundation to study at Tamarind Lithographies in New Mexico. He was recognized at an international exhibition in Hong Kong, as invited by Her Majesty's Service in 1982. In his new adopted hometown of Philadelphia, he was selected to participate in the Mayor's Commission for Cultural Exchange between Philadelphia and sister city Tianjin, China, from 1986 to 1987.

Mr. Lee was a loyal and dedicated husband to Linda, whom he met while studying in Rome. Linda, also an artist and educator, brought Chen home to her family in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and then married him