

IN RECOGNITION OF GABRIELLA
MAYREND FOR ACHIEVING THE
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gabriella Mayrend of Ypsilanti for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. A freshman at Huron High School in Ann Arbor, Miss Mayrend of Troop 439G, is the first female Eagle Scout from the Huron Trails District based in Washtenaw County and is a member of the inaugural female Eagle Scout class.

Miss Mayrend was inspired to join Scouts BSA because of her love of adventure and the outdoors. Since then she has earned an impressive forty-one merit badges while serving as a leader in her all-female troop. Since 1910, Scouts BSA has taught members the fundamentals of becoming a responsible citizen who makes moral and ethical choices in their lives. Eagle Scouts are leaders in every sense of the word, and Gabriella is no different. Miss Mayrend is the newest Eagle Scout in her family and is upholding the legacy that began with her great-grandfather.

Her project, entitled Faholo Fire was completed at Camp Faholo in Grass Lake, a local camp that requested her assistance in rebuilding their four firepits. She repaired the decaying firepits and constructed twenty new benches and handcrafted four new firewood storage boxes. Additionally, she cleaned and repainted the camp's existing benches and upgraded them to a new set of swinging benches.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Gabriella Mayrend for becoming the first female in the Huron Trails District to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. We are grateful for her service and dedication to the Washtenaw County community.

THANKING THE SHERRARD HIGH
SCHOOL FFA FOR DONATING
PRODUCE TO LOCAL FOOD PAN-
TRIES

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank the Sherrard High School FFA for donating over 2,766 pounds of homegrown produce to local food pantries in Sherrard and Milan, Illinois.

The Sherrard FFA manages a garden used to grow produce for local food pantries to help those with food insecurity. Students drive the produce to local food banks to donate to those in need. The COVID-19 pandemic has created heightened food insecurity in our communities and around the country. The Sherrard FFA provides a much-needed service to the local community. I commend the efforts of the Sherrard FFA, and I am proud of the selfless work they are doing to feed the hungry.

It is because of community leaders such as the Sherrard FFA that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District.

Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally thank the Sherrard FFA for donating freshly grown produce to local food pantries, helping to alleviate the insecurities families in our district face today.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF ST. JAMES WINERY

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2021

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Hofherr family on the 50th anniversary of St. James Winery. Since James and Patricia Hofherr first opened their business in 1970, St. James Winery has rejuvenated the local Italian wine culture in the St. James area. The Hofherr's chose this area because of its deep heritage of grape growing and winemaking. This tradition dates to 1898 when local Italian immigrants established the first vineyards in the region. With such productive Missouri soil and favorable weather patterns for grape growing, this Mid-Missouri location was nothing shy of an excellent choice to begin St. James Winery.

In the first year, the winery produced 3,000 cases of wine, and 50 years later, it produces nearly 250,000 cases each year. St. James Winery now has five vineyards, totaling 185 acres, and the winery sees almost 125,000 visitors annually. Located along Old Route 66, St. James Winery brings tourists from all over the world to Mid-Missouri. The winery is also one of the most awarded wineries in the entire United States.

Today, St. James Winery is being operated by the second generation of the Hofherr family and will see the third generation joining in the summer of 2021. For 50 years of excellent service to people across this nation, as well as across the world, it is my honor to congratulate St. James Winery.

RECOGNIZING AND THANKING THE
VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2021

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank the Virginia National Guard for their outstanding work during and after the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. These men and women honored the call of our country, forsaking precious time with their families, to serve and maintain our democracy.

Virginia's National Guard provided a sorely needed response on January 6, with the Quick Reaction Force out of Manassas arriving within 12 hours of receiving D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser's request for assistance. In the following days, thousands of citizen-soldiers from across our great Commonwealth deployed to defend our nation's capital. These individuals made tremendous sacrifices to uproot their lives in the defense of democracy; within a matter of days, and in some cases even hours, members of the Virginia National Guard took leave from their regular jobs and de-

ployed to Washington, D.C. without knowing when they would return home. I am especially proud of the men and women from across the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia who served, including BTroop, 2nd Squadron—183 Calvary Regiment from Suffolk, VA, 1710th Transportation Company from Emporia, VA, and 276th Engineer Battalion from Petersburg, VA.

These brave individuals remained dedicated to the mission for weeks at a time, despite the U.S. Capitol not offering the level of hospitality our heroes deserve. While in the city, they persevered while sleeping on cold floors, being shunted disrespectfully into parking garages, and lacking access to quality food. When I had the opportunity to meet with our Virginia National Guard while attending the inauguration, I was struck by how they maintained their cheerful spirit despite these challenging and weighty responsibilities. This is a testament to their true character as Virginians, who are called to service regardless of the conditions and the mission given to them. The Virginia National Guard provided crucial support for the preservation of our democracy. Due to the sacrifices of thousands of our Commonwealth's brave soldiers and airmen, in coordination with other State National Guard units from across our nation, we were able to inaugurate President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and Vice President Kamala D. Harris on the same hallowed grounds where a violent mob sought to overturn the certification of our national election just two weeks prior.

Time and again, "The Commonwealths Guardians" have served Virginia and the United States of America and will continue to do so when called upon. The actions of our Commonwealth's brave citizen-soldiers demonstrate the indomitable fortitude of the Virginia National Guard.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and honoring the brave members of the Virginia National Guard who answered the call to service in defense of our nation's capital to ensure the preservation of our cherished democracy.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA PAROLE AND SU-
PERVISED RELEASE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the District of Columbia Parole and Supervised Release Act. This bill would give the District of Columbia the authority to make parole and supervised release determinations for D.C. Code offenders beginning on November 1, 2022.

Currently, the U.S. Parole Commission (Commission) makes these determinations for D.C. Code offenders. This bill would give D.C. the same authority over parole and supervised release determinations for D.C. Code offenders that the Commission has today. The District has asked to have this authority for its own local offenders. D.C. would have the same authority the states possess over their own local offenders on these matters, including the authority to devise an adjudication system as it sees fit.

The National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 transferred the functions of the D.C. Parole Board to the Commission. By transferring the Commission's work on D.C. Code offenders back to the District, the federal government would save money with enactment of this bill.

I ask my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE TERRONEZ

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Joe Terronez the first Mexican-American Mayor in the State of Illinois and long-time Silvis City Council Member.

Joe was born February 15, 1929 in a boxcar in the Silvis yards, the son of Benito and Felisa Anguiano Terronez. He married Rebecca Herrera on November 6, 1948, and together they had 8 children. As a devout Catholic and lifelong member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Joe was always a strong member of the community. Joe attended Silvis public schools and proudly graduated from United Township High School in 1947. He was employed by International Harvester Company in East Moline as a repairman and retired in 1984 after 33 years. Throughout his lifetime he was a member of several religious, labor, political, and civic organizations and was most proud to work with veterans. He was an Honorary member of the Mexican American Veterans Association (MAVA) and Hero Street Memorial Committee. He was also a proud union member and loyal to the Democratic Party. His love of family, faith, and community were most important through his life. He served the City of Silvis and his community for 30 years—26 years as First Ward Alderman and four years as Mayor. Joe was honored to be the first elected Hispanic Mayor in the State of Illinois. He worked tirelessly in the re-naming of 2nd Street in Silvis, Illinois to "Hero Street, USA" and establishing "Hero Street Memorial Park", a living memorial to the eight Mexican Americans from Hero Street and all the heroes from Silvis. I thank him for his life of service to his community and honor his legacy.

It is because of leaders such as Joe Terronez that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize and honor the life of former Silvis Mayor, Joe Terronez.

IN MEMORY OF JOYCE C. HEARN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, South Carolina cherishes the service of Joyce C. Hearn who was devoted to the citizens of South Carolina. She served as the Campaign Manager for the late Chairman Congressman Floyd Spence and was crucial in building the new Republican Party with no

elected Republicans, which in 2020 established the largest Republican majorities at all levels of government in 140 years.

JOYCE C. HEARN

[Jan. 20, 2021]

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA.—A family only graveside service for Joyce C. Hearn will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 31, 2021, at Elmwood Cemetery. There will also be a livestream of the service on Dunbar Funeral Home—Devine's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/DunbarDevine.

The Honorable Joyce C. Hearn died Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Born in Cedartown, Georgia, she was the daughter of the late J.C. Camp and Carolyn Carter Camp. At age 16, she enrolled at West Georgia College, where she met her future husband, Thomas H. Hearn. She transferred to the University of Georgia and graduated with a Bachelors in Education from Ohio State University. After graduation, they moved to Columbia, South Carolina, where she taught at Eau Claire High School.

She was most proud of her service to the people of South Carolina. She entered public life working with the 1970 Census, rising through the ranks to become both North and South Carolina's Director of the U.S. Census. She was active in the S. C. Republican Party until her retirement in 2015, working tirelessly to elect Republicans. She championed every Republican presidential candidate from Barry Goldwater to George W. Bush.

She was involved in every aspect of elective life. She began as a party volunteer in Richland County; by 1972, she was Chair of the Richland County Republican Party. From there she went into elective office, representing District 76 in the South Carolina Legislature from 1975 to 1990. In her first race, she was described by The State newspaper as a "housewife" who was just running as a placeholder until a real candidate could be found. But she was never a placeholder. In subsequent elections, The State described her victories as "landslides" or once, when she had a 40% lead over a local attorney, an "earthquake."

For years, Representative Hearn was the only woman in the S. C. Legislature, but she was always a force that could not be overlooked. Well respected by her peers, she was named assistant minority leader from 1976 to 1978 and 1987–1989. From that position she worked tirelessly to protect the rights of crime victims. Her work to expand the prosecution of rape to include degrees of criminal sexual assault has changed the way the South Carolina public views rape, giving hope to all victims of domestic violence.

In 1990, Gov. Carroll Campbell appointed Representative Hearn to be Chairman of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission. Afterwards, at a time when many of her colleagues were retiring, she began a second career in public relations with her own company Hearn & Associates, until her final retirement in 2014.

She was a woman of many interests. She was a founder of the National Order of Women Legislators, which to this day provides a national forum for women's networking across all state legislatures. In 1979, Gov. Edwards awarded her the Order of the Palmetto for her many contributions to South Carolina. She was active in many diverse organizations, such as the Boards of the Columbia Urban League, the Federation of the Blind, Columbia College, and many others.

She also served on the board of the Columbia Museum. Many associations named her Legislator of the Year; the Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, the S.C. Association of Disabled Citizens, and the S.C. Committee on Sexual Assault, to name a few. She re-

ceived the 1985 Mothers Against Drunk Driving Distinguished Service Award for her work regarding Open Containers and raising the drinking age to 21. Representative Hearn served as chairman of the National Advisory Commission on Occupational Safety and Health.

First and foremost, she loved her family; she was a devoted mother and grandmother, always there in time of need. She also loved golfing at Frapp Island (she was an avid fan of Tiger Woods) and playing Bridge with her friends. She was a jokester and highly competitive, making every game fun for all. She was a winner at everything she did.

Representative Hearn was a member of Kathwood Baptist Church and a Sunday school regular.

Surviving are her daughters, Terri Hearn Bailey (Joseph Stan), Kimberly H. Johnson of Columbia, and C. Lee Hearn Becker (Karl) of Manassas, VA. She has six grandchildren, Carter Reston Potts, Joyce Carolyn "Josie" Bailey (Sudesh Kalyanswamy), Ruth Elisabeth "Lisa" Bailey, and Sarah Hearn Bailey, as well as Jason Thomas Becker and Daniel Gustav Becker. She was so looking forward to Sarah's upcoming marriage to Christopher Michael Siercks on February 13. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Thomas Harry Hearn.

Memorials may be made to Kathwood Baptist Church, 4900 Trenholm Rd., Columbia, SC 29206. Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street Chapel, is assisting the family. Memorials may be shared at www.dunbarfunerals.com.

VETERAN OF THE MONTH—TERRY HILL

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2021

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the First District of Oklahoma's January Veteran of the Month, Terry Hill.

A Medical Evacuation Pilot in the United States Army, Terry Hill honorably served our nation for thirteen years. Upon returning home from service, Terry started Rapid Application Group, an Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing Company centered around Additive Manufacturing Technology.

During his service in the United States Army, Hill was involved with several life saving missions and led his fellow soldiers diligently. He is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, Order of Saint Michael, and he is a recipient of the General McArthur Award for Leadership Representative. In addition, his company is a two-time recipient of the AAAA Aviation Maintenance Company of the Year award. Through his service, he demonstrated the highest levels of integrity, moral character, and servant leadership.

In addition to starting Rapid Application Group, Hill founded the RAG Friday Foundation, a non-profit organization that offers veterans support and job training to help the transition into civilian life. He answered the call to defend freedom across the globe and sacrificed whatever was necessary in the name of that noble cause. It is my honor to recognize Terry Hill as the 1st Congressional District of Oklahoma's January Veteran of the Month.