

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR SERGEANT THEODORE ACHESON

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Theodore Acheson, U.S. Army for his service to both the Army and to causes greater than himself. Throughout his life, he has fought for freedom and worked tirelessly to improve the lives of others.

As a photographer with the mission to provide unvarnished images of combat, SGT Acheson served in a unique capacity in the Vietnam War, neighboring Thailand, and Korea. Often exposed to enemy fire, he captured gripping images of our nation's heroes. His work, often featured in news broadcasts and publications, combined the skill of a photo-journalist committed to capturing life in the moment with the eye of an artist.

Following the end of his military service, SGT Acheson moved to Georgetown, TX where he continued contributing his considerable talents and energies to improving the lives of others through his membership and service in numerous charitable organizations supporting young leaders, education, and veterans. A Purple Heart recipient himself, SGT Acheson was instrumental in having Georgetown designated as the First Purple Heart City in Texas. Thanks to his tireless efforts, Georgetown has made it easier for veterans to get the health services they have earned and reminds our heroes that they are not alone nor forgotten. SGT Acheson's commitment to stand by and support our nation's veterans and their families exemplifies the very best of Texas values.

I commend SGT Theodore Acheson's incredible service to the Army, his nation, and his community. His patriotism, citizenship, and devotion to others makes him a worthy recipient of a Congressional Veterans Commendation.

HONORING DR. JERRY K. DOMATOB

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Writer's Guild Founder, Dr. Jerry K. Domatob.

Dr. Jerry Komia Domatob is Professor of Mass Communication at Alcorn State University, in Lorman, Mississippi. An author, photographer, and poet, Domatob earned his Ph.D. in Mass Communication from Ohio University, in Athens, Ohio. He holds two master's degrees in international Affairs and Jour-

nalism from Carleton University, in Ottawa, Canada. Dr. Domatob also studied law and Journalism at the University of Yaoundé. He has taught in several universities including the University of Northern Iowa, Fordham University, New York and Rutgers University, New Brunswick, Jackson State University, Suffolk County Community College and Brentwood Community College. With broad expertise in media education, Dr. Domatob brings varied pedagogical experiences in communication and related fields.

Dr. Domatob is also known as one of the founders of the Claiborne County Writer's Guild, a small but passionate group of writers who actively promote the literacy arts in the community. This group is known for encouraging students with scholarships to critiquing each other's work, to just good fellowship and enlightenment. They are all about inspiring new talent to grow and new works to come forth.

Dr. Domatob is also known for his impact and influence in the community. He is known to be a creative, soft spoken, a humble man who stimulates positivity and influential thought patterns. He currently serves as the Vice President for the Harriette Person Memorial Library Friends of the Library.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a community leader and founder, Dr. Jerry Komia Domatob for his dedication and tenacity to serving his community and desire to be an example for all.

BIDEN CRAZY ENERGY AGENDA

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, it was extraordinary that House Republican STEVE SCALISE (R-LA) joined Fox News Channel's Sunday Night in America with Trey Gowdy to discuss how the Democrats' far-left energy policies are hurting families and workers. Whip SCALISE pointed out that the Biden Administration's out-of-control spending and radical climate agenda has raised the price of gas, electricity, and groceries for middle class families. In addition, Whip SCALISE called out President Biden for canceling the Keystone pipeline and begging OPEC and Russia to increase oil production instead of finding ways to promote American energy independence and create jobs in the United States.

Whip SCALISE accurately evaluated that "ultimately, it's the Biden Administration that's created so many of these supply chain problems starting with the lack of affordable American energy. It's one of the reasons people are paying 40 percent more for gasoline at the pump. It's one of the reasons that prices at the grocery store are dramatically higher. It's because of the policies where they said that they're not against all energy, they're just against American energy."

He reviewed correctly history, "You know, when President Biden walked in the door, we were energy independent. We run not only making enough for America's needs. We were exporting to our friends around the world. And so countries that are allies of America could get their energy from us. That's changing. Now, they've got to get it from enemies like Russia. Any by the way, Trey, it's the low-income families that pay the biggest price for the [spike in] inflation that we're seeing right now."

Whip SCALISE concluded, You know, it's this kind of elitist Washington attitude that [says], "Don't worry. You've got a great career making over \$100,000 a year producing American energy in South Louisiana. But, you can go and install solar panels. Which, by the way, you're probably going to be making 40 percent less." And go look at what they did with Solyndra. A lot of those solar panels are made in China. When the [Obama] Administration—back when he was Vice President—gave \$500 million of taxpayer money to Solyndra, the company went bankrupt in just a few months and the taxpayers lost all that money. In this package of bills, they have over \$100 billion dollars in Solyndra-style slush funds to give out money to their friends while crushing the jobs of those hard-working families in South Louisiana.

Our country is fortunate to have Trey Gowdy hosting Sunday Night. Former Congressman Gowdy has an extraordinary prosecutorial ability which he perfected serving as a Solicitor (District Attorney) in South Carolina. His talent for extracting the truth from witnesses in plain English is invaluable in our current era of doublespeak.

COST ESTIMATE FOR H.R. 4094, THE ONE-STOP PILOT PROGRAM ACT OF 2021

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office for H.R. 4094, the One-Stop Pilot Program Act of 2021. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the Committee report filing.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, October 12, 2021.

Hon. BENNIE G. THOMPSON,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 4094, the One-Stop Pilot Program Act of 2021.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Aaron Krupkin.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

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Enclosure.

H.R. 4094, ONE-STOP PILOT PROGRAM ACT OF 2021 AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

	By fiscal year, millions of dollars—		
	2022	2022– 2026	2022– 2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (–) in the			
Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation			
(Outlays)	*	1	**

* = between zero and \$500,000.

** = not estimated.

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? No.

Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032? No.

Mandate Effects:

Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.

Contains private-sector mandate? No.

Under current law, international air passengers arriving in the United States who have subsequent transfer flights generally must be screened at an airport security checkpoint before boarding the transfer flight. H.R. 4094 would authorize the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), in coordination with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, to conduct a pilot program that would allow passengers and baggage arriving from certain foreign airports to bypass that security screening, under conditions specified in the act. TSA could conduct the pilot program under agreements with up to six foreign airports and the program would terminate six years after enactment. H.R. 4094 would require TSA to brief the Congress before each agreement takes effect and report within five years of enactment on how the program was implemented.

Using information from TSA on the cost of similar programs, CBO estimates that implementing the act would cost \$1 million over the 2022–2026 period; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Aaron Krupkin. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN E. BYRNE, JR.

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I'm honored to present Lieutenant Colonel John E. Byrne, Jr., U.S. Army, Retired with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. It is a privilege to salute an exemplary soldier and citizen for his lifetime of service.

In his nearly three decades of military service, LTC Byrne served across the globe, including overseas during the Vietnam War. Throughout his years of duty, he deservedly received numerous military honors. Among these are the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Vi-

etnamese Armed Forces Honor Medal. His fearless support of our country's interests serves as a clear testament to his dedication to our great nation and to his commitment to serving others regardless of their nationality or origins.

LTC Byrne closed out 27 years of military service in 1996. Since then, he has become an avid volunteer. He has exemplified great altruism in lifting up his community, from donating more than 100 units of blood, to serving as a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, to donating a kidney to a friend. He also remains active within St. John Vianney Catholic Church and selflessly spent eight years on its Finance Committee. One of his most admirable acts of service is his role as a Victim Service Advocate where he provides comfort to victims of tragedy and death. As he did during his military service, he has worked tirelessly to put others first.

I commend LTC Byrne's selfless service to his community and nation. His patriotism, citizenship, and commitment to excellence are among of his many commendable qualities that make him so deserving of this award. I join his friends and family in celebrating his outstanding achievements, and I thank him for his service.

HONORING TRINITY MCGLOSTER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and ambitious young lady, Ms. Trinity McGloster. Trinity has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve.

Trinity McGloster, a Vicksburg High School Student, who made her debut as the kicker for the Gator football team Friday (September 10, 2021) night against Canton in the team's first district game.

It's not everyday that a young lady decides to play the game of football, but the freshman soccer athlete is prepared to show that she has what it takes to shine against anyone.

"I've been playing soccer since I was four, so my coaches, parents, and teammates have been preparing for this moment and I thought it would be a great opportunity for me to try something new," McGloster said.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Trinity McGloster for her passion and desire to be a trailblazer.

HONORING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CUTLER-PLOTKIN JEWISH HERITAGE CENTER

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a significant milestone that will be reached in my district on Saturday, Oc-

tober 30: the 100th anniversary of the construction of the Cutler-Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center. It was the first synagogue built in the city of Phoenix and this historic place has deeply enriched our community for a century.

In the spring of 1920, a group of 32 residents joined together to form Phoenix's first Jewish congregation, Congregation Beth Israel. The next year, on October 30, 1921, they broke ground and began to lay the cornerstone for a place of worship, Temple Beth Israel.

Madam Speaker, the early days for this congregation were not easy, particularly when you consider they had no air conditioning during the sweltering heat of an Arizona summer. But these individuals were united by their deep-rooted faith and unwavering commitment to the values of Judaism.

Temple Beth Israel was a place of worship, but it was also a place where members of our community came together to celebrate culture, faith and education. It hosted meetings with members of the B'nai B'rith and the National Council of Jewish Women, and frequently held Passover Seders and special dances.

In 1949, Congregation Beth Israel sold the property to the Southern Baptist Convention and the building became home to Phoenix's first Chinese-speaking Christian Church. In 1981, the property was sold again, this time to a Spanish-speaking Baptist Church. It remained under their care until purchased by the Jewish Historical Society in 2002, upon which time it was bestowed its present-day name: the Cutler-Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center.

Today, the building serves as an important religious and cultural archive, housing more than 50,000 artifacts of Jewish history in Arizona and the Southwest United States. It also continues to host forums and educational events, and remains a regional nexus of the Jewish faith.

I am proud to recognize the Cutler-Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center's extraordinary accomplishment and ask that my colleagues join me in expressing deep gratitude to the many individuals who have called this building home, including the late Rabbi Albert Plotkin and the Arizona Jewish Historical Society's Executive Director Lawrence Bell, Treasurer Lawrence Cutler, and Founder Jerry Lewkowicz. Mr. Lewkowicz's parents were original leaders of Congregation Beth Israel and fifth generation family members will be celebrating at this year's centennial.

The leadership of these individuals and so many others will ensure the Cutler-Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center remains a positive influence in our community for years to come. Collectively, they helped make Phoenix the culturally rich and diverse place that it is today. Best wishes for the next 100 years.

REMEMBERING THE HONORABLE JOHN C. GARGIULO

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, today, I honor the life and legacy of The Honorable John C. Gargiulo, United States Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

He passed away on October 3rd of this year at the age of 54. Judge Gargiulo was the youngest of six children, and was raised on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Judge Gargiulo was a decorated veteran who served in the Active Duty Army, the Mississippi Army National Guard, and the Mississippi Air National Guard. He deployed in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. After serving twenty-seven years as a commissioned officer, Judge Gargiulo retired holding the rank of Colonel.

After serving on Active Duty, Judge Gargiulo received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi School of Law.

In 2000, he was appointed as an Assistant District Attorney. He served as counsel in over fifty jury trials including three capital-offense prosecutions. He prosecuted two of America's Most Wanted criminals, resulting in guilty verdicts. He was awarded the Community Service Award by the Gulf Coast Crime Victim's Rights Coalition in 2005.

In 2009, the Governor of the State of Mississippi appointed Judge Gargiulo as Circuit Court Judge. In August of 2014, after a rigorous screening of candidates by a merit selection panel comprised of lawyers and other citizens, Judge Gargiulo was appointed by the District Court to serve as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi. He served on the bench for more than seven years, before his untimely passing.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Mississippi, we honor the memory of Judge Gargiulo—a loving father, brother, son, patriot, and dedicated public servant. I send my heartfelt condolences to his friends, his three children (Andrew, Jordan, and Katherine), his fiancée (Stephanie Ingram), and his brothers and sister.

HONORING RETIRED COL. VICTOR
"VIC" FERNANDEZ

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend, patriot, and man of great faith, Retired Col. Victor "Vic" Fernandez. A 30-year Army veteran, Vic served his country valiantly and led the effort to establish the Pikes Peak National Cemetery in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

A Colorado native, Vic grew up in Trinidad with a longstanding family tradition of military service. His great grandfather fought in the Civil War, his father in World War II, and his uncle was captured at the battle of Corregidor in World War II and later survived the Bataan Death March. Vic followed this tradition of service to his country and graduated from West Point in 1959 with a degree in mechanical engineering. Vic's 30-year career included two Panama tours, two Germany tours, and multiple stateside postings in addition to his time in the Vietnam War.

Vic served two tours in Vietnam, and upon his return, was disheartened at the poor reception he and other soldiers received. Because of this experience, Vic dedicated his retirement to ensuring that soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan did not share the same experience. He and his wife Sherry, spent

many late nights at airports and military bases, often waiting until 2 a.m., to greet returning troops with a warm handshake, a cheeseburger with fries, a welcoming smile, and prayer.

Additionally, Vic served as president of the Pikes Peak Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. He was also a founding member of the Board of Home Front Cares and the Southeast Family Center and Armed Services YMCA.

In 1999, Vic became the chairman of the Pikes Peak Veterans Cemetery Committee. He advocated for a National Veterans Cemetery in the Pikes Peak region. Vic wanted a place that would serve the veterans of Southern Colorado for generations to follow. In 2006, he, and the other founding members of the cemetery board, Ralph McCutchen and Joe Henjum approached me with their vision. On my second day in office in January 2007, I introduced H.R. 295, which directed the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Pikes Peak region.

In May of 2008, I conducted a field hearing in Colorado Springs to address The National Cemetery Administration's longstanding 75-mile rule. A typical spring day in Colorado, VA Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs William F. Tuerk and other distinguished guests traveling to the hearing were greeted with sunny weather in Denver upon arrival. By the time they drove through Castle Rock, snowflakes were falling. The field hearing started over an hour late, because of poor road conditions, due to a white-out blizzard on Monument Hill. Vic and everyone involved in the hearing could only attribute the storm to divine intervention.

During the hearing, Vic offered passionate testimony and argued that 'these geographic and weather pattern hindrances make the Veterans Administration internal 75-mile rule a useless tool in the state of Colorado. The combination of the geography, weather patterns and a foolish regulation serves only to assure that the Veterans and their families in the Pikes Peak Region and southern Colorado are not properly nor fairly served by Fort Logan.'

Because of providential weather conditions and the testimony of Vic, and others, Under Secretary Tuerk decided it was appropriate to break the VA's longstanding, 75-mile rule and establish a national cemetery in Southern Colorado.

Years later, after legislation for the cemetery was signed into law, Vic told a reporter, 'I think God is keeping me alive so I can be buried there.' Vic had dedicated over 20 years passionately advocating for this national monument. In 2018, the Pikes Peak National Cemetery opened, with the capacity for 197,000 veterans to be interred. Because of his vision, the Pikes Peak National Cemetery will serve as a permanent monument and final resting place for generations of our nation's heroes.

In addition to his deep-rooted patriotism, Vic was a man of dedicated spiritual conviction. A longtime parishioner at St. Francis of Assisi in Colorado Springs, he served as a Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic men's chapter that he helped to establish.

Vic was a giant amongst men and lived his life tenaciously in service to his Creator, his nation, his family, and his community. His life-

time of service has left a permanent impact on the Pikes Peak region.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in Congress join me in honoring this man of great faith, passion, and patriotism, my friend, U.S. Army Retired Col. Victor "Vic" Fernandez.

HONORING DONALD BAKER

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Clintwood, Virginia's mayor, Donald Baker, who died on October 7, 2021, at the age of 83. Mr. Baker was a dedicated and longtime public servant.

Mr. Baker served the town of Clintwood for over three decades. He was first elected to the town's council in 1980 and served as the mayor since 1988. He was spoken very highly of by his colleagues for his enduring generosity to the community. He was a great representative for the citizens of Clintwood. He was attentive to the community's concerns and addressed them with compassion and integrity.

During his time in service, he worked diligently to build coalitions to obtain grants and funding for community improvement projects. He was well known for governing by conservative financial values. During his 41 years of service, he kept the provision of affordable goods and services as a top priority for him. He was esteemed by colleagues on both sides of the aisle. Mr. Baker was known as a friend to many and held a strong voice in the region.

Outside of his work in the public service, he worked and operated in the coal industry for many years. He also served as a Bank Director at several banks in the region up until his retirement. And he was a member of the Army Reserve Forces serving at rank of Sergeant.

Even in his free time, Mr. Baker still dedicated his time to helping others. For over 60 years he volunteered at every level of Little League baseball and softball. He tirelessly worked with school leaders and coaches to support Clintwood athletics and their children.

Mayor Baker was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Ann Anderson; his parents, James Garfield Baker and Nell Arrington Baker; and his brothers, Harold Baker, Carl Baker, and Marvin Baker.

He is survived by his two sons, Greg Baker and his wife Lora, and Mike Baker; his granddaughter, Emily Ann Baker Dressner; grandson Thomas Gregory Baker; and one great-grandson, John Mark Dressner. I offer my condolences on the loss of this good man and great leader.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COM-
MENDATION FOR SERGEANT
FIRST CLASS KEN CATES

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I'm honored to present Sergeant First Class

Ken Cates, U.S. Army and U.S. Coast Guard, Retired with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and devotion to the military, his nation, and his community speak to the best of our Texas' altruistic spirit.

Heeding the call to serve, SFC Cates entered the military in 1988. During this time, he completed many heroic missions which included over 120 emergency combat responses as Operations Center Manager, 150 coordinated executive leader engagement missions, and 15 natural disaster responses. Throughout his military career, he applied his tremendous talents and energies to the defense of our great nation.

SFC Cates closed out twenty-seven years of military service in 2015. While many would embrace a life of retirement, he still displays his loyal and selfless nature by providing aid to Veterans in the Fort Hood Area. SFC Cates currently works for the Fort Hood Area Habitat for Humanity and is working to support a veterans housing establishment in his area. His commitment to investing his gifts, talents, and abilities to improve his community has not gone unnoticed. In 2019, Cates was named a "Hometown Hero" by the Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce and the 2019 NEXEN Hero.

I proudly join SFC Ken Cates' friends, family, and colleagues in saluting his selfless service to the military and his beloved Texas home. His work brings to life Gandhi's words, that "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." I congratulate SFC Ken Cates and thank him for his service.

HONORING TYRE PHILLIPS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community servant Mr. Tyre Phillips.

Tyre Phillips was born in Grenada, Mississippi, which is known as the city that smiles, in January of 1997. Tyre is the son of James and Jusquylynn Phillips of Grenada, MS. He is also a member of Open Door Abundant Life Church of Apostolic Faith in Charleston, MS, where his father is the pastor.

Phillips received his high school diploma in 2015. After graduation, he went to East Mississippi Community College (EMCC) in Scooba, MS, where he gained a full ride scholarship in football. Phillips started both years at EMCC. After the two years, he graduated from EMCC and received a full ride scholarship to go play football at Mississippi State University.

January 2017, Phillips began going to Mississippi State. His first season there he was redshirted, which later down the road he called "the best thing I ever could have done." During his junior year, he played at both tackle positions as part of an offensive line rotation. During his senior year, he started all 13 games the Bulldogs played in. Phillips played in the 2020 Senior Bowl after his senior season. During his time at Mississippi State University, he became a member of Omega Psi Phi Incorporated and he received SEC honors. Phillips then graduated from Mississippi State

University with his Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Science with Child Youth Development.

After graduation, Phillips then started training for the NFL combine. He was soon drafted by the Baltimore Ravens in the third round with the 106th overall pick of the 2020 NFL Draft. During training camp, he shifted from tackle to offensive guard for the starting job at the start of the season despite dealing with an ankle injury. Phillips started 8 games and played 12 games overall his rookie year as a Raven. Phillips is now entering his second year as a Raven and he is now battling for a starting position for this upcoming season.

During the off season, Phillips offers music lessons to children in the community. He also assists in local football camps for aspiring athletic youth. Next year, Phillips will be starting his own camp, investing in young men in his community, as many from the city of Grenada did for him.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Tyre Phillips for his dedication and tenacity to serving his community and desire to be an example for all.

IN CELEBRATION OF HENRY THACKER "HARRY" BURLEIGH

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the contributions of Henry Thacker "Harry" Burleigh of the great state of New York. The newly christened Harry T. Burleigh Place in Gramercy Park celebrates a man who dedicated his life to enhancing lives through music singing, composing and social justice. This well-deserving recognition honors the indelible impact Mr. Burleigh, known widely as the Father of Spiritual Music, left on New York and communities around the world.

Born in 1866 and growing up in Erie, Pennsylvania as a young African-American baritone singer, Harry Burleigh traveled to New York City and applied to the National Conservatory of Music to study with well-known Director and composer, Antonin Dvorak. His exceptional talent was recognized, and a scholarship awarded to Mr. Burleigh in 1892 enabled him to gain experience editing recordings and developing his classical spirituals. One of these was "Deep River" a spiritual composition from 1917 which is recognized all over the world to this day.

Tragically, Mr. Burleigh's life was spent under the heinous abuses of Jim Crow, and the systemic discrimination of "separate but equal" endemic to it. Yet in the face of these challenges to his rights and liberties, Mr. Burleigh always led with his talents and tireless work ethic, earning him many glowing accomplishments throughout his life. In 1894, Mr. Burleigh auditioned at St. George's Episcopal Church at 4 Rutherford Place in Manhattan, which still stands proudly today within my district and holds concerts celebrating Burleigh's compositions annually. Church member J.P. Morgan insisted that St. George's hire Mr. Burleigh, and so became the church's Choral Director. He would continue to introduce and play his classical spir-

itual music there for 52 years. Concurrently he integrated Temple Emanu-El, now Congregation Emanu-El, for a quarter of a century. In 1895, Mr. Burleigh made it a point to personally test the strength of newly passed civil rights laws in New York by asking for service at 25 establishments.

From 1908 onward, he sang for King Edward VII in London, performed on Mayor La Guardia's weekly radio show Talk to the People, and composed over 200 pieces encompassing the classical spiritual music genre. The renowned Dvorak' Symphony No. 9 (From the New World) credits the incorporation and soulfulness of Burleigh's spiritual works. Mr. Burleigh was also a distinguished chartered member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) bestowed with great public honors. He received the 1917 N.A.A.C.P. Spingarn Achievement Medal, and honorary Doctorate of Music from Howard University and Atlanta University in 1920. In addition, Mr. Burleigh mentored Paul Robeson, Marian Anderson, Roland Hayes and Enrico Caruso who would go on to make their own exciting contributions to our nation's musical story.

Mr. Burleigh's legacy of social justice lives on through The Harry T. Burleigh Society. Formed in 2017, the society continues Burleigh's important legacy of disrupting boundaries and challenging social norms to address issues of our time. The Center for Peace, Equity & Justice at Friends Seminary School in New York City, coordinated an education/postcard campaign that was sent to Community Board Six in Manhattan, further highlighting his importance in American social justice to our beloved city.

The co-naming on September 12, 2021 at the South East corner of 16th Street and Third Avenue, Harry T. Burleigh Place, stands now as a testament to his important work as a baritone soloist, choral director, music arranger, editor, mentor, and a New York Community leader.

Harry Burleigh contributed so much to New York and the world, adding his sonorous and unique brand of spiritual signing to our ever-growing chorus of American culture. I am pleased to add my own voice to that chorus today in recognition and remembrance of this great man.

HONORING REV. ISIAH JACKSON, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant Reverend Isiah Jackson, Jr.

Rev. Jackson began his formal education at Rogers High School in Canton, Mississippi, where he received his high school diploma in 1965. He attended Prentiss Junior College for two years and completed his undergraduate education at Alcorn State University, where he attained a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education in 1973.

Before becoming a Minister of the Gospel, Rev. Jackson taught in the Canton Public School System for years. Other experience consists of working as Supervisor I, Madison

County Food Stamp Office; Instructor at the Mississippi Baptist Seminary Extension; served for one year as Justice Court Judge, in Canton, Mississippi; Drug Coordinator for Canton Public School System; Moderator in the Madison Baptist Association; Executive Secretary of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Mississippi, Inc.; served as President of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary; and was elected President of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, Inc. in the July 2010 session.

Rev. Jackson is the Pastor of Liberty Missionary Baptist Church in Canton, Mississippi. He is married to Ora Jackson, and they have three children: Michal, Ghika (George) and Isiac, III.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Rev. Isiac Jackson, Jr. for his dedication and tenacity to serving his community and desire to be an example for all.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUFFALO MEDICAL GROUP

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Buffalo Medical Group on its 75th anniversary.

In 1946, Drs. Ramsdell Gurney, Murray S. Howland, Jr., George F. Koepf, and Frank Meyers came together to form the Buffalo Medical Group. At its founding, the Buffalo Medical Group was one of the first group physician practices in Western New York. Today, the Buffalo Medical Group continues to deliver high-quality patient care, and I am honored to represent it in Congress.

The founding physicians of the Buffalo Medical Group served in World War II, where they were exposed to the group practice model. Unlike the solo practice model, which was the norm at the time, the group practice model allows for greater shared clinical experience and access to information. It also broadens the scope of a practice, enables a group to provide care to more patients, and allows physicians to practice medicine more effectively.

Given these benefits, a year after the war, these doctors brought the group practice model to their community, establishing the Buffalo Medical Group. By 1963, the practice consisted of ten physicians and had widespread name recognition throughout Western New York. Several years later, to accommodate the growing practice and its new patients, the group constructed its own office building at 85 High Street, which still functions as a Buffalo Medical Group office today. Buffalo Medical Group's continued success led to the construction of additional major offices in Williamsville, NY in 1986 and in Orchard Park, NY in 1999.

After 75 years, the Buffalo Medical Group has grown into one of the largest multi-specialty physician practice groups in New York State. Today, the group has 135 physicians, 115 advanced practice professionals, 725 employees, and 34 surgical and medical departments that occupy four main offices and seven satellite offices throughout Western New York. The Buffalo Medical Group records more than

850,000 outpatient visits annually and continues to maintain a strong and positive presence in Western New York.

The Buffalo Medical Group has employed exceptional physicians, including Dr. Richard Cooper, who developed the "Cooper regimen" of chemotherapy for advanced breast cancer, and Dr. Scott Tu Iman, who performed the first laparoscopic splenectomy in North America. More recently, in October 2021, Dr. John Notaro of Buffalo Medical Group was honored nationwide as a "Best Physician" during National Primary Care Week.

The group is also admired for its early adoption of innovative medical technologies and software. Over a decade before Congress created federal subsidies to incentivize the use of electronic health record systems, the Buffalo Medical Group implemented its own electronic health record system. This early investment created long-term benefits for both the practice and patients alike.

I thank all the doctors and employees of the Buffalo Medical Group for their unwavering commitment to wellness and patient care, and I again congratulate the group on its 75th anniversary.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ETHEL FRAN EDDY

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Ethel Fran Eddy, a Holocaust survivor, who passed away on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at the age of 82 years old.

Ethel was less than a year old when World War II began. She and her family were forced to flee Gdovrovo, Poland to escape the Nazis. They fled to Siberia for the remainder of the war. Two of her brothers were tragically killed by the Nazis while studying at Yeshiva.

Once the war ended, Ethel and her family managed to make it to Paris, where her mother tragically passed. After being denied entry into Israel by the British, they eventually came to the United States through Brooklyn, New York.

Ethel dreamed of becoming a Rockette and living the American Dream. She and her first husband had three children and resettled in the South Jersey area. She later married George H. Eddy.

She later graduated from Temple University with a degree in Business. She taught Hebrew school and worked as a saleswoman for her husband's stationery supply company, selling to college bookstores. Later, following her retirement, Ethel moved to Del Ray Beach, Florida.

She is survived by her children Laura Goldman, Jeffrey Goldman, Kevin Broadie, Barry Goldman and Jean Goldman, as well as her grandchildren, Theodore and Benson Goldman, and Zoe, Lucas and Dylan Broadie Goldman.

I ask that my colleagues in the House take this opportunity to celebrate Ethel's life and legacy, and I offer my best wishes to her family during this difficult time.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR CAPTAIN RICHARD J. ARCHER

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am honored to present Captain Richard J. Archer, U.S. Army with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and devotion to the Army, his nation, and his community speak to why CPT Archer is an ideal recipient of the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Fulfilling the call to serve, CPT Archer first began his service in 1966 after graduating and commissioning from Central Michigan University's ROTC program. He continued to command "C" Company during his assignment at the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood and later served with the 13th Corps Support Command before being honorably discharged from the Army.

CPT Archer closed out nine years of military service in 1975, and since then he has distinguished himself as a valuable community member in Temple, TX. While many would choose to take time for themselves, CPT Archer continues to employ his talents to his community. His public service and devotion to others include, but are not limited to, his involvement with the Marine Corps Junior ROTC program at Belton High School, his membership with the 13th COSCOM Association, his representation on the Veteran's Land Board for 21 counties, and the aid he provided by establishing various associations and groups like Emeritus Medicus. His allegiance to investing his talents and abilities to help better his community and nation represents the best of Texas values.

I proudly join CPT Richard J. Archers' friends, family, and colleagues in saluting his selfless service to the Army and Central Texas. His life and career reflect hard work and dedication to what is best for his fellow man.

HONORING ALAN R. COTE AND STEPHEN P. CARKHUFF FOR RECEIVING THE CARNEGIE HERO FUND MEDAL

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Alan R. Cote and Stephen P. Carkhuff, two outstanding New Hampshire residents who have been awarded the Carnegie Medal. Cote and Carkhuff have been presented with this prestigious award for their heroic actions on October 23, 2019, when they risked their lives to help rescue the lives of two others from a burning vehicle in Auburn, New Hampshire.

The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission was founded by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie in 1904 to recognize and support everyday civilians who risk their own lives to save others in extraordinary acts of courage. Carnegie was inspired to create the Fund after a January 1904 mine disaster that took 181 lives. Among

those who died in the accident were an engineer and miner who selflessly rushed into the mine in the midst of the disaster in an effort to rescue others.

More than 100 years later, Alan Cote and Stephen Carkhuff perfectly encapsulate this spirit of impulsive heroism. After hearing the late-night crash, Cohen and Carkhuff raced toward the already burning vehicle without concern for their own safety and assisted in removing both unconscious passengers from the car. Their quick response helped ensure the safety of both passengers, both of whom survived.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank and congratulate these selfless and courageous men. Let their courage and heroism serve as an example for us all.

**HONORING THE TRAVIS KITCHEN
VFW POST 778 OF MILFORD, CON-
NECTICUT ON THE CELEBRATION
OF THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Travis Kitchen Veterans of Foreign War Post 778 in Milford, Connecticut as they mark their 75th Anniversary. As we mark this extraordinary milestone, I am honored to have this opportunity to extend my deepest thanks to the leadership and members of VFW Post 778 who work so diligently to both support our veterans and ensure that our community never forget the sacrifices made by those who chose to serve in our nation's military branches.

Named in honor of local veteran and founding member, Travis Kitchen, VFW Post 778 has long been a haven of support and comradeship for Milford area veterans. A veteran of the United States Army Air Force, Travis Kitchen served with honor during World War II, earning the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the Bronze Star. He lost an eye at Iwo Jima and though, like so many other veterans, he never really spoke of his time in the service, when he returned home he was determined to help his brothers in arms. Travis Kitchen was a driving force in the building the hall and was one of its most dedicated members. Even well into his 80's, he could often be found fixing things around the hall.

All of our nation's veterans deserve our gratitude. They fought to protect the freedom and democracy that underlie all that we do. It is easy to take our fundamental freedoms for granted, but we must never forget that the liberties we enjoy were hard-won and not commonplace in the world. My father was a veteran, and his memory always reminds me of the debt owed to the men and women who have served our country. Upon their return from service, many of our soldiers faced challenges re-entering the workforce, accessing the benefits they were entitled to, and ensuring that their needs were addressed by the government.

Just as in other VFW Posts across our nation, the VFW Post 778 and their members

continue to ensure that those who have served in America's armed forces receive the benefits and support they so richly deserve. In addition, they bring so much more to our community through the variety of civic service their members participate in on our behalf. In establishing Post 778 and working so diligently, their membership has made all the difference in the lives of many. It has become an invaluable resource to veterans in the community.

Perhaps more importantly, VFW Posts brought together those who shared a common bond—those who gave so much of themselves to protect and defend our great nation. Today, as they celebrate their 75th anniversary, the Travis Kitchen Post 778 can be proud of all of the good work they have done. It is my honor to stand today to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to the leadership and members, past and present who have ensured VFW Post 778 has and continues to serve our community as well as my heartfelt congratulations on this very special milestone. As we say in Italian "C'ent Anni," to another hundred years.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF THOMAS
H. BIRDSONG III**

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Thomas H. Birdsong III, a dear and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather—as well as an accomplished native son of the Commonwealth of Virginia—whom we lost on August 20, 2021, at the age of 94.

Born and raised in Suffolk, Virginia, Mr. Birdsong was a member of America's Greatest Generation—an only child who heard and heeded the call to serve from an early age, joining the United States Navy during World War II. It was a call he would continue to answer following the war, a committed servant of both his country and his Commonwealth throughout his life.

A 1949 graduate of Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia—and a recipient of numerous accolades from the College in the decades since, including an Honorary Doctor of Law degree—Mr. Birdsong would go on to serve two terms on the College's distinguished Board of Trustees, including a term as vice chairman. In addition to funding a variety of improvements to the campus itself, Mr. Birdsong's generosity made it possible for several students to attend the College and thereafter call it their own. Further still, Mr. Birdsong has helped ensure the College's future through his establishment of a charitable unitrust that has become part of the College's endowment.

Mr. Birdsong's philanthropy stemmed from his great professional success, rooted quite literally in his beloved home state. Over the course of a successful, 72-year career with Suffolk-based Birdsong Peanuts, Mr. Birdsong was inducted into the Peanut Hall of Fame by the American Peanut Council in 2000 for his "Outstanding Contributions" to the peanut industry. He was continuing to serve as the company's chairman upon his death. As a businessman, Mr. Birdsong was a noted con-

servationist, patron of the arts, and a trusted and well-regarded corporate leader, whose many contributions to American commerce included time spent on the Advisory Council for the United States Secretary of Agriculture.

Please join me in honoring the life of Thomas H. Birdsong III, a Virginian whose legacy of servant leadership lives on in the hearts of all of us grateful for the noble and timeless example he set.

**CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COM-
MENDATION FOR FIRST SER-
GEANT GENE DAVENPORT**

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of First Sergeant Gene Davenport, U.S. Army, Retired, and recognize him for the Congressional Veteran Commendation. His resume tells the story of one unafraid to do whatever it takes to support his fellow man.

1SG Davenport dedicated 20 years of his life to defending our country, which included two tours in Vietnam. In recognition of these unselfish efforts throughout his career, he received numerous military honors, including a Bronze Star, a Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm, 5 Army Commendation Medal, and 6 Good Conduct Medals. His support of our country's interests abroad serves as a clear testament to his dedication to our great nation.

1SG Davenport has been a stellar and committed volunteer in every one of his communities following his active-duty service. He's given his considerable talents and energies to a broad array of organizations and causes, ranging from officiating high school football games, volunteering at local hospitals, and mentoring tomorrow's leaders, to supporting his fellow warriors in the Marine Corps League and the Leander VFW Post 10427 where he's worked tirelessly to support veterans in need.

I join 1SG Davenport's friends and family in celebrating his selfless service to both his community and nation. He is a worthy recipient of a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

**IN RECOGNITION OF PENN-MONT
ACADEMY**

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Penn-Mont Academy in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, as they celebrate their 60th year providing a Montessori education to the students of our community.

Penn-Mont Academy was founded in 1961 by Aline and Gerald Wolf, who founded the school in their home with a vision to create one of the first Montessori institutions in the United States.

Over the past 60 years, the school has worked to provide a creative and insightful education that molds independent and lifelong learners.

This school is important to my family and me; my wife, Dr. Alice Plummer Joyce, was one of school's first graduates.

I am incredibly grateful for the outstanding work that Penn-Mont Academy does in our community. From the Wolf's front porch to their current home in Hollidaysburg, the Penn-Mont Academy has offered generations of students the foundation they need to succeed.

The school's commitment to educating the children of Blair County is exceptional, and I look forward to their continued work to support and inspire our future leaders.

On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate the students, staff, and administration of Penn-Mont Academy on reaching this historic milestone and wish them every continued success in the years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARK B. MILLER

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I ask that the House of Representatives join me in honoring the life of Mark Miller, who passed away on Friday, September 24, 2021. He will be remembered as a leader and activist for public education.

For decades, Mark has been a great force for positive change in the Philadelphia region. Most notably, through his vigorous advocacy for students, teachers, and public schools. He has inspired many to fight for quality, equitable and free education.

He served on the Centennial School District School Board and was a Pennsylvania School Boards Association leader. Outside of his work on public education, he was also the commissioner and official for the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, overseeing programs in soccer, basketball, and softball.

He was a leader in our community and will be greatly missed. I ask that all of my colleagues in the House join me in celebrating Mark's life, as well as his legacy of public and community service.

UNDERSTANDABLE MATH REVEALS CRISIS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I was grateful to receive from the appreciated historian Greg Shorey of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, the following message . . .

TO: SERIOUSLY CONCERNED PATRIOTS—IT IS IMPORTANT we all understand how this proposed Budget Bill could seriously affect us! The details destroy our freedoms & brings our uncontrolled debt to \$30 TRILLION!

As with MOST in Congress, most voters won't take time to comprehend the devastating affects this \$3.5 TRILLION—2500 page budget bill the socialist Democrats are trying to shove down our throats! This is an

excellent way to understand the math affects—BUT the greater DISASTER will be the death of our free enterprise system & our Constitutional Republic!

This cuts through all the political doublespeak we get. Politicians 'new math.'

It puts it into a much better perspective.

Lesson No. 1:

U.S. Tax revenue: \$2,170,000,000,000

Fed budget: \$3,820,000,000,000

New debt: \$1,650,000,000,000

National debt: \$19,271,000,000,000

Recent budget cuts: \$38,500,000,000

Let's now remove 8 zeros and pretend it's

OUR household budget:

Annual family income: \$21,700

Money the family spent: \$38,000

New debt on the credit card: \$16,500

Outstanding balance on the credit card: \$192,710

Total budget cuts so far: \$385

Got it??

Lesson No. 2:

Here's another way to look at the Debt Ceiling:

Let's say, you come home from work and find there has been a sewer backup in your neighborhood . . . and you home has sewage all the way up to your ceilings. What do you think you should do? Raise the ceilings, or pump out the sewage?

In conclusion, God Bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the Global War on Terrorism continues moving from Afghanistan to our neighborhoods.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR SERGEANT MAJOR RODNEY WAYNE GILCHRIST

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am honored to present Sergeant Major Rodney Wayne Gilchrist, U.S. Army, Retired with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. SGM Gilchrist embodies the true meaning of selflessness, which is evident through his service and commitment to our nation as well as his community.

SGM Gilchrist first began his service in 1986. During this time, he completed a multitude of tasks that have displayed his allegiance to our nation. His profound leadership skills are indicated by roles during his service such as the Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course Small Group Leader for his Military Occupational Specialty. This position speaks to the innate craftsmanship of his leadership skills, as he mentored and trained 175 Senior Noncommissioned Officers to a ninety-nine percent graduation rate.

SGM Gilchrist closed out 24 years of military service in 2010 but continued to contribute his time to the people of his community. His devotion is exhibited in countless ways, but one of the most notable acts to his community is his creation of the Liberty Christian Center of Killeen. As pastor, he has guided this center to be of service to community members of Killeen, giving free haircuts, clothing, and meals to any person in need. As a

man of deep faith, SGM Gilchrist's commitment to investing his talents, and abilities to improve his community is a deeply held creed that speaks to the generosity and activism of a truly devoted public servant.

I proudly join SGM Rodney Wayne Gilchrist's family, friends, and colleagues in saluting his selfless service to the military and Texas. His work has made a real and lasting difference in the lives of his fellow citizens.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ESTELLE S. PRYOR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a remarkable servant, Ms. Estelle S. Pryor.

Ms. Estelle S. Pryor was born May 8, 1929, to the late Charlie Smith and Lattie Howard Smith in Bourbon, MS. She was the sixth of eight children.

She was previously married to the late Peter Griggs, Jr. and the late Bennie Pryor.

Ms. Pryor received her elementary education in the Leland School District, her secondary education and High School diploma from Coleman Junior and Senior High School, in Greenville, MS. She went on to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Childhood Elementary Education and Child Education Development from Mississippi Valley State University. Next, she received a CP Nurse Certificate from Homer G. Phillip Hospital School in St. Louis, MO in 1949. She also attended Deluxe Beauty College where she received a Cosmetology License in 1961, and studied Data Processing and Business at Moorhead Junior College.

Ms. Pryor was the first African American female hired in the Washington County Courthouse as a Deputy Circuit Clerk, where she was later promoted to the position of Chief Deputy Clerk. When she was later elected as the Washington County Circuit Clerk, she became the first African American female elected to public office in Washington County since reconstruction. She held that position until her retirement in 1995, having been in office for over thirty years.

Ms. Pryor lived an exemplary life. Her honors, memberships, associations, achievements, and prestigious awards, too numerous to name, span over nearly seven decades.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Ms. Estelle S. Pryor.

COMMENDING MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR BLUE RIBBON AWARD

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Memorial Elementary School on its designation as a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School. Principal Philip Schappler, teachers, board members, and staff at this school have made a lasting impact on the

lives of students and families from the Bedford community.

Each year, the Department of Education recognizes the academic excellence of a select few elementary, middle, and high schools across the nation through the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program. In order to be recognized as a Blue Ribbon School, schools must demonstrate that their institution leads students of all backgrounds to master meaningful and challenging material. The Blue Ribbon designation process is highly selective, with only two schools across the State of New Hampshire receiving a 2021 Blue Ribbon designation.

Receiving its first Blue Ribbon award in 2012, Memorial Elementary School has shown a consistent dedication to each student's learning and wellbeing that has not gone unrecognized. Being named a National Blue Ribbon School is no small feat, and I am proud to serve and represent a school district with such a strong commitment to academic excellence.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate and thank everyone who has helped make Memorial Elementary School the exemplary institution that it is today.

GENERAL RAYMOND ODIERNO
MEMORIAM

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, my thoughts and prayers go out to the family of General Ray Odierno, who passed away over the weekend. I was grateful to have met the General in my capacity as a Member of Congress and fellow veteran, and appreciate his service to our country.

As reported in the New York Post:

Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, a New Jersey native and former Army Chief of Staff, who led the successful "surge" that turned both the tide of battle and American public perception in the Iraq War, died Friday at age 67.

"The general died after a brave battle with cancer; his death was not related to COVID," his family said in a statement. There were no further details given.

The Association of the United States Army reported the general had a lengthy record and did several tours overseas.

"During more than 37 years of Army service, he commanded units at every echelon, from platoon to theater, and served in Germany, Albania, Kuwait, Iraq and across the U.S.," the report stated.

Odierno, who rose to the rank of four-star general, served three tours of duty in Iraq and it was under his command that elements of the 4th Infantry Division captured Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein on Dec. 13, 2003.

"Caught like a rat," Odierno famously stated, in one of the signature moments of America's post-9/11 military conflicts.

"He was in the bottom of a hole with no way to fight back," Odierno, then a major general, told global media, as images were broadcast around the world of the once-feared former dictator being dragged out of hiding by U.S. troops.

Odierno was born Sept. 8, 1954, in Rockaway Township, N.J., the son of a World War II Army sergeant and working mother. A

star high school athlete, the towering 6-foot-5 inch Odierno played both baseball and football at the U.S. Military Academy. He graduated from West Point in 1976.

Odierno was charged by the Bush administration in 2007 with commanding the controversial so-called "surge" in the Iraq War.

The rapid deployment of tens of thousands of additional troops proved a success in quelling violence in Iraq and reducing American casualties and boosted Odierno's profile in military and global affairs.

He gained further international prominence in 2008, after replacing Gen. David Petraeus as the commander of the multinational force in Iraq.

Odierno was known within military circles for his deep commitment to the Army and to those soldiers, and their families, killed and wounded in service of their nation.

"Ray firmly believes soldiers aren't in the Army, they are the Army," Army Secretary John McHugh said at Odierno's retirement ceremony in 2105, the Army Times reported. "It's always been his No. 1 job to serve them well and serve them honorably. Whether it's fighting in Tikrit or visiting a hospital bed at Walter Reed, he's led with a quick mind, calloused hands and a servant's spirit."

Odierno is survived by his wife Linda, who he met in high school, as well as their three children, including retired Capt. Tony Odierno, a combat veteran, and their families.

MILITARY SUPPORT FOR
FIGHTING WILDFIRES ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Military Support for Fighting Wildfires Act" with Representative SARA JACOBS (D-CA53) as the original cosponsor. This comprehensive bill would improve the military's support for civilian emergency response and provide Congressional authorization for the California Air National Guard's "FireGuard" program in partnership with the U.S. Air Force and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

The American military has incredible capabilities for intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR). As chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness, I believe that these capabilities can and should be used to support civilian emergency response to wildfires and other natural disasters with the appropriate safeguards for privacy and classified collection means.

I also believe that excess military aircraft—including the seven Coast Guard HC-130H aircraft directed by Congress for transfer to the U.S. Forest Service and the State of California for wildfire response, following reconfiguration by the Air Force—should be made available for civilian wildland firefighting efforts. As western states like California face increasingly severe and frequent wildfires due to man-made climate change, we need all the help we can get from our federal government including the military.

That is exactly what my "Military Support for Fighting Wildfires Act" would accomplish. This comprehensive legislation builds upon the work of many members of California's Congressional delegation, including Representatives ADAM B. SCHIFF (D-CA28), SALUD O.

CARBAJAL (D-CA24), and ZOE LOFGREN (D-CA19) and U.S. Senators DIANNE FEINSTEIN (D-CA) and ALEX PADILLA (D-CA). I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues as our state confronts the harsh realities of a new, year-round fire season due to manmade climate change.

The California National Guard has used remotely piloted and unmanned aircraft systems, such as the MQ-9, for life-saving emergency operations in the past. However, these joint missions have only been completed a handful of times due to the lengthy approval process requiring the Secretary of Defense to sign off on each of these requests in advance.

To address this hurdle, I secured a provision (Section 519C) in the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283) directing the U.S. Department of Defense to review its approval process for the use of unmanned aircraft systems by the National Guard in support of civilian emergency responders. The House Armed Services Committee received these recommendations under my Congressionally directed report in April 2021, and I expect the DOD to implement these changes fully.

Madam Speaker, I look forward to working with you and other members of the California delegation to advance these key reforms in my "Military Support for Fighting Wildfires Act." I encourage all members to join me in cosponsoring this commonsense bill.

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS MANUFACTURING MONTH

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the Manufacturing Association of Central New York (MACNY) in recognizing the month of October as Manufacturing Month. This month serves to highlight the manufacturing industry's significant contributions to Central New York and our nation, while encouraging young people to pursue opportunities in manufacturing.

Importantly, in my district in Central New York, the Manufacturing Association of Central New York and its members are significant job creators for our region and drivers of the economy. Collectively, the organization is made up of over 300 businesses, which employ over 50,000 workers. It's not an understatement to say our regional economy depends on the Manufacturing Association of Central New York and its members.

Beyond Central New York, manufacturing has a rich history in the United States. Manufacturing grew our economy, built the middle class, and helped us modernize. This industry was an important part of our past, and should be a part of our future. That's why today, it's increasingly important to celebrate the manufacturing industry, educate young people about careers in manufacturing, and expand educational opportunities to ensure highly-skilled positions are filled.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me during the month of October in recognizing Manufacturing Month as well as the great contributions of the Manufacturing Association of Central New York.

HONORING ANNA WASHINGTON
LEE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable hero, Mrs. Anna Washington Lee.

Mrs. Anna Washington Lee was born September 19, 1917, in Sunflower, Mississippi. On Sunday, September 19, 2021, a precious gift of life and love, celebrated her 104th birthday with her family, students and friends in acknowledgment of her motherhood and service.

From her humble beginnings in rural Sunflower County, Mrs. Lee, along with her twelve siblings, were raised on a system of integrity premised on the tenets of love, kindness and compassion imparted by their parents. Her parents instilled a central moral compass that echoed the heart of the Good Samaritan and core ethical values encompassed in the importance of work, family, community, and the love of God. Known for her kindness and willingness to assist others, Mrs. Lee has devoted most of her life as the matriarch of her family, as an educator for 49½ years in Sunflower and Bolivar Counties. She is also the oldest living female resident of the City of Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

Mrs. Lee is a God-fearing Christian, a devoted nurturing mother of one child and one grandson. She is the living embodiment of a woman of Proverbs 31:10. She is a woman after God's own heart, committed to her faith, her family, and her friends. Her faithful membership of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church has shown her as an upstanding pillar in the community.

Mrs. Lee remains the archetype icon and central foundation of a family that retains and unbreakable bond of love, honor, devotion, commitment and encouragement for each generation; and at 104 years of age, Mrs. Lee, "Ma Anna" as she is affectionately called, continues to be a blessing to others through her impartation words of advice and wise counsel to those in her company as a reminder of God's unfailing love for us all.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Anna Washington Lee for her dedication and tenacity to serving her community and desire to be an example for all.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COM-
MENDATION FOR CAPTAIN
JOSEPH F. KIEFER

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am honored to present Captain Joseph F. Kiefer, Jr., U.S. Air Force with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Throughout his life, he's worked to put the needs and interests of others first.

During his years of military service, Capt. Kiefer held multiple vital positions. He served in Vietnam as part of the 2nd Aerial Port Group, displaying meticulous attention and

professionalism in his work. He went on to distinguish himself as the Chief of Tactical Operations Branch at Langley Air Force Base where his outstanding leadership was known to directly enhance the readiness posture of all active duty assigned to the Tactical Air Command.

Along with defending our nation, public service has been a driving force in Capt. Kiefer's life. A pillar of Central Texas, he dedicates his time and energies to his local community with roles ranging from a Narcotics and Criminal Investigator to President of the Temple Lions Parks and Charities. It's true and devoted public servants like Capt. Kiefer that make Central Texas a great place to call home.

I commend Capt. Kiefer's selfless service to his community and nation. He is a fitting recipient of a Congressional Veteran Commendation and I celebrate his service.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MR.
KEVIN WOODWARD

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Mr. Kevin Woodward of Wells County.

Kevin has been essential to the common welfare of Wells County and its residents for over 30 years.

Most in Wells County know him to be a distinguished public servant. In 1990, Kevin was elected to the Ossian Town Board. In 1994, he was elected to the Wells County Council. Then, in 2000, he was elected commissioner of Wells County, a role in which he would serve for 21 years. As commissioner, Kevin worked diligently and tirelessly to respond to citizen concerns, fulfill state and local requirements, and see that county operations run smoothly.

So outstanding was Kevin's tenure as commissioner that he enjoyed overwhelming popular support and often the backing of both local Republican and Democrat parties. He believed in a "common sense approach to local government," rooted in discerning the concerns of hardworking, tax-paying Hoosiers.

Apart from his public service, Kevin is family man with roots deep in Wells County. Born and raised in Ossian, Kevin has been married for 38 years to Linda, with whom he has two sons and two granddaughters.

This is a testament to Kevin's long and distinguished service to Wells County. As he enters retirement, I wish him Godspeed in this new chapter of life, and to know that the county, and the whole of northeast Indiana, is forever grateful for him.

HONORING DUPLAIN W. RHODES III

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, Duplain W. Rhodes, III., (fondly known as "Pete") transitioned to his eternal heavenly rest early morning on Thursday, September

23, 2021, at the age of 61. He was at peace in his final moments beside his loving wife, Sherry Landix Rhodes.

Pete, born on November 14, 1959, was the only son of the late Doris Millaud and Duplain W. Rhodes, Jr. He spent his formative years in the Chef Menteur and Lacombe family homes with his beloved older sisters, Sandra Rhodes Duncan, Duplynn Joan Rhodes, Stephanie Rhodes Navarre, Kathleen Rhodes Astorga, and the late Edith Gomes. Pete was extremely close to his family, his dear Mable, and childhood dog, Annabel. Pete made lifelong friends in the Rhodes Drive neighborhood with Dennis Walker, Jimmy Robert, Cyril Barthé, Ronald Woods, Don and John Scott, Eugene Bart, the late Corey Williams, Kenneth Walker, C.J. LaSassier, and Yancy Robert.

Pete attended Martinez Kindergarten, Valena C. Jones Elementary School, and was a proud graduate of Saint Augustine High School (class of 1977). He later attended Louisiana State University (LSU), Morehouse College of Atlanta, Georgia and obtained his degree in Mortuary Science from Worsham College in Wheeling, Illinois (class of 1991). Pete forged lasting friendships with "Morehouse men"—Joe Lewis, Chuck Releford, David Boyd, Michael Moultrie, Mark Moultrie, Richard Harleaux, and Ernest Cherrie—until the end.

Pete earned his Funeral Director and Embalmer's License from the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors in 1992, after completing an apprenticeship under his oldest sister, Sandra. At an early age, Pete worked in the Rhodes' family businesses and was a servant leader in the New Orleans community. His parents instilled the value of hard work and education. Pete traveled with his parents and siblings. He participated in a fact-finding trip to France for Louisiana Economic Development opportunities. Pete grew professionally as a funeral director, embalmer, and remarkable businessman. Pete accepted responsibilities at the New Orleans International Airport during the years of Airport Rhodes.

He was the President of Duplain W. Rhodes Funeral Home, a director on all Rhodes corporation boards, and proudly served as funeral director to many grieving families. Pete was also the manager of Rhodes Limousine Service, Rhodes Care Center, and supervised upkeep of the 80-acre tree farm in Lacombe, LA. He was appointed to serve on the State of Louisiana Embalmers and Funeral Directors board where he served in multiple roles including Secretary, Treasurer, and most recently Vice President. In July 2021, he was extended for an additional four-year term. He served on the Louisiana Judiciary Commission (1997–2001).

As an investor with the Jazzville Group, Pete was instrumental in successfully bringing the only land-based casino to New Orleans. He was a member and integral in reinvigorating the Crescent City Funeral Directors. Pete was a member of the Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club and former member of Young Men Illinois Club. He was also active in the National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association (NFD&MA) and National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA).

To balance his demanding life, Pete found peace among the bayous and large oaks of Lacombe. He enjoyed holidays with family there and loved traveling weekly to visit Lacombe with his son. Pete enjoyed exhilarating activities such as flying airplanes, deep

sea scuba diving, water skiing, and snow skiing. He would often travel to Belize with close friends and family to scuba dive and snorkel in the coastal waters. He also spent time swimming, tossing a frisbee, shooting pool, boating, and fishing. A proud moment for him was purchasing his first boat, a 1982 Mitchell, with his sister, Joan.

Along with his family, Pete created and hosted the infamous Rhodes boat parties held in Lacombe. Pete appreciated fine vehicles, including his most prized Camaro Rally Sport, pop-up headlight RX7, and a laundry list of other fun models. After a long day at work, he could be found spending time with family and friends on "the veranda" or enjoying time with his friends from Michelli's.

Pete was the loving husband of Sherry Landix Rhodes and to this cherished union of 24 years was born their son, Duplain W. Rhodes, IV, and daughter, Alexis Erique Rhodes. From his first marriage to Irene Leon Grant (William) was born his eldest daughter, Amanda Duplynn Rhodes Segovia (Oscar). Pete was a loving and devoted grandfather, affectionately called "Pop-Pop," to Jacqueline Sofia Segovia and Matthieu Santiago Segovia.

Pete loved his children and grandbabies very much. He was never more than a phone call away and often talked about their accomplishments with pride. He especially enjoyed vacationing with his family in Biloxi, Destin, Fort Walton beach, and skiing in Utah annually, as well as hurricane and birthday escapes to Memphis. Pete was a strong role model to his three grandchildren, Ashea Duncan, Tiffany Barthé, and Jonathan Plustache.

Pete lived by some classic principles: "Keep it Simple," "Facts over Tears," "Get it Done," "Let's solve it over lunch," "I've got this," "I'm going to see a man about a dog," "I'm going to the library," "Make good choices," "I'm not getting in the grass over this," "Kill them with Kindness," "Sit in the Front Row."

Pete was an adored uncle to many nieces and nephews: Lisa Ramsuer Fuller, Walter Manuel Gomes (Yvonne), Sabrina Brustie Duncan-Rose (Frank), Otis Barrington Duncan, Jr., Orrin Rhodes Duncan (Lurline), Omar Laneth Duncan (Gina), Ashea Lanette Duncan, Jasmine Monique Navarre, Gregory Hammond (Antoinette), Yonus Millaud Astorga, Jason Henry Astorga (Candace), Willie Jaimon Navarre (Ashley), Vernon Leroy Aych, Jr., Desantos Joseph Manning, Jr., Nicholas Malik Manning, Trinity Faith Manning, and the late Kellie Erique Brown. Also survived by great nieces and nephews, other relatives, and many friends.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
JUDGE CRAIG TREBILCOCK UPON
HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
YORK COUNTY COURT OF COM-
MON PLEAS

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize The Honorable Craig Trebilcock following the conclusion of his ten-year term of service in December 2021, with the York County Court of Common Pleas. In coordination with the York County Wellness Court

Mentors, I'm proud to recognize Judge Trebilcock's faithful service to our Country, York County Veterans, and the rule of law.

Judge Trebilcock was born in 1960, in Muskegon, Michigan, and is a graduate of the University of Michigan and its Law School, in addition to the U.S. Army War College. He went on to serve our Country for 30 years in uniform with the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserve, and was deployed to the Balkans in U.S. peacekeeping efforts, in Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003–2004), and Operation Freedom Sentinel in Afghanistan (2015–2016), before his retirement at the rank of Colonel. During his three decades of uniformed service, he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for Valor, the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit.

Judge Trebilcock's career in law in our communities began as a civil litigator and immigration attorney from 1991 to 2011, before serving as the President of the York County Bar Association prior to his election to the Common Pleas Court in 2011. During his time as a civil litigator and immigration attorney, he litigated cases on behalf of Chinese refugees from the ship, Golden Venture, between 1993 and 1997, and was an advocate for a York family in their fight against an extremist group in Kansas who disrupted the funerals of our Service Members who were Killed in Action.

During his tenure with the Common Pleas Court, Judge Trebilcock founded the York County Veterans Treatment (now "Wellness") Court in 2012, which assists Veterans with adjusting to post-military life by helping to address the risk of incarceration and substance abuse. Judge Trebilcock leads the team—court officers, VA counselors, and mentors—to provide genuine support to Veterans in need. The program ranges from 20 to 30 Veterans enrolled and helps them rebuild their lives and strengthen our community.

For his decades of service to the United States and to the County of York, Pennsylvania, I am privileged to have the opportunity to honor Judge Trebilcock, congratulate him on his retirement, and wish him Godspeed in his future adventures.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, on Friday October 1, 2021, I missed the vote on H.R. 5434, Surface Transportation Extension Act. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 313.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISH-
MENTS OF LEANNA HARRIS,
JAMIE SARCHÉ, AND CARY
CHAPMAN

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the accomplishments of Leanna Harris, Jamie Sarché, and Cary Chap-

man who will be honored by the Jewish Family Service (JFS) for making a lasting impact in our community.

Each year, JFS honors three individuals who embody the Jewish value of Tikkun Olam—the obligation to make the world a better place—and impact our community through exemplary leadership, philanthropy, and dedication to JFS. The winners come from all walks of life but unite around their values to provide premier human services to those in need no matter their faith, age, income, ability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

The "Yana Vishnitsky Leadership Award" is given to one individual who embodies former JFS president and CEO, Yana Vishnitsky's, commitment to exemplary leadership, public service and those in need. This year's winner is Leanna Harris who, in addition to her work as an author and educational consultant dedicated to improving student achievement, serves on the JFS Board of Directors and spends many of her days volunteering at the local Weinberg Food Pantry.

The "Joyce and Kal Zeff Humanitarian Award" is given to two individuals who embody the passion of two legendary community leaders who made a lasting impact as a part of JFS—Joyce and Kal Zeff. This year's winners are Jamie Sarché and Cary Chapman—both of whom, motivated by their faith, have served on the JFS Board of Directors and committed themselves to JFS' mission to make our community a better place.

In the face of challenges like mental health difficulties, homelessness, and food insecurity—all heightened by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic—our community needs heroes. In the last year alone, JFS helped over 25,000 individuals with the aid of over 1,300 volunteers who have pulled upon their faith to serve as heroes in our community and in the lives of others. I congratulate Leanna Harris, Jamie Sarché, and Cary Chapman on their award, and I thank them for their work making our community a better, more inclusive place to live.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COM-
MENDATION FOR REAR ADMIRAL
DAVID LEE MASERANG

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Rear Admiral David Lee Maserang, U.S. Navy, Retired, who has dedicated his life to the Navy and health community alike. A humanitarian, leader, and patriot, it is my honor to award him with the Congressional Veteran Commenda-

tion. During his 34 years of military service, RADM Maserang directed numerous health initiatives in the United States, Africa, and many other countries that bettered communities around the globe. Additionally, RADM Maserang used his expertise to enhance homeland security by increasing preparedness for chemical and biological attacks. These contributions, and many others, have been invaluable, with lasting effects felt around the world.

Today, he continues his lifelong devotion to service through community volunteerism with

organizations such as the United States Naval Academy, the First United Methodist Church, and the Rotary Club. He has spearheaded efforts to support the next generation of warriors, our veterans, and the young people of Texas. His leadership and commitment to excellence exemplify the highest ideals of service.

I commend RADM Maserang's selfless work on behalf of his community and nation. His patriotism, citizenship, and commitment to excellence are unmatched. I join his friends and family in celebrating his outstanding achievements, and I thank him for his service.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Commission of Fine Arts District of Columbia Home Rule Act. This bill would prohibit the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) from exercising authority over non-federal property in the District of Columbia.

Under presidential executive orders (EOs) and federal law, the CFA has review authority for D.C.-owned parks and buildings, as well as for certain private land in D.C. Under the relevant EOs, CFA has review authority for the design of D.C.-owned parks and buildings. Under the Shipstead-Luce Act, CFA has review authority for the design of private buildings in the District "adjacent to public buildings and grounds of major importance," such as Rock Creek Park and the Potomac riverfront. Under the Old Georgetown Act, the CFA has review authority for the design of private buildings in the part of Georgetown referred to as "Old Georgetown" in the act. The members of the CFA are appointed by the President.

The federal government, including the CFA, has no business in local land-use policies and decisions unrelated to the federal presence. Not only is the federal government's authority over D.C. buildings and private property anti-democratic, it also delays and increases the cost of public and private development in the District.

This is an important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S 200TH YEAR OF MINISTRY

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize First United Methodist Church, which is celebrating its 200th year of ministry in Mount Clemens, Michigan.

In 1821, the church opened its doors to the community, then known as "Mount Clemens Methodist Episcopal Church." Throughout its two hundred years, the church has built its reputation as a beloved community institution

in Mount Clemens. Today, First United Methodist describes itself as "a welcoming, accepting, caring, and diverse Christian community." The church celebrates this milestone year under the remarkable leadership of Reverend Dan Hart, Senior Pastor, and Reverend Alicea Williams, Deacon. Reverend Hart and Reverend Williams excel not only in leading engaging worship services, but also in building community programs, directing church outreach and caring for their beautiful congregation.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in offering congratulations to the entire First United Methodist Church community as they celebrate two hundred years of ministry and service in Mount Clemens.

IN RECOGNITION OF SGT MICHAEL CARNELL

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the military service and philanthropic contributions of Sergeant Michael Carnell. Sergeant Carnell is a wounded warrior, husband and father of three, who has worked tirelessly for veterans' organizations in North Texas and was recently honored with the 2021 Spirit of a Hero Award.

Sergeant Carnell honorably served nine years in the U.S. Marine Corps as an Anti-Tank Assaultman and an Intelligence Specialist, including overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Since the end of his active duty in 2007, he has been active in veterans' support organizations such as Carry the Load, Save the Brave, the Adaptive Training Foundation and 22Kill. Through his involvement with 22Kill, he has worked to alleviate the conditions that tragically lead to roughly twenty-two veterans daily resorting to suicide. Sergeant Carnell has raised funds to support veterans' assistance organizations and ardently worked to bolster community awareness of the difficult issues facing veterans.

Sergeant Carnell recently began treatment for Stage IV Colon and Liver Cancer. His efforts on behalf of his fellow veterans has inspired others to provide financial assistance to his family to address his medical expenses. This year, the Spirit of a Hero organization will honor him with a benefit concert, motorcycle ride, and commemorative gala.

I join the community of North Texas in thanking Sergeant Michael Carnell for his service to our country as a soldier and his subsequent service as a private citizen serving his veteran brothers and sisters. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family as he continues his battle against cancer.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 JASON SHAW

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Chief Warrant Offi-

cer 2 Jason Shaw, U.S. Army, Retired for the Congressional Veteran Commendation. His life and career reflect hard work, activism, and dedication to what is best for Central Texas.

CW2 Shaw spent 20 years serving our country, spending time in both Iraq and Afghanistan. As a pilot, he was an invaluable asset to his unit, the task force, and the brigade. His contributions and dedication to our nation cannot be overstated. As a pilot he was invaluable and, at every step along the way, his talents and work ethic were devoted to the protection of our nation.

Upon retirement from the Army, CW2 Shaw committed his energies to community service. He is a Life Member of VFW Post 10472 and is active in the Leander Chamber of Commerce. He has worked tirelessly to ensure residents have a rich quality of life by using his expert knowledge on the city's water supply and infrastructure to ensure the long-term growth of the city, which he holds near to his heart. His legacy speaks to the highest values we Texans hold dear.

I proudly join CW2 Jason Shaw's friends, family, and colleagues in saluting his selfless service to the Army and Texas. He is a local treasure, a champion for others, and a fitting recipient of a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

BIDEN INFLATION TAX

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Sunday with Chris Wallace on Fox News Sunday, House Republican Whip STEVE SCALISE reviewed how Democrats' anti-work policies destroying jobs resulted in September's disastrous jobs reports:

"... look at all the policies under President Biden ... the inflation that we are seeing ... making it easier for people to stay at home ... when every employer ... is looking for workers—and then on top of that the regulations that they keep adding ... going after small businesses, making it harder to keep the supply chain moving."

"We've got a 40 percent increase in gas [prices] at the pump. [The Biden Administration is] begging OPEC to produce more oil while they shut down the spigots in the United States. It makes absolutely no sense."

"Inflation is one of the biggest drivers hurting out economy and hurting middle class families. Frankly, it's a big tax on lower-income families."

In conclusion, God Bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the Global War on Terrorism continues moving from Afghanistan to American neighborhoods.

CONGRATULATING THE LORIS CIVITAN CLUB

HON. TOM RICE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Loris

Civitan Club for being awarded the 2019–2021 Highest Percentage Increase Award by Civitan International.

Founded in 1938, the Loris Civitan Club is one of 1,300 Civitan Clubs with over 40,000 members worldwide. It is the oldest civic organization in the city of Loris, South Carolina and has provided invaluable services for the people there since its inception.

The club supports the Loris community by working with the local school system, supporting organizations that serve children with disabilities, providing programs at local football games, and setting out American flags on federal holidays.

Additionally, the Loris Civitan Club has played a large part in sponsoring the annual South Carolina Special Olympic Games. I believe it is important for the country to continue growing civic organizations like the Loris Civitan Club. They work hard every day to ensure that those with mental disabilities and the less fortunate in the Loris community have the assistance they need to live a fulfilling life. The members associated with this club are shining examples of true American patriots and amazing role models for the Loris community and the state of South Carolina.

Madam Speaker, I join the people of Loris in congratulating the Loris Civitan Club on their momentous achievement. We thank them for the selfless actions they have taken to improve the Loris community.

RECOGNIZING ERICA ALFARO AS CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize an inspiring motivational speaker and first-generation American in my community, Erica Alfaro, as my September Constituent of the Month. Erica was born in Fresno, California, and spent much of her childhood in Tijuana. Her mother, Teresa, a farm worker, and her father, Claudio, a landscaper, moved the family to Oceanside when Erica was 13 to provide Erica with educational opportunities that were never available to them.

Upon arrival in Oceanside, Erica and her family moved into a two-bedroom apartment with another family, where a total of 11 people shared the small space. Erica recalls accompanying her mother to the fields and listening to her mother describe education as a means to achieve a better life.

After becoming a mother herself at 15 years old and dropping out of high school, Erica would eventually receive her high school diploma through a home school program and enroll in classes at MiraCosta College. During this time, Erica balanced an extremely heavy workload that included a full-time job, full-time classroom, and full-time motherhood. When her son was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, Erica's grades began to slide, forcing her to temporarily suspend her academic dreams. Through this all, Erica persisted.

Determined to complete the education her parents desperately desired for her, Erica would eventually receive an associate's degree from MiraCosta College, a bachelor's de-

gree from California State University San Marcos, and a master's degree from San Diego State University.

Erica has endured hardship and inspired hope, and she stands today as a model of perseverance. Her story has touched people from all walks of life, and she continues to motivate others as an in-demand motivational speaker. In addition to her speaking engagements—and her ongoing role as a devoted mother—Erica currently works in the Human Resources Department of the West Coast Tomato Growers in Oceanside, where she in forms farmworkers of their rights. In celebration of Erica's achievements and Hispanic Heritage Month, I'm proud to honor Erica Alfaro as my September Constituent of the Month.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COM- MENDATION FOR SERGEANT JIM M. YEONOPOLUS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am honored to present Sergeant Jim M. Yeonopolus, U.S. Air Force with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Throughout his life, he has been a shining example of the best of public service.

Sgt. Yeonopolus enlisted in the Air Force in 1968. He selflessly volunteered to serve with the South Vietnamese Army during the Vietnam War and provided them with vital resources, all while serving as a ground/airborne radio operator. He continued to distinguish himself through his actions, including close air support during the infamous Shoemaker Campaign. At every step along the way, Sgt. Yeonopolus used his bravery and commitment to the mission to save both American and South Vietnamese lives.

Following his military retirement, Sgt. Yeonopolus served in numerous state and national leadership roles in organizations devoted to veterans, students, young leaders, and local economic development. His commitment to investing his talents and abilities to improve his beloved community is highly admirable and proves him to be an exemplary citizen. His resume tells the story of a man unafraid to contribute both his time and energies to a multitude of organizations that rely on volunteerism and social engagement to make good communities great.

I proudly join Sgt. Yeonopolus' friends, family, and colleagues in saluting his selfless service to the Air Force and Texas. His positive impacts on his community and fellow man will be felt for generations.

HONORING MRS. VELMA BENSON WILSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Velma Benson Wilson.

Velma was born and raised in Marks, Mississippi. She is the fifth of seventeen children and spent her early childhood on a small rural farm, where her parents taught her the value of hard work, family, and the importance of getting a good education.

Wilson graduated from Quitman County High School as the class valedictorian, and was awarded a full academic scholarship to St. Norbert College in DePere, Wisconsin, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Education in 1973.

Wilson is currently employed by the Quitman County Board of Supervisors as the first Quitman County Economic & Tourism Director. She has been in this position for one year and has made significant achievements by establishing a 501(3) (c) for the county to help generate additional funding resources outside the realms of state and national grant funds. A new Quitman County Economic & Tourism website has been developed to market to potential businesses and industry, to seek economic opportunities. Wilson has successfully opened the Quitman County Interpretive Welcome Center, which serves as a multi-purpose building—offering lounge space and restrooms for waiters and riders for the Amtrak trains that stop twice daily in Marks, a tourism gift shop and office and public meeting spaces.

Wilson was instrumental in working with the Mississippi State Legislative, the Board of Supervisors, and the City of Marks Board of Aldermen to obtain state bond funding of \$200,000, to assist with the renovation of the county full-service grocery store, which officially closed in 2017, making Quitman County a food desert. Additionally, a grant was submitted and funded for \$200,000, with a USDA American Healthy Financial Food Initiative, which allowed the purchase of new refrigeration equipment for the grocery store. In April 2021, this store was successful re-opening bringing back 30 loss jobs to the community.

In 2016, Wilson was employed as the first African American, and the first female County Administrator for the Quitman County Board of Supervisors. She served in this position for 5 years prior to transitioning to the Director of Economic Development and Tourism. Within her five year tenure, as County Administrator, she helped secured over \$4 million in local, regional, state and federal funds for projects that benefitted Quitman County.

One of Wilson's most momentous achievements, as County Administrator was coordinating negotiations with federal, state, and local elected officials, as well as regional stakeholders in an agreement with Canadian National Railroad and Amtrak to allow the construction of an Amtrak station in Marks, MS. The Amtrak station opened May 4, 2018.

Wilson's previous career, prior to returning to her hometown, included a co-business owner (15 years) multi-auto franchises (Buick, GMC, Dodge, Chrysler and Hyundai) in Jackson, TN. And she spent (12 years) as a social worker and educator.

She is also an author. Her book, *What's in the Water*, was the winner of 2013 Daughter of American Revolution Print Media Award. This book also gave her the distinction of being named as one of the twenty most influential women in West Tennessee for civic, business and community contributions. As a writer, Wilson was an Oprah's Magazine Contributor for the October and November 2013

issues; she was honored in 2004 with the Alumni Community Service Award; and, her alma mater recognized and honored her through the American Legion, by putting a copy of her book, *What's in the Water*, on display in the St. Norbert College's library.

In 2019, Wilson was appointed to serve as an officer on the Delta Council as a presidential appointment. She has also served as a board member for numerous organizations: Jackson, Tennessee Area Chamber of Commerce; March of Dimes; The Boys and Girls Club; Jackson Arts Council; The Jackson Symphony; United Way; Jackson, Tennessee Chapter of the Links, Inc. (Past President and Vice President); and NAIA (Vice Chair).

With over 30 years of experience in education, social services, corporate business, public relations, marketing, she has received civic and leadership awards and recognition for work in areas of: Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Black Adoption Awareness, Services to Youth, NAACP, and the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. She is married to Sidney Wilson, Jr. They have two children: Janice (graduate of Columbia Law School), and Sidney, III (graduate of Vermont Law School). She has a grandson, Elias, and granddaughter, Tiarra.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Velma Benson Wilson for her dedication in serving her community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE REAL ID GENDER REQUIREMENT REFORM ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the REAL ID Gender Requirement Reform Act, which would remove the requirement from the REAL ID Act that REAL ID-compliant licenses include gender. Instead, the decision whether to have gender on a state's REAL-ID

compliant would be left to the states. The bill would also require that if a state requires gender designation for licenses, an individual wishing to change their gender designation on their license be allowed to do so through self-attestation. It would also require states to have a neutral or other designation gender field, in addition to male or female. This is an important bill for equality, especially for transgender Americans.

Under the REAL ID Act, gender must be included on a license. This can be problematic for transgender or nonbinary individuals. I recognize that some LGBTQ individuals do not want gender designations on licenses at all, while others do want gender designation so as to express their identity. I believe this bill strikes the middle ground, while showing Congress' support for LGBTQ individuals.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS HINDU HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, today, I would like to observe the month of October as Hindu Heritage Month. The month of October serves as a time for Hindu communities across the country to join together and celebrate their culture and its diverse spiritual traditions. Hindu Heritage Month is a celebration of the Hindu faithful that hold services in 32 states across 91 congressional districts, including the devoted and faithful Hindu community of the 18th Congressional District of Illinois.

Communities of faith have long served as beacons of hope, sharing their beliefs, and supporting their communities through service. The vibrant Hindu-American community is no different and I am proud to support the examples of service in the 18th Congressional District by my constituents.

The United States is a deeply faithful Nation, and I am proud to support the celebration of October as Hindu Heritage Month. May this month bring awareness in recognizing and acknowledging the contributions made by Hindu-Americans and increase awareness and understanding of the Hindu-American community.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month. As this special time of the year winds down, I want to offer my sincerest appreciation to all our Hispanic brothers and sisters across Ohio, and our great country. Lorain, Ohio is home to the largest Puerto Rican population west of New York City.

Last week, I had the privilege to join the Lorain Historical Society in our district to unveil their new exhibit entitled, "Celebrating 100 Years of Latino History in Lorain, Ohio". Co-ordinated by partnerships with the Lorain Historical Society and local community and educational institutions, this proud art and cultural exhibition of Hispanic excellence was on display throughout National Hispanic Heritage Month. One story focuses on Lorain's Vine Avenue.

In the early 1920's, Vine Avenue became home to a large population of Mexican immigrants who were brought to the city as part of contract labor to work in the agriculture and steel industries. Now, Hispanics make up 30 percent of Lorain's population. The city remains full of life with the rooted culture of music, arts, cuisine, and culture from the Latino community.

Again, to those celebrating, I wish all a joyous celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month 2021.