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House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DINGELL).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 23, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE DINGELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, from the beginning of time You have loved us. When, at creation, You set before us Your marvelous handiwork and called it good, You gave us the privilege to enjoy all Your grace gifts.

In this season of enjoyment and gift-giving, may we see You, the giver of all things, in the love wrapped in each present.

In this season of lights, may we see that time and again You interrupt the darkness that surrounds us with the warmth and welcome of Your own brilliant light.

In this season when we pray for peace and good will, may we call to mind the peace You intended for us at creation, the world You desire for us where

“The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together.”

Reveal the hope that is ours in the shoot that grows even from the driest stump, the child who loves with the most perfect love.

In the spirit and wisdom that comes from the fear of You, O Lord, fill the Earth with the knowledge of Your eternal love.

In Your holy name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore BEYER on Tuesday, December 21, 2021:

H.R. 1664, to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3537, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to support research on, and expanded access to, investigational drugs for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and for other purposes;

S. 1605, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel

strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO GOVERNING BOARD OF THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 4(c) of House Resolution 8, 117th Congress, and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, of the following individual to serve on the Governing Board on the Office of Congressional Ethics:

Nominated by the Speaker after consultation with the minority leader:

Mr. William Paul Luther, Minnesota, alternate, for the remainder of the term as alternate of Mr. Mike Barnes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. BEYER, on Tuesday, December 21, 2021:

H.R. 1664. An act to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3537. An act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to support research on, and expanded access to, investigational drugs for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. BEYER, on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1605—An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military

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personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Monday, December 27, 2021.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, December 27, 2021, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-3010. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a Report to Congress: Pediatric Research in Fiscal Year 2020, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 284h(c)(3); Public Law 106-310, Sec. 1001; (114 Stat. 1128); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3011. A letter from the Assistant Legal Advisor, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-458, Sec. 7121(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3012. A letter from the Assistant Legal Advisor, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to the Taiwan Relations Act, agreements between the American Institute in Taiwan, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office, and United States Government Agencies, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3311(a); Public Law 96-8, Sec. 12(a); (93 Stat. 20); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3013. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress, covering the period ending September 30, 2021; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3014. A letter from the Chairman and General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2021-September 30, 2021; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3015. A letter from the Chairman, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3016. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors, United States Postal Service, transmitting the Service's Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress, covering the period April 1, 2021, through September 30, 2021; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3017. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the 2018-2019 annual report to Congress on Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3006(h); Public Law 101-601, Sec. 8(h); (104 Stat. 3057); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3018. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Attorney General's

Forth Quarterly Report of FY 2021 on the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 4332(b)(2); Public Law 103-353, Sec. 2(a) (as added by Public Law 110-389, Sec. 312(c)); (122 Stat. 4165); jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Veterans' Affairs.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. DESJARLAIS (for himself and Mr. ROSE):

H.R. 6341. A bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to provide increased protection for horses participating in shows, exhibitions, sales, and auctions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Mrs. DINGELL):

H.R. 6342. A bill to increase funding for cancer research by the National Institutes of Health to be more in proportion to the mortality rates of cancer; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. LYNCH:

H.R. 6343. A bill to expand the scope of the meetings of the supervisory team on countering illicit finance, to improve the combating of Russian money laundering, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 6344. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand refundability and increase simplification of the research credit for certain small businesses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SCHRADER (for himself and Ms. BONAMICI):

H.R. 6345. A bill to amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHRADER (for himself and Ms. BONAMICI):

H.R. 6346. A bill to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. STRICKLAND (for herself, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Mr. CARSON):

H.R. 6347. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot procurement program for military spouses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H. Res. 858. A resolution recognizing the week of December 26, 2021, as the "Week of the Quincentennial of the Fight Against Black Slavery in the Americas"; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. KELLER:

H. Res. 859. A resolution providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 65), Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing; Emergency Temporary Standard"; to the Committee on Rules.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representa-

tives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. DESJARLAIS:

H.R. 6341.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3. Congress shall have power to regulate commerce with Foreign Nations, and among the several states, and with Indian Tribes.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 6342.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII

By Mr. LYNCH:

H.R. 6343.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Cl. 18

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 6344.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. SCHRADER:

H.R. 6345.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congress has the authority to act under Article I, § 8, clause 3—the Commerce Clause.

By Mr. SCHRADER:

H.R. 6346.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congress has the authority to act under Article I, § 8, clause 3—the Commerce Clause.

By Ms. STRICKLAND:

H.R. 6347.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 151: Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. BEYER, and Mr. AUCHINCLOSS.

H.R. 263: Mr. SESSIONS.

H.R. 303: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 430: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 461: Ms. SLOTKIN.

H.R. 475: Mr. GALLEGO and Ms. SCANLON.

H.R. 477: Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 616: Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. MFUME, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, and Mr. SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 649: Mr. CROW.

H.R. 748: Ms. ESHOO, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mrs. DINGELL.

H.R. 808: Mr. PHILLIPS and Mr. DELGADO.

H.R. 880: Mr. YARMUTH.

H.R. 881: Mr. YARMUTH.

H.R. 882: Mr. YARMUTH.

H.R. 909: Ms. STANSBURY.

H.R. 911: Mr. GALLEGO and Miss RICE of New York.

H.R. 1012: Mr. BERA and Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.

H.R. 1197: Ms. STANSBURY.

H.R. 1397: Mr. BACON, Mr. KILMER, Ms. STEVENS, and Ms. BARRAGAN.

H.R. 1473: Mr. SMUCKER.

H.R. 1516: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. ALLRED, and Mr. KIM of New Jersey.

H.R. 1729: Mr. MOOLENAAR.

H.R. 1730: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 1755: Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 1785: Ms. DEAN, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.

H.R. 1834: Mr. YARMUTH.

- H.R. 1924: Mr. OWENS.
H.R. 2021: Mr. BEYER.
H.R. 2120: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Ms. MATSUI.
H.R. 2192: Mr. MEEKS.
H.R. 2222: Mr. HORSFORD.
H.R. 2234: Ms. BROWN of Ohio and Mr. MFUME.
H.R. 2295: Mr. TRONE.
H.R. 2565: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, and Mr. JONES.
H.R. 2613: Mr. PHILLIPS.
H.R. 2730: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.
H.R. 2748: Mr. EVANS.
H.R. 2817: Mr. BEYER.
H.R. 2840: Ms. DEGETTE.
H.R. 3042: Miss RICE of New York.
H.R. 3044: Ms. SLOTKIN.
H.R. 3108: Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois.
H.R. 3113: Miss RICE of New York.
H.R. 3172: Mr. KIM of New Jersey and Ms. HOULAHAN.
H.R. 3187: Mr. GRIJALVA.
H.R. 3335: Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. GIMENEZ, and Mr. LAWSON of Florida.
H.R. 3440: Mr. GALLEGRO.
H.R. 3452: Mr. GALLEGRO.
H.R. 3488: Ms. TITUS, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. BERA, Mr. KILMER, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. HARDER of California, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. DEFazio, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. PETERS, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. COSTA, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. SWALWELL, and Ms. LEE of California.
H.R. 3498: Ms. SLOTKIN.
H.R. 3509: Mr. SWALWELL.
H.R. 3510: Mr. OWENS and Mr. CLEAVER.
H.R. 3519: Ms. BOURDEAUX.
H.R. 3548: Mr. SCOTT of Virginia and Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts.
H.R. 3586: Ms. PINGREE, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Ms. DEAN, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Ms. KUSTER, and Mrs. MURPHY of Florida.
H.R. 3655: Mr. SMUCKER.
H.R. 3656: Mr. SMUCKER.
H.R. 3800: Ms. BARRAGÁN and Mr. CÁRDENAS.
H.R. 3825: Ms. PINGREE.
H.R. 3843: Ms. PINGREE.
H.R. 3907: Mr. DESAULNIER.
H.R. 3988: Ms. NORTON and Mr. KIM of New Jersey.
H.R. 4008: Mr. DELGADO.
H.R. 4060: Mr. MCKINLEY.
H.R. 4104: Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania and Mr. OWENS.
H.R. 4110: Mr. O'HALLERAN and Mrs. TRAHAN.
H.R. 4176: Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. HORSFORD, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. SWALWELL, and Ms. SPEIER.
H.R. 4198: Mr. PHILLIPS and Mr. DELGADO.
H.R. 4402: Mr. HORSFORD, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, and Ms. SPEIER.
H.R. 4414: Mr. KHANNA and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.
H.R. 4565: Mr. PHILLIPS.
H.R. 4801: Mr. CÁRDENAS.
H.R. 4811: Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. BASS, and Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida.
H.R. 4878: Mr. PETERS, Mr. PAPPAS, and Ms. TITUS.
H.R. 4943: Ms. STEVENS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. KILMER, and Mrs. TRAHAN.
H.R. 4944: Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.
H.R. 4946: Mr. NEGUSE, Miss RICE of New York, and Mr. PHILLIPS.
H.R. 5150: Mr. PHILLIPS.
H.R. 5218: Ms. JACOBS of California.
H.R. 5232: Mr. KILMER.
H.R. 5255: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.
H.R. 5352: Mr. PHILLIPS.
H.R. 5377: Ms. TITUS.
H.R. 5450: Mrs. LESKO.
H.R. 5464: Mrs. LESKO.
H.R. 5469: Ms. JAYAPAL and Mr. DESAULNIER.
H.R. 5470: Ms. NORTON, Mr. GALLEGRO, and Ms. NEWMAN.
H.R. 5477: Mr. WELCH.
H.R. 5481: Ms. MANNING and Ms. SLOTKIN.
H.R. 5577: Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. BENTZ, Ms. MACE, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. UPTON, Ms. TENNEY, and Mr. MANN.
H.R. 5611: Ms. BARRAGÁN and Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 5727: Ms. BOURDEAUX and Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts.
H.R. 5740: Mr. FULCHER.
H.R. 5801: Mr. BLUMENAUER and Ms. BARRAGÁN.
H.R. 5804: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 5828: Mr. POCAN.
H.R. 5842: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia and Mr. TRONE.
H.R. 5860: Mrs. LESKO.
H.R. 5887: Mr. BERGMAN.
H.R. 5975: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 5999: Mr. YARMUTH and Mr. LEVIN of Michigan.
H.R. 6005: Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, and Mr. KILMER.
H.R. 6015: Mr. COSTA and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.
H.R. 6096: Mr. CONNOLLY.
H.R. 6102: Mr. CARSON.
H.R. 6107: Mr. CARSON.
H.R. 6202: Ms. CHU, Ms. BARRAGÁN, and Mr. MCKINLEY.
H.R. 6227: Ms. JACOBS of California, Ms. STRICKLAND, and Mrs. HAYES.
H.R. 6249: Mr. SARBANES, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. JONES, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. TLAIB, and Ms. JAYAPAL.
H.R. 6288: Mr. BUDD.
H.R. 6307: Mr. CICILLINE and Ms. TITUS.
H.R. 6337: Mr. HUFFMAN.
H.R. 6339: Mr. RYAN.
H.J. Res. 28: Mr. YARMUTH.
H.J. Res. 53: Ms. BROWN of Ohio.
H. Con. Res. 19: Ms. DELAURO, Mr. BEYER, and Mr. MFUME.
H. Con. Res. 33: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
H. Res. 214: Mrs. KIM of California.
H. Res. 404: Mr. BACON.
H. Res. 558: Mr. BERGMAN and Mr. JACKSON.
H. Res. 629: Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ.
H. Res. 744: Mr. WALBERG.



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Senate

The Senate met at 11 and 20 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable PATRICK J. LEAHY, a Senator from the State of Vermont.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
DECEMBER 27, 2021, AT 4:30 P.M.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands

adjourned until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 27, 2021.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11 and 30 seconds a.m., adjourned until Monday, December 27, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.

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TRIBUTE TO PATRICK HEALY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Patrick Healy as he prepares to conclude his long and storied career as one of Los Angeles' preeminent television reporters. For nearly four decades, Patrick has been on the front lines for just about every story that has shaped and defined the place we call home—all with unmatched integrity and dedication to public service.

Before he was an award-winning broadcaster, Patrick was an engineering student at UCLA—taking up the family's journalism tradition as a reporter for the Daily Bruin. Guided by L.A. newsroom giants like Jere Witter and Pete Noyes, he got his start writing and producing for local outlets across the Southland before landing his big break at NBC-4—a station which he would call home for the next 37 years.

Patrick has since become a fixture in Angelenos' living rooms, with his in-depth coverage of the most famous sagas of our generation: from Richard Ramirez and Rodney King to O.J. Simpson and Dr. Conrad Murray. Through them all, he always managed to bring us more than just the stories themselves—he also reveals the truths they tell about our communities, our people, and our country.

When he wasn't rushing to the scene of breaking news, Patrick has extensively covered environmental issues affecting California, including how drought and extreme weather caused by climate change are impacting the people and places we love. It is these stories that perhaps best unveil the noble motivation behind his work: to investigate and call attention to our challenges so we can ensure the Golden State remains a wonderful place for future generations to enjoy.

Patrick's love for his home state and hometown is undoubtedly what makes so many Angelenos connect instinctively with his reporting. And it is why, like his mentors before him, he will go down as one of the great L.A. broadcast journalists of our time. As Patrick likes to quote, "News is the first draft of history"—if that is so, he has left an indelible mark. And we thank him for it.

I ask all Members to join me in thanking Patrick Healy for his service to Los Angeles, to California, and to the nation, and in wishing him good health and great adventure in retirement.

HONORING WILLIAM THOMAS, JR.

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of William Franklin Thomas, Jr. of Pu-

laski, Virginia, who died on November 29, 2021 at the age of 87. Judge Thomas was a distinguished jurist who served for over two decades as a juvenile and domestic court judge.

Judge Thomas was born on January 2, 1934. He grew up in Pulaski and made it his lifelong home. After graduating from Pulaski High School in 1950, he attended Emory & Henry College and graduated from the University of Richmond. After earning a law degree from the University of Virginia, he began his legal career at the firm known at the time as Gilmer, Sadler, Harman & Thomas, mainly practicing real estate law.

In 1973, the Virginia General Assembly named him a Juvenile and Domestic Court Judge for the 27th Judicial Circuit. He sat on the bench until retirement on December 31, 1995, and served the Counties of Pulaski, Wythe, Carroll, Grayson, and Bland and the City of Galax. During his judicial career, Judge Thomas was widely respected for his commitment to the work and care for the children that came before him in court. As a symbol of the esteem in which Judge Thomas was held, the Pulaski County Bar Association commissioned a portrait of him, which now hangs in the county courthouse.

Beyond the bench, Judge Thomas found ways to serve his beloved Pulaski. He belonged to the Pulaski Jaycees, the Elks, and the Masons, and as a devout member of First United Methodist Church served on the Church Council. A keen interest in politics drove him to the 1960 Democratic National Convention as a delegate and to run in 2007 for the Virginia House of Delegates in the Sixth District.

Judge Thomas was preceded in death by his wife, Gertrude Davis Thomas; his parents, William Franklin Thomas Sr. and Virginia Saunders Thomas; and his sister, Elizabeth "Betty" Thomas Hicks. He is survived by a son, Lee Mason Thomas, and four nieces and nephews. I would like to offer my condolences on the loss of this good man and dedicated jurist.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF TOM LEATHERMAN

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Tom Leatherman to the nation and to the Bay Area.

Tom started his career with the National Park Service (NPS) in 1989 as an intern. During his time with NPS, Tom developed a strong working relationship with the Japanese American community. Starting in 2005, he served as a superintendent at Manzanar Historic Site. Additionally, Tom served as the regional representative for NPS's Japanese American Confinement Sites grant program.

Most recently, Tom worked as a superintendent of the four NPS sites in the Congressional District I represent, including Eugene O'Neil National Historic Site, John Muir National Historic Site, Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial, and Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park. The parks, through Tom's work, help provide visitors with the important history of the area.

In addition to the sites in the Eleventh District, Tom has served at a variety of NPS sites throughout his career including Joshua Tree National Park, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and more. Tom has held a number of positions throughout his career including superintendent, acting deputy regional director, and team lead for the Serious Accident Investigation Team.

Tom's experience and dedication make him the perfect fit to serve as superintendent of Pearl Harbor National Memorial. I thank Tom for his diligence and passion for preserving our nation's natural wonders and history and congratulate him on his new role. Please join me in honoring Tom for his more than thirty years of service to our nation's park system.

HONORING JOHNSTOWN MAYOR VERN JACKSON FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE NORTH COUNTRY AND THE UNITED STATES

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Johnstown Mayor Vern Jackson who has valiantly served the North Country and the United States for over fifty years. I would also like to congratulate Mr. Jackson on his retirement after five great years as mayor of Johnstown.

Mayor Jackson has been dedicated to serving his community in many capacities throughout his storied career. Prior to entering politics, Mr. Jackson served in the United States Navy for twenty-five years and then worked for the Social Security Administration in Utica and Gloversville. After nearly thirty years at the Gloversville Social Security Office, Mr. Jackson retired and served as the chairman for the Johnstown Charter Review Commission. Subsequently, Mr. Jackson became the 4th Ward councilman and in 2017 was sworn in as the mayor of Johnstown. He was elected to complete the last year of the four-year term of his friend, the late Mayor Michael Julius.

Throughout the last five years, Mayor Jackson has worked hard to better the lives of the people of Johnstown. He prioritized cooperation with the city of Gloversville and Fulton County on issues that impacted their communities. Mayor Jackson understood the importance of a city's first impression after traveling

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to many areas while working for the Social Security Administration. As mayor, he worked to stimulate business and motivate business owners to enhance the downtown high traffic areas and preserve historical Johnstown, providing the town with a better first impression.

Mayor Jackson always had an open-door policy for any constituent who wished to meet with him. His accomplished record and willingness to serve are evident in his over fifty years of public service. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize his exceptional leadership and his example as a true public servant and wish him the best of luck in his next chapter.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF EDITH PRAGUE

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of an eastern Connecticut legend, and my friend, Edith Prague.

Edith's life was marked by service to others, as teacher, a social worker, a state legislator, a state commissioner. I met Edith in our days working together in the Connecticut General Assembly, where she served first a State Representative from 1982 to 1990 and then a State Senator from 1995 to 2013, and her example and guidance on how to conduct yourself as a public official influenced so many new legislators, myself included. She was a fierce and tenacious legislator—never one to back down from a tough debate or miss a chance to advocate for those she served.

Edith was especially passionate about her work for seniors—from lowering drug costs, to expanding access to long-term care and home-based care. In 1987 the State of Connecticut permanently established the "CONNPACE" program which was one of the few public programs that provided direct help to seniors for prescription drugs. That program was a prototype for the federal Medicare Part D prescription drug program enacted by Congress two decades later. I remember well as a new state representative from Vernon, Connecticut watching Edith's inspirational passionate speeches on the floor of the general assembly the day CONNPACE was enacted. That passion led to her confirmation to serve as the first ever head of the CT Department of Aging, another Prague initiative, which gave her an even bigger platform to advocate for the needs and priorities of those in need in the later stages of life.

That was always a hallmark of Edith's service—looking out for others and fighting on behalf of those who needed a champion. Edith called herself "a social worker with power," and she worked every day to use her platform to make a difference in the lives of those she served and crossed paths with over her lifetime. The proof of that is in the countless people across eastern Connecticut who can say that Edith helped them in ways big and small.

Above all, though, family was the most important part of Edith's life. Being a mother and grandmother was always top priority for Edith, and I know daughters Shelley, Benay and Joanne and grandchildren Nathan, Matthew, Sam, Josh, Chris, Brian, Katie, Tim and Mi-

chael, will remember her love and passion for her and for others in need.

I will always be grateful to call Edith my colleague and my friend. She was truly one of a kind, a wonderful person we just won't see replicated. Our region, our state and our country are better for her lifetime of service and dedication to others.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Edith's life and legacy as eastern Connecticut mourns her passing.

BRINGING JUSTICE TO SOLDIERS

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, passage of this year's National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) serves as an act of reprove—and justice—for every sexual assault survivor who has put their life on the line in the name of service for this country and has been left behind in the wake of injustice.

The NDAA contains the revised I am Vanessa Guillen Act. For the first time, the NDAA establishes the Office of the Special Trial Counsel which empowers and requires independent investigators to investigate allegations. That means for the first time, the NDAA takes the authority to prosecute sexual assault and harassment away from the military and gives it to independent military prosecutors.

The military justice reforms included in this annual defense policy bill are historic and the most transformative in our nation's history. It is the culmination of years of advocacy from military sexual assault survivors, their families, and supporters.

But let me be clear: my position on our nation's bloated defense budget remains unchanged.

I remain committed to working with my colleagues to address climate change, racial injustice, and guaranteeing that families across the nation receive the relief they need as we work to build back better from a global pandemic. These are all problems that no amount of military spending can remedy, and we must redirect federal resources to the people, to our future generations, and to our working-class Americans.

While I have historically voted "no" and plan to continue to do so—this was once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to finally right generations of injustice against our nation's servicemembers in uniform, to finally bring some sense of justice to the family of Vanessa Guillen and countless other soldiers who are victims of assault. I refused to leave them behind once more.

With the passage of this year's NDAA, survivors of sexual assault will finally be guaranteed an independent military attorney to decide whether to prosecute and make other key, binding decisions in these cases—also ensuring that domestic violence, stalking, murder, manslaughter, kidnapping, and other special victim offenses are taken out of the chain of command. We are one step closer to justice and protection for our soldiers.

My constituents can rest assured that I will continue my work to rein in defense spending and to invest resources in programs that pro-

mote peace, protect our planet, and provide the American people opportunities here at home.

RECOGNIZING MR. DAVID BALLENGER

HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate a dedicated professional with the Department of Veterans Affairs on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. David Ballenger is an exemplary public servant who has demonstrated the highest standards of professionalism serving our nation's veterans. He has served with the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at the Department of Veterans Affairs for more than 17 years. His career in public service is a testament to the importance of selfless service.

For the last 10 years, Mr. Ballenger served as the Director of the Legislative Team in the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at VA. He has been involved in a remarkable breadth of important matters spanning VA's health benefits, memorial functions, human resources, information technology, and real property. In this capacity, he has been the conduit between Congress and VA, providing technical assistance on multiple pieces of landmark legislation including the VA MIS-SION Act, the Forever GI Bill, the VA Disability Appeals Modernization Act, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act, the Veterans' COMPACT Act, and the Deborah Sampson Act. He also spearheaded the Department's legislative proposal submissions.

As Mr. Ballenger embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he will recall, with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, the outstanding contributions he has made to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Congress, and veterans of the United States. May his life be filled with health and happiness.

CELEBRATING THE GENEROSITY OF MR. RALPH ROTELLA

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the generosity of Ralph Rotella, owner of Discount Shoe Repair in Syracuse and driving force behind Ralph's Rescue Mission Shoe Drive.

In 2010, Ralph Rotella was inspired to start Ralph's Rescue Mission Shoe Drive after seeing a homeless person outside of his shop, walking in the cold with their toe sticking out. He made the decision to provide that person with a pair of usable shoes. From that day, Ralph began annually collecting, repairing, and donating shoes to the Syracuse Rescue Mission to help more people in need.

In Ralph's first year of operating the Shoe Drive, he donated less than 100 pairs of shoes. Each year since then, he has steadily expanded his operation, and in 2020, donated 23,187 pairs of shoes—one of the largest donations the Rescue Mission has ever received.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring Ralph Rotella for his determined efforts to aid underserved members of our Central New York community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANSELMO
F. ARELLANO

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Anselmo "Chemo" F. Arellano. As a historian, educator, author, and activist, Anselmo used his talents to preserve New Mexico's rich culture and history. In Northern New Mexico, he was what we call a seeker of el oro del barrio—the knowledge which is the gold of our community.

Anselmo was born on April 27, 1944, in Springer, New Mexico. His family instilled in him a love for his heritage and culture which remained with him throughout his life. Anselmo spent many years as a postsecondary educator in New Mexico. His passion for learning and sharing his knowledge was apparent to those who had the opportunity to meet and learn from him.

Anselmo's career in education began at Fresno State University at the age of 25, where he taught courses in ethnic studies and directed a program for first-generation minority college students. While working at Fresno State, he also volunteered for the United Farmworkers Organizing Committee.

As a distinguished Ford Foundation Fellow, Anselmo received his Ph.D. in American Studies from the University of New Mexico in 1990. He used his education to preserve the history, culture, and traditions of Northern New Mexico and taught others to do the same. Anselmo was nationally recognized for his work and was selected as a featured historian by the Smithsonian Institute for its New Mexico exhibit.

Like many Nuevo Mexicanos, Anselmo knew the power of community and that *acequia es comunidad*. That's why he worked to secure land and water rights for New Mexicans across the state. Understanding the hardships that his community faced, Anselmo also worked to improve access to education, housing, and health care. He served on boards for numerous community organizations and institutions including the National Hispanic Cultural Center.

On behalf of Nuevo Mexico's, Third District, I am honored to recognize the extraordinary life of Anselmo "Chemo" F. Arellano—a humble and loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. I hope that his legacy will be carried on by everyone he shared his knowledge with and by those who knew and loved him.

RECOGNIZING COMMANDER
REBECCA E. WOLF

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition and appreciation of Com-

mander Rebecca E. Wolf, U.S. Navy, upon her completion of the Department of Defense Legislative Fellowship program. Assigned to my office for the 2021 calendar year, Commander Wolf quickly became an integral part of my legislative staff.

Her expertise as a U.S. Navy Surface Warfare Officer informed my work as Chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness. Over this past year, Commander Wolf worked closely with both my personal office and Readiness Subcommittee staffs on the military's most pressing readiness challenges. In particular, she helped to secure passage of my "Support Our Military Working Dogs Act" in section 373 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022.

She also helped to develop several legislative priorities that I will be pursuing in the forthcoming Coast Guard Authorization Act for fiscal years 2022 and 2023. As chair of the State Lands Commission while serving as California's lieutenant governor, I am grateful for the compromise she negotiated between the U.S. Coast Guard and our state regulator on the public availability of information regarding the performance of ballast water management systems. She will be deeply missed after an exceptional year of service, where she made a lasting impact.

Commander Wolf was commissioned through the U.S. Naval Academy, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in oceanography. She went on to earn a Master of Science in physical oceanography from the Naval Postgraduate School. Commander Wolf's operational assignments include service aboard the USS WASP (LHD 1), USS *FORREST SHERMAN* (DDG 98), and USS *PINCKNEY* (DDG 91). She was also the executive officer and then commanding officer of USS *GLADIATOR* (MCM 11). Her shore and staff assignments include tours in Afghanistan, at the Surface Warfare Officer School, and at COMDESRON 23.

Her extensive naval background, work ethic, and problem-solving skills were critical to my work toward recapitalizing our military's organic industrial base and ensuring that our military is ready when needed. While Commander Wolf will be missed by Team Garamendi, the U.S. Navy is lucky to have her back in the ranks leading sailors. We wish her fair winds and following seas as the executive officer of the USS *MOMSEN* (DDG 92) and are excited for all her future successes.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of California's Third Congressional district and a grateful nation, I extend our deepest appreciation to Commander Rebecca E. Wolf for her dedicated service.

CONGRATULATING RAY DUNAWAY
ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, Ray Dunaway has been the voice of Connecticut for nearly three decades. Ray was hired by WTIC-AM to replace another Connecticut legend, Bob Steele in 1992. Since then, he's been the voice of talk radio in Connecticut each and every morning. Over his

tenure, he's helped raise millions of dollars for the Greater Hartford Salvation Army through his annual holiday store. I have had the pleasure of joining Ray over the years and I'm honored to call him a friend. Both the following articles from the Hartford Courant and the Journal Inquirer capture what Ray has meant to the citizens of the state of Connecticut. I look forward to tuning in to his last show tomorrow morning on Christmas Eve. We wish him well in retirement and know his voice will always be missed.

[From the Hartford Courant, Nov. 19, 2021]

"VETERAN RADIO VOICE DUNAWAY TO SIGN OFF"

(By Kenneth R. Gosselin)

Ray Dunaway, the morning radio personality who followed the legendary Bob Steele on WTIC-AM and won over listeners with a relaxed but informed conversational style, will retire from the radio station next month after 29 years.

"You just get tired of waking up," Dunaway said. "You just do. I love the morning. I do. I wouldn't do any other shift, but the thing is, after a period of time, it's kind of like you've been there, done that. And I think it's time for somebody fresh to take a look at it."

Dunaway, 72, said the decision to retire from the morning show, which airs weekdays from 5:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., was entirely his own. His last show will be on Dec. 24.

His co-host, Brian Shactman, will continue to host the morning show, the station's parent company, Audacy, said.

Dunaway was hired to replace Steele in 1992, bringing with him more than two decades of radio experience elsewhere in the country. Steele had a storied local broadcasting career spanning more than five decades, and Dunaway would be Steele's second replacement. Steele's immediate successor lasted just a year.

"The fact of the matter is, it was nerve-racking because I had gone to Trinity [College] and my roommate used to listen to Bob religiously," Dunaway said. "He was really good. It was a great responsibility taking over that job."

Quick acceptance wasn't a sure thing for Dunaway with the memory of Steele still fresh and dissatisfaction among some viewers about a move by WTIC to talk radio.

"Connecticut-ites weren't necessarily going to make that easy," recalled Gary Zenobi, then general manager of WTIC, who hired Dunaway. "But he filled Bob Steele's shoes in a different way. Formats were changing. Ray was just perfect for that because he could hold a conversation not just about anything but with anyone."

Dunaway's arrival also coincided with rapid changes in AM radio. WTIC's daytime music listeners were moving to FM radio, leaving AM stations like WTIC to carve out a different niche, which turned out to be talk radio.

Dunaway's popularity with listeners survived four ownership changes at WTIC and a relocation from One Financial Plaza, the "Gold Building" in downtown Hartford, to Farmington in the early 2000s. The tone of talk radio has turned more contentious and far less civil since Dunaway joined WTIC.

"It is polarizing, no doubt, but the good ones try to make it as fair as they possibly can," Dunaway said. "You can have your point of view. There's nothing wrong with that, and you are able to share it." Dunaway said he worked earlier in his career with conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh, who died in February. Dunaway said he considered Limbaugh someone who thought things through before expressing his opinions.

Limbaugh would also become part of the weekday lineup on WTIC.

Dunaway said there now is pressure to mix it up whether it be on radio or television.

"The whole thing is fight-sell," Dunaway said. "People like fights. It doesn't help anything. [Conservative intellectual] William F. Buckley wouldn't have survived today."

Dunaway said he has strived to keep the morning show on the lighter side.

One of this favorite interviews came in 1994 when then-First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton came on the air to push her husband's plan for health care reform.

Clinton jolted local listeners with the frank assessment that the plan might cost some jobs—paper-pushing jobs, as she called them—in Hartford. Some of those jobs, Dunaway said, were in buildings he could see from his studio on the 19th floor of the Gold Building.

Dunaway, according to a report in *The Courant*, observed the government didn't have a great track record of containing costs, asking, "How can we trust you this time?"

Return to Hartford

When Dunaway arrived in downtown Hartford in 1992, he found a city changed vastly in appearance from when he attended Trinity two decades earlier. The 1980s building boom had given rise to skyscrapers like CityPlace and Goodwin Square.

But the early 1990s also was marked by economic recession and a bad after-taste from the Colonial Realty Co. collapse that cost "Mom & Pop" investors their life savings in a bigger-than-life fraud scheme.

Dunaway said the election of Hartford Mayor Michael P. Peters, the wisecracking firefighter, in 1993, started to turn things around. The two quickly became good friends and often ran into each other at the old Chuck's steakhouse in downtown Hartford. Peters, who died in 2009, was a frequent guest on Dunaway's show.

"Mike Peters got things done . . . He had no real political power, but through the force of his personality managed to get things done," Dunaway said. "He changed the attitude, let's put it that way." That set the stage for big-ticket Hartford investments like the Connecticut Convention Center, Front Street—and more recently, the addition of thousands of apartments downtown, Dunaway said.

Dunaway started in radio at age 17 on a Topeka, Kansas, station before attending Trinity. It was at this station where Dunaway—born Goldsich—would get his professional name.

"I wanted to be J. Michael Wilson or Ray Michael Wilson," Dunaway said. "The guy at the station said, 'Nah, I don't like that name. Let's find another one.' So, he got the phone book and he said, 'Ray Rodriguez? How about Ray Dunaway?' I said, 'Sure.' I wanted the job."

Later, Dunaway worked in Detroit, Dallas and Los Angeles before spending 15 years at KMBZAM in Kansas City, Missouri, as a morning show host.

In Greater Hartford, Dunaway's popularity has drawn attention to philanthropic causes, one of the largest being the annual Salvation Army Holiday Store. Dunaway got involved soon after arriving in Hartford, broadcasting his shows daily from holiday-store locations each December.

The holiday store first started on Pratt Street in downtown Hartford and later moved to Avon and Glastonbury.

Salvation Army Major Migdalia Lavenbein, area coordinator for Greater Hartford, said the holiday store has raised millions since Dunaway became involved.

"Even beyond the money, he has helped transform lives; we're not just talking about

toys and food and monetary gifts," Lavenbein said. "He has been in the business of helping people who were at the bottom. They've hit rock bottom, and he's helped lift people up and place them in a position where they have hope. You can't say that about everyone."

Dunaway's last day at WTIC will be when the holiday store wraps up for the season on Christmas Eve.

And after that? Well, Dunaway said he has to figure out what retirement will be. He plans to stay in the area but do some traveling—and read. "I love to read," he said.

One thing he is absolutely sure about, though is this: "I just don't want to see another sunrise," Dunaway said, quickly adding, "Now don't take that the wrong way."

[From the *Journal Inquirer*, Nov. 22, 2021]

"DUNAWAY REFLECTS ON 29 YEARS BEHIND THE WTIC MICROPHONE"

(By Matt Buckler)

Ray Dunaway doesn't sound like a man who has had an important job for the past 29 years. He sounds more as a person who has been on a 29-year joyride. Dunaway, 72, who announced his retirement Monday from his job as morning host at WTIC-AM 1080, remembers the good times in a job that he started in 1992.

"I love it, it's been fun," Dunaway said. "The station has been good to me. They have taken care of me. I love the city. I love the area. I've worked in Dallas, I've worked in Detroit, I've worked in Los Angeles and I've worked in Kansas City, but at this radio station, WTIC, you can become a key part of the community, and I like that. You feel like you're doing something useful."

When Dunaway arrived at WTIC, replacing Tom McCarthy, who replaced the legendary Bob Steele, he said he never expected to last for 29 years.

"I hoped," Dunaway said. "But you have to be somewhat existential. You live in the minute, and if you do well enough, you'll get another minute. Don't forget, I replaced Tom McCarthy and the management told him that Bob Steele was here for 60 years and you'll be around for that long. A year later, he was gone. So this can be a cruel business. You have to live in the minute."

There have been 29 years, however, of great minutes for Dunaway, a Trinity College graduate who has been working in radio since he was 17. When Dunaway came to Hartford from Kansas City, AM radio was in a transition period, moving from a music format to a talk format. Dunaway said he was on board with it.

"The transition had already started with Tom McCarthy and I know there was some resistance to it," Dunaway said. "But the way I look at it, there are so many sources for music, especially with the Internet. We try to provide local information—local, local, local, local. And I worked very hard at it, trying to get local people on the show—local lawmakers, local town officials. Keep the show local. And that's the one thing that you can't do on the Internet."

It turned out to be a successful format. Dunaway said his program has been an ensemble show, with contributions from many people. His co-hosts have included Robin King, Diane Smith, Scott Gray, Joe D'Ambrosio and Brian Shactman.

"I just like to work with people," Dunaway said. "It's far easier for me than to keep my yap going all the time. I like to bounce off other people. It's always been a team thing and I wouldn't have it any other way. I wasn't born to be a star."

Dunaway was a star as far as many state charities and organizations are concerned. "I had the opportunity to do some incredible

things," Dunaway said. "I've done a lot of fundraisers. This station is such a key part of the community."

Dunaway puts at the top of his achievement list his association with the WTIC-AM holiday store, which collects donations for the Salvation Army. He will be involved with the store one more time this December before he retires.

"I dread it, but I also love it," Dunaway said. "I dread it because there is so much pressure on us to do well. So many people are counting on us. But it usually turns out well. That's why I love it." He also loves his association with the Manchester Road Race, hanging out for the past several years at Highland Park Market, a job that started "as a lark."

"It's great to meet so many people," Dunaway said. "You have to be a little crazy to run a race on Thanksgiving morning. And there is a lot of craziness that day."

Dunaway is also crazy about the city of Hartford and doesn't hide his enthusiasm.

"I have enjoyed watching this city grow, and I think I've been a part of that," Dunaway said. "Front Street, the Convention Center, there have been some drastic improvements. I want people to be proud of this place because it's a pretty darn good place."

"There was a scene in 'Midnight Cowboy' where Joe Buck turns on his little radio and it's on WABC and he says, 'That's New York talking.' That's kind of what I tried to do here. When someone is listening to us, they'll say, 'That's Hartford talking.' I am trying to create a positive image."

Dunaway said it's been 29 years of positivity.

"The No. 1 thing I'm going to miss are the people, I've met so many great people," Dunaway said. "I know it sounds like crap, but it's true."

The one thing he won't miss is the early morning wakeup call.

"I plan on sleeping in," Dunaway said. "I really don't have any retirement goals. I plan to read the paper, write angry letters to the editor and be a crank in general. General Douglas MacArthur said that old soldiers don't die, they just fade away. Well, I'm planning on just fading away."

His final morning show will take place on Friday, Dec. 24.

"Things will be OK for a week, and then it will hit me," Dunaway said. "I'm not here anymore. And I'm really going to miss this place. It's been fun."

For Dunaway, it wasn't a job, it was a pleasure.

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF VICTORY SPORTS MEDICINE

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Marc Pietropaoli and the Victory Sports Medicine team of Skaneateles, New York, for performing the first fully FDA approved Bridge-Enhanced ACL Restoration (BEAR) Surgery in the United States.

Across the United States, ACL tears have reached alarming rates. According to a 21-year study conducted by a team of doctors at the Mayo Clinic, 100,000 to 200,000 Americans will suffer an ACL tears in a given year. Previously, ACL tears had to be addressed through ACL reconstruction, which can be

traumatic to the joint. This successful BEAR Surgery paves the way for improved outcomes, as it is expected to decrease the risk of re-injury and injuries to the opposite knee, feelings of post-recovery abnormality, and arthritis caused by the ACL injury.

In Central New York, Dr. Marc Pietropaoli and the Victory Sports Medicine are on the cutting edge of orthopedic procedures. The successful BEAR procedure is among a long list of achievements this team has had and represents a new era of repairing ACL tears.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing Dr. Marc Pietropaoli and the Victory Sports Medicine team for performing the first fully FDA approved BEAR Surgery in the United States.

IN HONOR OF JEFF AZZOPARDI

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor South San Francisco Police Chief Jeff Azzopardi on the occasion of his retirement. After almost 30 years of service with the department, Chief Azzopardi has decided that it is time for a new chapter in his life that will allow him to spend more time with his family.

I had the great honor to work with Chief Azzopardi since he was appointed in 2014. One of the more memorable occasions was a press conference in 2017 in which we announced the first-ever conviction for human trafficking in San Mateo County. That success reflected the outstanding collaboration of law enforcement, elected officials, and nonprofit organizations on the local, state, and federal level. Chief Azzopardi played an essential role in that collaboration.

Jeff Azzopardi was hired as a police recruit for the South San Francisco Police Department and sworn in as an officer in 1993. From there he rose through the ranks of K-9 officer, S.W.A.T. officer, school community liaison officer, police corporal, criminal investigations bureau officer, police sergeant, community relations sergeant, police lieutenant, criminal investigations bureau commander, and police captain. After the retirement of former Chief Mike Massoni in 2014, the department conducted a nationwide search and selected Jeff Azzopardi as its new chief in September of that year. No matter the role, Jeff is dedicated to the safety and well-being of our community. He leads by example and always strives for excellence.

During his time with the department, he successfully completed the Inner Perspectives Leadership Program, LAPD Leadership Program, and POST Executive Development course. He holds a number of certifications from the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. He also is the former president of the San Mateo County Commanders Group, the president of the San Mateo County Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Association, and the Chief of the North Central Regional S.W.A.T. Team and Commissioner for the South San Francisco Commission on Racial and Social Equity. Chief Azzopardi understands the importance of community relations and has been a leader on several community oriented policing projects. He tirelessly

emphasized the importance of building bridges between his department and our community.

His outstanding service did not go unnoticed. He received numerous awards and honors, including a certificate of commendation from the police department for his work as a sexual assault investigator, a certificate of commendation from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, a lifetime achievement award from the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the Carl Valero Lifetime Achievement Award from Pacifica American Little League, and Police Officer of the Year from the San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association.

Born in San Francisco, Jeff attended Terra Nova High School in Pacifica and then received his Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from Chico State University and his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Notre Dame de Namur University.

As South San Francisco's Top Cop is leaving his post, he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife of 21 years, Nikole, and their sons Nate and Drew.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me to thank Chief Azzopardi for keeping South San Francisco one of the safest and most innovative cities in the Bay Area. His exemplary leadership has earned him the respect and adoration of his colleagues and South City residents. His contributions over the last three decades will outlast his service.

RECOGNIZING CHAIRMAN CURTIS W. CRANDALL ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Curtis W. Crandall, Chairman, on his retirement from the Allegany County Legislature.

Chairman Crandall was appointed to the Legislature on March 13, 2000 to replace Alton Saylor. His service continued for nearly twenty-two years, sixteen of which were as Chairman. He was Majority Leader for one year, in 2005, before obtaining the Chairmanship. In his years of dedication to Allegany County, Chairman Crandall was a member of every committee, acting in various leadership roles including Chair of the Special Budget Committee in 2016 and 2017.

Chairman Crandall has been active on Advisory Boards throughout his tenure as well. Over the years, he served on the Citizens Advisory Council to the Office for the Aging from February 2003 to January 2006, Public Safety Building Planning Committee from January to December 2005, Court Facilities Financial Impact Ad Hoc Committee from November through December 2008, Comprehensive Plan Implementation Group from October 2008 through December 2009, and continues longstanding terms of service on the Broadband Task Force, Crossroads Development Advisory Committee, and Radio Communications Task Force. Additionally, Chairman Crandall has been the ex-officio member of the Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Economic Development Board since January of 2006.

Chairman Crandall worked tirelessly for his constituents, and we are thankful for his efforts in reducing the county property tax rate for many consecutive years. Chairman Crandall's commitment to his community goes above and beyond as shown through his volunteer work with the Lions Club, Boy Scouts of America, and Farm Bureau, just to name a few.

As a successful entrepreneur and businessman of over forty years, a loyal member of the Legislature, faithful volunteer and a loving husband, father and grandfather, we applaud his valued leadership and dedicated service as he moves forward in the next chapter of his life.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me in recognizing Allegany County Legislative Chairman, Curtis W. Crandall, on his longstanding service and retirement. Congratulations on this tremendous milestone.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MARYAM ANSARI MEHRAN

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Maryam Ansari Mehran.

Maryam Ansari Mehran was born in Tehran, Iran in 1922 to Monavar and General Mahmoud Ansari. Maryam graduated from the American College in Tehran and shortly after married Masud Mehran. The couple then decided to come to the United States in pursuit of new opportunities. Maryam and Masud arrived in New York City in 1943 and later moved to California.

Maryam's entrepreneurial spirit was evident to all who knew her. In 1951, Maryam and Masud founded Sunset Development Company. The company was responsible for the development of more than one third of homes in Livermore, California. Maryam was also very interested in design. She graduated from the Rudolph Schaeffer School of Design and went on to start a custom clothing business.

In her personal life, Maryam was also deeply passionate about her community. She was a strong supporter of the Contra Costa Food Bank, helping those in need. Her love for her family was also clear. She enjoyed tending her garden for her family to enjoy.

Sadly, Maryam passed away in November of this year. Maryam is survived by her son Alex, her granddaughters Diana, Lacey and Annabel, her grandsons Mark, Rawley and Alexander and eleven great grandchildren. She was a cherished member of our community and will be remembered for her intelligence, compassion, and perseverance. Please join me in honoring Maryam for her many contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING MR. SCOTT BOHN

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition and appreciate of Mr.

Scott Bohn upon his completion of the Brookings Institution's LEGIS Fellowship program. During the 2021 calendar year, Mr. Bohn served as my U.S. State Department fellow and quickly became an integral part of my legislative staff.

His working knowledge as a State Department employee and veteran informed my work as Chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness and as a member of the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces. Over this past year, he worked closely with my personal office staff and other Congressional offices on a variety of critical issues. He helped to reconstitute my Congressional Nuclear Weapons and Arms Control Working Group, which focuses on nuclear arms control, risk reduction, and nonproliferation. He also worked to advance my bipartisan "Peace Corps Reauthorization Act," which the House Foreign Affairs Committee reported favorably in September 2021.

Mr. Bohn graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Philosophy in politics and philosophy, and from Georgetown University with a Master of Arts in Russian and East European studies.

A career employee at the U.S. Department of State, Mr. Bohn most recently led the overseas security advisory council's global threat warning team, responsible for monitoring, analyzing, and sharing time-sensitive security information relevant to U.S. private sector operations overseas. Previously, Mr. Bohn served in the Office of Intelligence and Threat Analysis as an analyst evaluating threats to U.S. interests in Europe and Eurasia. In addition, he performed a rotational tour in the Department's Office of Russian Affairs, where he worked to advance U.S. bilateral policy interests with Russia.

Mr. Bohn is also a Foreign Area Officer in the Air Force Reserve, currently assigned to the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Headquarters. Previous assignments included tours at the Pentagon, Defense Intelligence Agency, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence, and National Security Agency. Mr. Bohn and his wife, Megan, have two daughters: Isabel and Olivia. His family continues to support him and his service to our nation, and we thank them for it.

While Mr. Bohn will be deeply missed after an exceptional year of service, he will no doubt be successful in his new role in the Office of Verification, Planning, and Outreach at the State Department's Bureau of Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance. Despite his departure, he will remain a deeply valued member of Team Garamendi.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of California's Third Congressional district and a grateful nation, I extend our deepest appreciation to Mr. Scott Bohn for his dedicated service.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PERRY MASTROCOLA

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Perry Mastrocola, a dedicated public servant, a gift-

ed attorney and educator, and a devoted and loving husband and father who passed away in early October.

Perry served our nation for more than 27 years as both a Federal Special Agent and a Federal Prosecutor. During his distinguished career, Perry served as a special agent with the IRS Criminal Investigation division and later in supervisory roles in IRS offices in Cleveland and Charlotte. Perry had extensive experience investigating criminal tax offenses, money laundering violations, health care fraud, bank secrecy act matters, and other complex financial crimes. He retired as the Special Agent in Charge of the IRS office in Charlotte.

Following his service in the Federal Government, Perry worked as a Senior Investigator and Analyst for U.S. Bank's Investigation and Enhanced Due Diligence departments. There, he was responsible for leading sophisticated internal bank investigations and preparing recommendations in cases involving fraud or other unusual circumstances. He later joined Flannery Georgalis, a leading litigation firm in Charlotte, as a Partner.

Perry was multi-lingual and because of his unique and dynamic language capabilities, he worked with Italian and Mexican authorities on many important money laundering investigations. He also taught Anti-Money Laundering classes to Mexican law enforcement officers and was a keynote speaker in numerous Anti-Money Laundering and Bank Secrecy seminars for finance and law enforcement representatives around the country. Perry also taught undergraduate law classes at his undergraduate alma mater, Baldwin-Wallace University, for 14 years.

Perry was a huge Ohio football fan, actively supporting a variety of teams from the Baldwin-Wallace Yellow Jackets to the Cleveland Browns. And he spent countless hours coaching sports teams for his sons, Vincent and Gabriel—because what mattered most to Perry was his family and especially his loving wife of 27 years, Kelly.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in remembering Perry Mastrocola, honoring his many years of service to our country, and keeping both he and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF GIRL NAMED TOM WINNING THE VOICE

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding musical trio who won NBC's *The Voice*. Girl Named Tom has overcome many challenges and intense competition on their path to becoming the champions. Natives of Pettisville, Ohio, Caleb, Bekah, and Joshua Liechty have represented their hometown and Ohio's Fifth Congressional District on a national stage and brought pride to Northwest Ohio. This trio exemplifies American values of family, community, and hard work.

Caleb, Bekah, and Joshua were raised in Pettisville. They were originally homeschooled, and music became a substantial part of their curriculum. All three siblings were enrolled in

piano at a young age, and they became involved in theater once they started at Pettisville Schools. The entire trio had plans to go to medical school and follow in their grandfather's footsteps, but all of that changed when their father was diagnosed with a rare cancer in 2017. The siblings decided to form a band and pursue a career in music.

After a successful season on *The Voice*, Girl Named Tom was honored with the distinction of being the first group to ever win the competition and the recording contract. Caleb, Bekah, and Joshua hope to keep pursuing their dream and release new music in 2022. As for now, they plan on celebrating their success and spending time with their father.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Caleb, Bekah, and Joshua Liechty of Girl Named Tom for their momentous win. On behalf of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement and wish Girl Named Tom the best in all their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF TIMOTHY B. HOWARD

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Erie County Sheriff Timothy B. Howard for a long and dedicated career in law enforcement and public service.

Sheriff Howard's career has spanned over four decades, including 24 years with the New York State Police, where he reached the rank of Staff Inspector, the fourth highest rank in an agency comprised of over 4,000 employees. In 1998, Sheriff Howard was appointed Erie County Undersheriff, and served in that role until he became Sheriff on January 1, 2005 due to the resignation of the previous Erie County Sheriff. Sheriff Howard was elected for his first full four-year term in 2005, and was re-elected in 2009, 2013, and 2017. Sheriff Howard is also the longest-serving Erie County Sheriff since 1821, when the post was established—a testament to his dedication to serving Erie County, and the positive impact he has had on the county. Sheriff Howard also currently serves as the co-chair of Homeland Security Zone 15.

Sheriff Howard is a true law and order Sheriff, and he has demonstrated his heroism and commitment to his community throughout his career. Among Sheriff Howard's many notable awards, he has received the Superintendent's Unit Citation Award, the Hero's Award of the 100 Club of Buffalo, the Erie County Law Enforcement Award, the Judges and Police Conference Outstanding Law Enforcement Award, the Attorney General's Award, and the Brummer Award, which is highest award given in the New York State Police. Sheriff Howard has also received a New York State Legislative Proclamation in honor of his work.

Sheriff Howard graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2000 and has a master's degree in Criminal Justice from SUNY Albany. In addition to his tireless work protecting the community, Sheriff Howard has prioritized educating the next generation of law enforcement officers—teaching at both the New York

State Police Academy and the Rochester Institute of Technology.

After a long and remarkable career in law enforcement, Sheriff Howard is leaving his post to pursue a new opportunity as the Supervisor of the Town of Wales. Words cannot express the debt of gratitude the people of Erie County owe to Sheriff Howard for his decades of work taking dangerous criminals off the street, rescuing those in danger, and improving every community he has touched.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Sheriff Howard on his retirement, in thanking him for service, and in honoring the positive impact he has had on Erie County.

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF DANICE STANTON TAYLOR

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, today I recognize and celebrate the career of one of my original staff members, Danice Stanton Taylor. Danice started on January 27, 1997 and was hired as a caseworker. She focused on casework involving the Social Security Administration, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, healthcare and disabilities. Fittingly, she is moving to a job with the La Crosse Social Security Office, where she can continue to help people with their Social Security questions or issues.

She was born and raised in the Town of Mifflin, Wisconsin, a small town in the driftless region of Southwest Wisconsin. She graduated from Iowa-Grant High School and went on to graduate from UW-Platteville with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. After graduation, she worked for Senator Russ Feingold for two years even doing a stint in Washington, DC. Her Wisconsin roots brought her back and I was lucky to have her join my staff in my La Crosse District Office. Danice and her husband Mike are raising three talented and creative children, Alec, Jackie and Olivia. It has been fun watching them grow up throughout these years.

Danice has been a steady, patient and friendly voice to the constituents of Wisconsin's 3rd Congressional District. I could always count on her to provide thorough and excellent assistance to the people I represent. Throughout her years of service, she has joined me on the road for countless listening sessions. Additionally, she served as the staff leader on the annual Congressional Art Competition.

There were many times when I received a letter, email, phone call, or had a personal conversation with someone who Danice helped and how grateful they were for her assistance. It can truly be said that she served the people well and serves as a great example of what good public service looks like.

I thank Danice for her hard work and dedication and 24 years of public service to my office and to the people of Wisconsin's 3rd Congressional District. I wish her, Mike and her children all the best in their next chapter.

HONORING CITY ADMINISTRATOR
OF FULTON, MISSOURI, BILL
JOHNSON

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who has dedicated his life to public service and bring attention to the communities he has improved. After twenty-five years as the City Administrator of Fulton, Missouri, Bill Johnson is retiring.

Over the last 25 years, Mr. Johnson oversaw countless meaningful projects, including, but not limited to, construction of a new city hall building, police station, fire station, animal shelter, warehouse complex, recreation center, golf course, and an airport runway. The list of major accomplishments doesn't stop there. He was able to achieve upgrades for water and wastewater utilities, rebuilding of natural gas and electric delivery systems, improvements to the sanitary sewer system, and much more.

Mr. Johnson also promoted Fulton at the state, national and international level through his participation in organizations like the International City Management Association, Missouri Municipal League, and Missouri State Homeland Security Committee to name a few.

In 2014 Mr. Johnson was awarded the J.T. Bell Award for the "City Manager of the Year" for the State of Missouri. This award, given by his peers, is evidence of Mr. Johnson's value to the community and commitment to efficient, effective government.

It is not surprising that a man who has so passionately dedicated his adult life to public service started that service in the U.S. military. Mr. Johnson is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps where he received three Meritorious Masts and the Good Conduct Medal during his Service.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Johnson on his accomplishments as the City Administrator of Fulton and a well-deserved retirement. More importantly, please help me thank him and his family for their service to the city, the community, and our entire nation.

HONORING THE LIVES OF DOYLE
ORVAL "KORN BREAD" COWART,
SR. AND CATHY ANNE MOORE
COWART

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my friend, Doyle Orval "Korn Bread" Cowart, and his wife, Kathy Anne Moore Cowart, both of whom passed away on Thursday, December 16, 2021.

Doyle was born in Colmesneil, Texas, on September 10, 1937, to Doyle and Trudie Cowart. He worked as a supervisor in the petrochemical industry for 38 years before retiring. Doyle had a passion for syrup making, trail riding, and farming. Doyle and I served together in The Gideons International. Kathy

was born on February 22, 1940, also in Colmesneil, Texas, to Moot and Alice Moore. She worked as a bank teller for 40 years before retiring. Kathy's passions were hospitality, gardening, and community fellowship.

Doyle and Kathy were high school sweethearts, and their love led to a wonderful marriage. They spent 63 lovely years together before going home to be with their Lord and Savior. The couple were lifelong residents of Colmesneil, Texas, and devoted members of First Baptist Church Colmesneil, where Doyle served as a Deacon and Kathy sang in the choir. Doyle and Kathy never met a stranger and welcomed all into their home to share a warm meal, a time of prayer, and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Together, they built the Gathering Place, an event venue, in Colmesneil which served as a perfect representation of the passion they shared for their community, fellowship, and Christ's love.

Doyle and Kathy were preceded in death by their parents, Doyle Cleveland, Trudie Ollie Davis Cowart, Moot Jacob, and Alice Victoria Woodward Moore. They are survived by their daughter, Amy Hornsby of Anahuac, Texas; son, Doyle Orval Cowart, Jr. and his wife, Shelley, of Port Neches, Texas; son, Jerry Vance Cowart, and his wife, Tina Cowart, of Colmesneil, Texas; Kathy's brother, L.B. Hanks, and his wife, Joyce, of Port Neches, Texas; and her sisters, Wilma Jo Thweatt and Iris Gall, of San Antonio, Texas. They also leave behind their grandchildren: Amanda Abshier, Heath Abshier, Harlie Cowart, Kallie Cowart, Travis Cowart, and Brandon Cowart and his wife, Clara, and their great-grandchildren: Bella Abshier, Maddox Abshier, Bentley Abshier, Thomas Cowart, Peyton Cowart, and Paisley Cowart.

Madam Speaker, today, please join me in remembering Doyle and Kathy Cowart, two Godly people who will be missed. My heartfelt prayers remain with their family and friends during this difficult time.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PAUL
BALDACCI

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Paul Baldacci.

Paul was born in Virginia in 1933 and raised in Akron, Ohio. Paul enjoyed playing football and basketball throughout high school. After graduation, he went on to play offensive guard at Santa Clara University on a football scholarship and later attended the University of San Francisco School of Law. However, his education was put on hold as he joined the United States Army in 1956 and served in the Korean War.

After serving in the Army, Paul eventually joined Hoffman Company Builders and Developers where Paul realized his passion for development. Paul later went on to start Castle Construction Company Inc. Throughout his career, Paul was very passionate about supporting the interests of industrial workers. He served for over thirty years as Employer Trustee for the Northern California Carpenters 46 Counties Apprenticeship Training Trust. In 1999, Paul was appointed as a member of the

State of California Building Standards Commission. Additionally, in 1997 Paul served as Chairman of the Home Builders Association of Northern California.

In his personal life, Paul married his wife Betty in 1955. Paul's love for his family was clear to all who knew him. He and Betty have six children, nineteen grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Sadly, Paul passed away on November 20, 2021. He will be remembered for his hard work and his compassion. Please join me in honoring Paul for his many contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING AIRSPEED XP8

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to pay tribute to the Airspeed XP8 8-Way Formation Skydiving Team, which won the gold during the recent World Skydiving Championship in Russia. Team Airspeed XP8 is based out of Raeford, North Carolina. The team competed during

MONDIAL 2020, the largest world skydiving championship in history. This year's event brought together the greatest skydiving athletes in the world from more than 33 countries. Even just competing is a huge honor and privilege, and Airspeed XP8's taking the gold is truly an extraordinary achievement. I am proud to salute the fine athletes who worked so hard and have accomplished so much and am honored to represent them in Congress.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 11:00:20 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 11:00:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., on Monday, December 27, 2021.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 6341–6347; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 858–859, were introduced. **Page H7840**

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Dingell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7839**

Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics—Appointment: The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following individual to serve on the Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics:

Nominated by the Speaker after consultation with the Minority Leader:

Mr. William Paul Luther of Minnesota, Alternate, for the remainder of the term as alternate of Mr. Mike Barnes. **Page H7839**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

4:30 p.m., Monday, December 27

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Monday, December 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

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