EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT DEMOCRATIC CLUB

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to congratulate the members of the Hammond, Indiana Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) Democratic Club as they celebrate the organization's 90th anniversary. In honor of this momentous occasion, the FDR Club will be hosting an anniversary banquet on April 30, 2022, at the Hammond Mohawk Athletic & Conservation Club.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Club of Hammond was founded by forty-two members of Polish ancestry on December 3, 1932. Since the time of its founding, the club's members set out to engage in the promotion and advancement of civic progress within the Democratic Party. Since its inception, club members have selflessly given their time and support to the community of Northwest Indiana. The residents of Northwest Indiana are grateful for the club's ''Candidates' Night,'' which is held prior to each primary and general election. This is an outstanding opportunity for voters to meet candidates and discuss the needs of their community. For their significant contributions to upholding the ideals of the democratic process in their communities and throughout Northwest Indiana, the members and leaders of the FDR Club are to be commended.

At this time, I would like to acknowledge the 2020 FDR Club Officers. They are: President Suzette Kubacki, First Vice President Lee Ward, Second Vice President Anna Mamala, Secretary Mark Szpak, Treasurer Ted Oberc, and Trustees Rich Chmielik, Mary T. Hildebranski, and Brian Krupinski.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the Hammond Franklin D. Roosevelt Democratic Club on its 90th anniversary. The work of this truly admirable organization is a great asset to the people of Northwest Indiana, and for their selfless service, the leadership and members are worthy of the highest praise, and I am proud to serve as their representative in Washington, D.C.

HONORING INDIANA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DOUG GUTWEIN FOR HIS SERVICE TO HOOSIERS

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Indiana State Representative Doug Gutwein on his remarkable career in service to our state and nation as he prepares to retire this year. Representative Gutwein, who represents Indiana House District 16, has dedicated his life to making his fellow Hoosiers safer, stronger, and more prosperous.

A lifelong Hoosier, Representative Gutwein was born and raised in Francesville. After graduating from high school, he served in the United States Army. He returned to Pulaski County to run his brother's small business, which he later acquired.

In 1991, Representative Gutwein began his career in public service as a member of the Francesville Town Board and he was elected president of the board in 1992.

First elected to the Indiana State House of Representatives in 2008, Representative Gutwein quickly began delivering results for Hoosiers.

During his tenure, he has served as a leader in expanding newborn screenings and safeguarding the most vulnerable Hoosiers. Representative Gutwein has sponsored legislation, including both Graham's Law and Bryce's Bill, to update and expand the list of screenings newborns receive in Indiana shortly after birth—increasing awareness of conditions and saving lives.

Representative Gutwein also introduced legislation to address flooding and drainage issues along the Kankakee and Yellow rivers by the Kankakee River Basin and Yellow River Basin Commission, which will have long-lasting benefits for our region.

As a veteran, Representative Gutwein has remained active in advocating for his fellow veterans and supporting our troops. He led legislative solutions to equip Hoosier veterans with resources, improve communication with the veteran community, and cut taxes for our heroes. In addition to his work in the State Assembly, Representative Gutwein also is an active member of the American Legion and continues to fight every day for his fellow veterans. He has been instrumental in sending Indiana-grown popcorn to American troops to share a taste of home.

Throughout his time at the Statehouse, Representative Gutwein has been a strong leader for agriculture, small business, and other vital Hoosier priorities. He also served as chairman of the Environmental Affairs Committee, the Employment, Labor and Pensions Committee, and the Select Committee on Government Reduction.

Representative Gutwein and his wife, Mary Lew, have been blessed with three children and seven grandchildren. The entire Gutwein family is a cherished part of our Pulaski County community.

On behalf of the 2nd District of Indiana, it is my privilege to honor State Representative Doug Gutwein for his distinguished service to Hoosiers and Americans across the country. As he prepares to retire from the Indiana State House of Representatives, I wish Representative Gutwein and his family all the best in the chapters ahead.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RABBI MENACHEM M. SCHNEERSON

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and include in the RECORD the words of Rabbi Mendel Alperowitz of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, honoring the life and legacy of Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson.

Remarks by Rabbi Mendel Alperowitz:

Today we recognize the life and leadership of the global spiritual leader Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, known universally as ''the Rebbe'' and head of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement.

Rabbi Schneerson arrived with his wife, Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka Schneerson, to our shores in 1941 from the Nazi inferno, just as our nation was celebrating our independence on July 4—a bearded, Yiddish-speaking, childless and penniless Soviet emigre.

Yet, without the benefit of material resources or political power, only the force of his convictions, a selfless dedication to the Supreme Being and to every human being, the Rebbe resuscitated and guided a demoralized and depleted world Jewry to rebuild and even to flourish after the Holocaust. Though he came to this country with nothing, through his work the Rebbe became the most influential rabbi in modern history.

One result of his leadership is the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, which, by following his teachings and example, became the world's largest Jewish educational organization. Today there are more than 3,500 permanent Chabad-Lubavitch centers providing educational, religious, and humanitarian programming, serving people in all 50 States, including in my home state of South Dakota, and in over 100 countries around the world.

The Rebbe's message to all peoples everywhere in the world community calls for focusing serious concern on the values of education and acts of charity, to provide an education which is imbued with ethical, moral and spiritual values. The recognition that there is ''an Eye that Sees and an Ear that Hears,''—that all humankind is accountable to the Creator who provided us with the only true guide for life. The Rebbe teaches that these moral and ethical values, as enshrined in the Seven Laws given to Noah, must be an integral part of any educational system if humankind is to live in harmony with a fellow human and if humanity is to realize G-ds expectation of her or him. When does this education begin? The moment life starts. When does education end? It never does.

The Rebbe always extolled America's unique role and mission on the world stage and had meaningful relationships with several of our nation's leaders who saw him as the moral guide to so many. For the Rebbe, America was a beacon of light with a historic prominence to be utilized in influencing the betterment of all humanity. The Rebbe called America ''a nation of kindness'' and pointed to the words ''In God We Trust'' enshrined on all American currency as a defining element of the great American story.

It is to the eternal merit of our country and this august body that we honored the Rebbe's outstanding and enduring contributions toward world education, morality, and acts of charity, by awarding him the Congressional Gold Medal posthumously. His efforts for the betterment of education for all Americans are also recognized annually by the President of the United States, marking Education and Sharing Day USA each year on his birthday, calling on all Americans to reflect and act on the critical importance of moral and ethical education, especially for our youth.

This year, our country will celebrate Education and Sharing Day on April 12, corresponding to the llth day of Nissan on the Jewish calendar. This year is a milestone year when we celebrate the 120th anniversary of the Rebbe's birth.

As our minds and hearts are never far from the people of Ukraine and the brutal war they are enduring, it is surely Providential to recognize and reflect on the life lessons of someone so exceptional, who was himself born and raised in Ukraine.

The Rebbe was born in Nikolaev, Ukraine in 1902. to Rabbi Levi Yitzchak and Rebbetzin Chana Schneerson. His family moved to Yekatrinislav, now Dinepr, where his father served as Chief Rabbi. During the Bolshevik revolution the Rebbe's childhood home became the epicenter for the many refugees flocking through Dinepr. In an act of love and sacrifice, the Rebbe, though only a child, gave away his own bed and food to allow those he had never met before to have a more comfortable and dignified life. That was the example his parents set. This was the life he lived.

His mother would recall that once, when the family was in hiding during a brutal pogrom, the Rebbe who was three years old at the time, walked around the cellar of a pharmacy, and consoled and calmed the other terrified children who were hiding there. Later when he was nine years old, the Rebbe dived into the Black Sea to save the life of a boy who had fallen from the deck of a moored ship. The adult onlookers didn't feel confident enough to jump in. Those who witnessed this heroic act recalled the sacrifice the Rebbe had made that day. He himself collapsed, almost lifeless, soon after bringing the young boy to shore.

These stories are emblematic of the Rebbe's life; the sacrifice and deep sense of responsibility for all who cry out for help. The call of those drowning and no one hearing their cries. For people calling out for moral guidance in a world engulfed in darkness, the Rebbe rose to this historic calling offering guidance and leadership,

The Rebbe grew up under the oppression of communism, his father stood firm, displaying courage and sacrifice, leading his family and community in the Jewish religious resistance across Ukraine.

From his humble one room office in New York, the Rebbe built and maintained a clandestine network of operatives throughout the USSR. Young couples were inspired by his teachings, and he sent them to make what was then significant sacrifices for western raised kids, to devote themselves completely to the needs of others, in foreign lands.

With the fall of communism, the Rebbe was able to ensure that those underground activities sprouted forth and quickly developed thriving Jewish communities, creating unprecedented Jewish infrastructure, serving hundreds of communities across the USSR, and resulting in the golden era of Ukrainian Jewry for the last 30 years.

Right now, during the current Russia-Ukraine war, it is the hundreds of Chabad-Lubavitch representatives of the Rebbe, and their thousands of employees and volunteers, who are at the forefront of the humanitarian, social and religious efforts being provided for the refugees and their loved ones left behind.

Overnight they have transformed their schools, synagogues, and orphanages into centers for humanitarian relief, shelters, and call centers.

The Rebbe's message is clear and serves as an important calling for all of us. We must put ourselves aside and be ready to sacrifice for the needs of others. With this urgent sense of responsibility and love, we will make the world a better place. This is what the Rebbe's people are doing in Ukraine. This is the life he exemplified. This is what we can all do.

2022 WINTER OLYMPIAN RECOGNITION AND GAINESVILLE DAR 100TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Mr. Joey Mantia on the remarkable achievement of winning a Bronze Medal for speedskating in the Men's Team Pursuit at the 2022 Winter Olympics. I commend Mr. Mantia and his teammates for the commitment, hard work, and effort dedicated to this hard-fought victory, what an honor it is to be able to represent the United States of America at such a level. As a 28-time world champion and world recordholder, he knows the hard work and dedication it takes. May he continue to make Florida and our country proud with his persistence.

I am proud to recognize Ms. Erin Jackson on winning the Gold Medal in the Women's 500m Short Track Speed Skate at the 2022 Winter Olympics. This victory is well deserved, as I know it reflects the hard work and dedication Ms. Jackson has put in throughout her life. Not only does Ms. Jackson hold the title as a gold medalist, but as the first black woman to medal in speedskating at the Winter Olympics and the first American to win this event since 1994. May she continue to make Florida and our country proud with her persistence.

I am proud to recognize Ms. Brittany Bowe on winning the Bronze Medal in the Women's 1000m Long Track Speed Skate at the 2022 Winter Olympic Games. I commend Ms. Bowe for the commitment, hard work, and effort she put into this hard-fought victory. As the winner of gold and silver medals at the World Single Distance Championship, she knows the hard work and dedication is what it takes to get to where you are today. May she continue to make Florida and our country proud with her persistence.

I am proud to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Gainesville chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The Gainesville chapter was founded on April 2, 1922 to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. I am happy to recognize all the good that the Gainesville chapter does in their community. Members volunteer in their local communities including supporting active-duty military personnel and assisting veteran patients, awarding scholarships and financial aid each year to students, and supporting schools for underserved children. Here's to the next 100 years.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF FORMER STATE SENATOR GLORIA TANNER

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

MS. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues, Congressman ED PERLMUTTER, Congressman JOE NEGUSE, and Congressman JASON CROW, to recognize the life and achievements of former Colorado State Senator Gloria Tanner, who passed away on Monday, April 4, 2022, at the age of 86. Gloria was a courageous leader who dedicated her life to improving the lives of other Coloradans. She was also a friend and mentor to so many in the Denver community, including all of us.

Before Gloria's trailblazing record of service began in Colorado, her life's journey started in Atlanta, Georgia, where she was born on July 16, 1934. Decades later, the chance to earn a living while attending school brought her to Colorado. In 1972, Gloria became a reporter at the Denver Weekly News, which at the time was a prominent African American newspaper. While working as a reporter, Gloria determinedly pursued her education goals—first at Denver's Metropolitan State College where she graduated magna cum laude with a degree in political science, and then later at the University of Colorado where she earned her master's degree in Urban Affairs.

Gloria's celebrated career included many historic firsts, including serving as the state's first African American woman elected to the State Senate and the second African American woman elected to a leadership position in the State House of Representatives.

In 1976, after graduation, Gloria worked for Colorado's then Lieutenant Governor George Brown, a historic figure in his own right, and later for Colorado State Senator George Groff in 1978. In 1985, Gloria was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives, where she quickly rose through the ranks of leadership, eventually serving as the Democratic caucus's minority leader. Then in 1994, when Senator Groff retired, Gloria was appointed to replace him in the State Senate and spent her remaining years representing her beloved District 33.

What made Gloria so special was her relentless drive to serve and uplift the voices of those who our society often has difficulty hearing. Throughout her 17 years in the legislature, Gloria fought tirelessly for civil rights, successfully passing several landmark pieces of legislation aimed at improving the lives of women, families, workers, and minority communities in Colorado. And that drive was, in part, what made her an effective advocate in the community outside of the state capitol. Not only did she found the Colorado Black Women for Political Action, an organization that still thrives today, but she also co-founded the Colorado Black Roundtable, the National Organization of Black Elected Legislators—Women (or NOBEL-Women), as well as the Gloria Tanner Leadership and Training Institute for Future Black Women Leaders of Colorado.

Throughout her career, Gloria acted as a friend and mentor to many, including me. When I was elected to the State House in 1992, she was a source of legislative wisdom and personal support to me and my family. Even after her retirement from the Senate, she never hesitated to reach out, particularly to young women, with encouragement and wise counsel.

Even when she received well-deserved honors and awards, such as being inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame, Gloria always accepted the recognition with grace and the constant urging that we all need to keep pushing to do more. And so, as both Coloradans and elected officials, the four of us recommit ourselves to the noble fight for justice led by Gloria and by so many other courageous leaders who have gone before her.

Our hearts go out to Gloria Tanner's friends and family. We are so proud to call Gloria our friend and mentor, and we will miss her dearly. Though her loss will be deeply felt in Denver and across the state for many years to come, the legacy she has left will forever raise the standard for future generations of leaders.

REMEMBERING PORT CLINTON, OHIO'S COMPANY C MEMBERS IN HONOR OF NATIONAL FORMER POW RECOGNITION DAY

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today at the request of members of the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor Memorial Society regarding National Former POW Recognition Day which took place on April 9th. The Society notes that this year it "commemorates the 80th anniversary of the fall of the Bataan Peninsula in the Philippines and the Start of the infamous Bataan Death March." Port Clinton, a small city along Lake Erie in my District, shared 32 of its sons in Company C, only ten of whom returned from the Bataan Death March. I am pleased to include in the RECORD the history of the March written by Mindy Kotler Smith, a member of the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor Memorial Society:

"Participating in the historic defense of the Philippine Islands were 32 men from Port Clinton, Ohio. They were members of Company C of the 192nd Tank Battalion, an Ohio National Guard unit federalized in late 1940. The 192nd arrived in the Philippines two weeks before Imperial Japan began its invasion of the American territory on December 8, 1941—within hours of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor.

"On Dec. 22, 1941, at Lingayen Gulf, the 192nd earned the distinction of taking part in the first 'tank-versus-tank battle' of World War II. But it was Company C, on December 31st at Baliuag, that won the first American tank battle of the war. At a time when victories were rare, Company C was celebrated stateside.

"For four months, on Bataan, American and Filipino forces put up the first significant resistance to Japan's lightning advance though Southeast Asia. Sick, starving, lacking ammunition and without hope of resupply, the American commanders fearing a slaughter surrendered their men to the Japanese on April 9, 1942.

"Within hours, those that did not escape to Corregidor—the island fortress in Manila Bay—were forced onto the Bataan Death March up the full length of the Bataan Peninsula. The 65-mile trek to a train station in the tropical heat was marked by unimagined cruelty and murder all while food, water, and medicine were withheld by their capturers. For the next 24 miles, they were packed standing into steaming, fetid boxcars. Those still alive were then walked several more miles to a makeshift POW camp that had only two sources of water for some 60,000 POWs.

"Of the 100 men of Company C, only six died in combat or on the March. However, 58 died as POWs of Japan in the following three and one-half years of captivity and slave labor. Of the 32 men from Port Clinton, only 10 returned home.

"One of the Port Clinton tankers who did not return was 25-year-old Sgt. John Robinette. He survived the Battle of Bataan and the Bataan Death March only to succumb to starvation and disease on November 10, 1942 in a POW camp in the Philippines.

"Please join me in remembering the men and women on Bataan who gave so much against impossible odds and a relentless enemy. My condolences to all those families of Company C whose loved ones did not return. And I humbly thank all those who fought against tyranny in the Pacific during World War II. Never Forgotten."

It has been my privilege throughout the years to meet with survivors of the Bataan Death March who hail from Port Clinton. Most recently, in 2017, residents of Port Clinton turned out en masse to honor John Kovach, Jr. whose remains were returned to his surviving sisters, still deeply moved 75 years later. Though all of the men have since passed on, Bataan Memorial School bears their legacy and yearly honors the men who represented the school's namesake. The lives of the men who did not survive along with those fortunate to have come home, live in our memory, always.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably called back to the district. There is no reason why we should be importing energy from Russia, especially when we could be producing enough for us and our allies around the world. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 125, Suspending Energy Imports from Russia Act.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CIVIL WAR DEFENSES OF WASHINGTON NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, on the anniversary of the week of the start of the Civil War, I introduce the Civil War Defenses of Washington National Historical Park Act, which would recognize and preserve the Civil War Defenses of Washington located in the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland. The Defenses of Washington, including forts, unarmed batteries and rifle trenches, created a ring of protection for the nation's capital during the Civil War. This bill would redesignate the 22 Civil War Defenses of Washington currently under National Park Service jurisdiction as a national historical park, and allow other sites associated with the Defenses of Washington that are owned by the District or a unit of state governments to be affiliated with the national historical park through cooperative agreements. This bill would also require the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the storied history of the Civil War for both the North and the South, including the history of the Defenses of Washington and the Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1864, being assembled, arrayed and conveyed for the benefit of the public for the knowledge, education and inspiration of this and future generations. In 2018, the House Natural Resources Committee Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on this bill. Although the Department of the Interior opposed this bill, I feel strongly that the Defenses of Washington need additional recognition and should be redesignated as a national historical park.

The Defenses of Washington were constructed at the beginning of the war, in 1861, as a ring of protection for the nation's capital and for President Abraham Lincoln. By the end of the war, these defenses included 68 forts, 93 unarmed batteries, 807 mounted cannons, 13 miles of rifle trenches and 32 miles of military roads. The major test of the Defenses of Washington came with the Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1864, when Confederate Lieutenant General Jubal Early, directed by General Robert E. Lee, sought to attack the nation's capital from the north, causing Union forces threatening to attack Richmond, the capital of the Confederacy, to be withdrawn. General Early was delayed by Union Major General Lew Wallace at the Battle of Monocacy on July 9, 1864, and was stopped at the northern edge of Washington at the Battle of Fort Stevens on July 11–12, 1864. The Shenandoah Valley Campaign ended when Union Lieutenant General Philip Sheridan defeated General Early at the Battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia, on October 19, 1864.

Nearly all the individual forts in the Defenses of Washington—on both sides of the Potomac and Anacostia rivers—were involved in stopping General Early's attack, and the Battle of Fort Stevens was the second and last attempt by the Confederate Army to attack Washington.

Taken together, these battles were pivotal to the outcome of the war and the freedom and democracy that the war represented for this country. It is therefore fitting that we recognize the Defenses of Washington by redesignating them as a national historical park.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

CELEBRATING THE EAST CHICAGO GOOD FELLOWS CLUB 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I take this

time to recognize the East Chicago Good Fellows Club, Inc. as the organization celebrates its 100th Anniversary. In honor of this special occasion, the club's leaders and members will be commemorating this milestone with a ceremony at Dynasty Banquets in Hammond, Indiana, on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

The East Chicago Good Fellows Club is one of the oldest social organizations in the state of Indiana. The group was established in 1922 and was initially formed as an athletic club that held a variety of sporting events. Throughout the years, the club has continued to host and sponsor numerous sporting and charity events in support of the community of East Chicago and beyond. In addition, the Good Fellows Club is active in their support of local youth sports teams and other charitable endeavors throughout Northwest Indiana. The members and leadership of the Good Fellows Club are to be highly praised for their commitment to philanthropy throughout the region, and I am happy to celebrate and honor their good work.

At this time, I would like to acknowledge the Good Fellows Club Officers: President Joseph Fabian, Vice President Richard Peterson, Business Manager Eugene Nowacki, Financial Secretary Ronald Spudich, Treasurer Jerry Kundich, Secretary John Folta, and Sergeant-at-Arms Thomas Keough. The club's Trustees are Phillip Fabian, Jason Gore, and James McCormick.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the East Chicago Good Fellows Club on its 100th anniversary. For their outstanding dedication to the community of East Chicago and Northwest Indiana, the leaders and members of this great organization are to be recognized and commended.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF BETTY REID SOSKIN

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of esteemed activist and public servant, Betty Reid Soskin, upon her retirement from the National Park Service.

Throughout her life and career, Betty has demonstrated steadfast dedication to advocacy and service. During World War II, she was a file clerk for the Boilermakers Union A–36, an all-Black union auxiliary. Betty continued her community involvement as an active voice in protesting the Vietnam War and writing music about the experiences of the Civil Rights Movement. She also held other esteemed positions like serving as a delegate to the 1972 Democratic National Convention, legislative aide for a Berkley City Councilmember, and field representative for two California State Assemblymembers.

In 2000 when the Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historic Park was established in Richmond, California, Betty became actively involved in preserving the East Bay's rich history. In 2004, Betty became a ranger with the National Park Service assigned to the Rosie the Riveter Park. In this role, Betty educated thousands of park visitors by sharing her story as a young Black woman working during the war. Betty has worked tirelessly to continue honoring the past and to teach future generations about the wartime efforts. Her voice has been critical in highlighting the experiences of women and African Americans who had participated in the war so that these stories are not forgotten. At 100 years old, Betty was the oldest National Park Ranger in the country.

Betty has been rightfully recognized over the years for her advocacy and commitment to social justice. Betty was named ''Woman of the Year'' in 1995 by the California State Legislature and was recognized by the National Women's History Project as one of the country's ten outstanding women in 2006. She was formally recognized by President Obama in 2015, even having the honor of lighting the National Christmas Tree that year. Additionally, she was Glamour Magazine's ''Woman of the Year'' in 2018 and recently had a middle school in El Sobrante named after her.

Betty is a pillar of our community and I am proud to call her a friend. Her leadership and passionate spirit are an inspiration to all who know her. Please join me in congratulating Betty on her retirement and honoring her for her years of dedicated service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Mr ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on April 6th and 7th. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 116; NAY on Roll Call No. 117; NAY on Roll Call No. 118; NAY on Roll Call No. 119; NAY on Roll Call No. 120; YEA on Roll Call No. 121; YEA on Roll Call No. 122; NAY on Roll Call No. 123; YEA on Roll Call No. 124; and YEA on Roll Call No. 125.

BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK 2022

HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Ms. ADAMS. Madam Speaker, information can save lives. Even children's cartoons used to say that ''knowing is half the battle.''

So, during the fifth Annual Black Maternal Health Week, which runs April 11–17, I want to impress upon our community that research and data could not be more important to our efforts to close the mortality and morbidity gaps between white and Black parents.

When my fellow members of Congress learn that Black Americans are three-to-four times more likely to die in childbirth than white Americans, they pay attention—even if they're not paying attention to concepts like structural racism, implicit bias, and social determinants of health.

However, the data also tell us that bias and racism are alive and well in healthcare; or as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who we lost 54 years ago this week, once said: ''Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in Health care is the most shocking and inhumane.''

Health care is not equal in our country, and it never has been so we shouldn't be surprised when that inequality extends to mothers and their children—and the numbers here don't lie. Unfortunately, we know the truth: maternal health in America is in crisis, and like so many crises, the maternal mortality crisis has hit Black America harder.

As we've seen from the COVID–19 pandemic, the adage is true: when white America comes down with a cold, Black America gets pneumonia. In maternal care, Black women are three to four times more likely to die from preventable pregnancy-related complications than non-Hispanic, white women—no matter their level of education or socioeconomic status—even though 60 percent these deaths are preventable.

What's worse is for every mother lost there are hundreds of near misses. And annually, approximately 50,000 women experience severe pregnancy complications which result in serious health consequences.

However, because we have this data, we've been able to develop policy solutions to address the Black maternal health crisis in America. If we get this work done, we will not only raise the tide for Black women—who are among the most marginalized and the most vulnerable—we will also improve outcomes and care for all women.

My work on this issue started when I joined up with then-Senator KAMALA HARRIS and the Black Mamas Matter Alliance to introduce our Annual Black Maternal Health Week resolution, something we've done every year since. Then, in 2019, I joined the youngest Black woman ever elected to Congress, Congresswoman LAUREN UNDERWOOD, to launch a Congressional caucus focused on Black maternal health.

As the co-founders and co-chairs of the bipartisan Black Maternal Health Caucus, we developed a solution: the Momnibus. The Momnibus is a package of 12 bills to comprehensively address all aspects of the maternal mortality crisis, with a focus on Black parents using reproductive justice as a guide. It is a solution that says, unequivocally, Black mothers matter.

With the support of a historic coalition of nearly 200 health care providers, Black mothers, policymakers, researchers, activists, and maternal health advocates we crafted a collaborative, targeted and timely set of policies to improve maternal health outcomes for Black pregnant and postpartum individuals, particularly during the COVID pandemic. The Black Maternal Health Momnibus will fill gaps in existing legislation to comprehensively address every dimension of the Black maternal health crisis in America.

Throughout the process, we remained very intentional about centering the voices of Black women and ensuring Black woman-led organizations are consulted often. The Momnibus makes investments in social determinants of health, community-based organizations, the growth and diversification of the perinatal workforce, improvements in data collection and quality measures, digital tools like telehealth, and innovative payment models. Finally, in addition to direct efforts to improve Black maternal health outcomes, the Momnibus focuses on high-risk populations, including women veterans, incarcerated women, and Native Americans.

When we reintroduced the Momnibus last year, we went from nine bills to 12 bills because we had to have legislation to address immunization—vaccines—as well as COVID–19. The state of maternal health in this country is a crisis, but with the pandemic, we experienced a crisis within a crisis—and tens of thousands of pregnant women have had to struggle with being pregnant or giving birth while experiencing COVID–19. Two of these new bills in the Momnibus package promote maternal vaccinations to protect the health and safety of moms and babies and invest in federal programs to address the unique risks for and effects of COVID–19 during and after pregnancy.

Last year, we received good news when all the eligible provisions of the Momnibus were included in the Build Back Better Act, which passed the House. The Momnibus provisions in Build Back Better invest in addressing social determinants of health that influence maternal health outcomes; fund community-based organizations working to improve maternal health outcomes; grow and diversify the perinatal workforce to improve maternity care; support moms with mental health conditions and substance abuse disorders; invest in Historically Black Colleges and Universities to train culturally competent health professionals; and address the effects of COVID–19 and climate change on mothers.

That's a comprehensive approach to this crisis, something we've never tried before. However, the Build Back Better Act is stalled in the Senate and will likely be passed in a more limited form, if at all. We as Members of Congress must take the Black maternal health crisis seriously. Moms and children are dying, and we must act.

When we think about how important mothers are, we should recognize that parents touch so many lives, even outside their immediate families. Their threads weave into countless others to form the fabric of our communities. When we lose a parent to this crisis, we lose teachers, volunteers, activists, professionals, caregivers, parishioners, and mommies. When too many threads are pulled, the fabric unravels.

We owe our communities a different future. This Black Maternal Health Week, let's work together to pass the Momnibus into law.

Our mamas cannot wait.

COMMEMORATING WHISPERING MANES THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER OPENING THE MARCH ARENA

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Whispering Manes Therapeutic Riding Center's opening of a new arena in Florida's 26th Congressional District. It is my honor to recognize individuals and organizations in my district that dedicate their time and resources to helping improve the lives of children and their families that struggle with physical, cognitive, and emotional disabilities.

Whispering Manes is opening a new arena and dedicating it to Marilyn Fizer March, an advocate and leader for children who suffer from a wide variety of disabilities. The March Arena is in the heart of my district and serves a neighborhood that would not otherwise have access to equine activities.

Through safe and supervised programs, participants with a wide range of disabilities are given the opportunity to participate in activities that promote physical, cognitive, or emotional well-being. The program aims to promote improvements in core and overall muscle strength, balance, and motor skills.

I am always proud to recognize individuals and organizations that dedicate their time to improving the lives of children in my district and in the community. I look forward to seeing this new arena provide invaluable services to this community and the constituents of Florida's 26th Congressional District.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOSEPH C. BOSCO

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I rise today to honor the life of the late Joseph ''Joey'' Bosco, a lifelong Enfield, Connecticut resident who passed on April 1st, 2022, at the age of 60.

Born to Angelo Bosco and Mary Diana Bosco in 1962 in Springfield, Massachusetts, just across the Connecticut border, Joey was destined to be an irreplaceable member of the Enfield community. Upon graduating from Enfield High School in 1980, Joey remained in Enfield where he became the co-owner of Bosco Automotive Inc. Joey was memorable for his dedication to his town and family.

Having lived all his life in Enfield, his love for his town was reflected through the many hours of dedicated public service to the Town of Enfield. Joey served as a member of the Enfield Town Council for more than 14 years and on several other community boards throughout the years. He was especially notable as a member of the Board of Directors for the Four Town Fair. He spent many hours planning leading up to the fair, the main event of which for him was always meant to be an opportunity to connect with family and friends.

Apart from his constant service to his town, Joey spent his free time on the beach, at car shows, and on his farm. Friday nights Joey was known to be at the Country Diner with his family and friends talking for hours. The most rewarding title to Joey is being a ''Papa'' to his four loving grandchildren, Charlotte, Waylon Joseph, Oliver, and Reagan.

Madam Speaker, it is an incredible honor to represent constituents as loyal to the future of their community as Joey Bosco. Though Joey's legacy and character will continue to have a ripple effect as a force of altruism, particularly for those who knew him in the Enfield community, his loss and what it means for the region cannot be understated. I had the opportunity to get to know him at community events-parades and veteran's ceremonies. Walking beside him, I saw firsthand how revered he was by neighbors, customers, first responders and fellow public officials. We were different parties, but on a personal level he was very cordial and down to earth. I really enjoyed spending time with him. As difficult as it is for us to process his passing, it is worth finding solace in the impact that his life will have upon the local community as well as his surviving family and loved ones, namely his devoted wife Jackie, and daughters, Jacquelyn M. Siekiera and her husband Zachary, Jessica M. Bosco, Jamie Jo Bosco and her spouse, Isaac Velazquez, and considered son in law, Ben Hebert, and his four cherished grandchildren. Joey also leaves behind brothers, John and Angelo, and sister, Rori, as well as numerous extended family members and friends.

To that end, I ask that the entire House join me in setting Joseph Bosco's name further into stone, and to recognize his life of incredible service to the Enfield community.

OBSERVING DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Mr. KIRSHNAMOORTHI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join thousands of organizations and individuals around the country in observation of Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Over ten years ago, a mother who lost her daughter to a distracted driving crash successfully petitioned this body to have April officially designated as Distracted Driving Awareness Month. This month brings a needed awareness of the impact distracted driving has had and continues to have on our nation's roadways.

Research shows that using electronic devices increases cognitive distraction. Yet, according to a recent survey released by the National Safety Council—a nonprofit based in my district—47% of drivers believe they can safely text while driving. This can be deadly on the road, where a split-second distraction can cause a crash. Approximately 3,142 people died in distraction-affected driving crashes in 2020—that's eight people dying every day from a completely preventable cause—and this number is widely believed to be undercounted.

During the COVID–19 pandemic, the roads have become much more dangerous. Motor vehicle deaths in 2021 are estimated to be the highest in 17 years, despite dramatic drops in miles driven as Americans stayed home. Though there are many factors involved in this increase in the number of people dying in crashes, distraction certainly played a part.

I am proud to have led legislation that was enacted last year to help end this epidemic, though there is more to be done to eradicate this issue. I encourage all motorists to commit to driving attentively and safely, without the distraction of cell phones or other devices. I also hope my colleagues will join me this month in raising awareness about this important issue. Do it for all our constituents. Their lives are more valuable than any call, email, or text.

HONORING TODD SCHNUCK

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Todd Schnuck, CEO of Schnuck Markets in St. Louis, MO, who is being awarded the Glen Woodard Award for Outstanding Leadership in Public Affairs for the food industry by FMI—the Food Industry Association.

I know firsthand what a strong advocate Todd is for the food industry. He is in a unique position to be a voice for supermarkets—spending his career leading the family business that was started in 1939, and now operating over 100 stores in 5 states, employing thousands and positively impacting the lives of millions of people in our great state of Missouri.

Todd is a distinguished leader and advocate for the industry. Both the company and Todd personally are philanthropic leaders in the St. Louis area and Todd's ability to effectively articulate public policy issues to federal, state, and local elected officials is exceptional.

Todd and his team have been wonderful partners as we have each worked to advance our shared goal of making life better for families in Missouri. He is a man of strong character, integrity, and faith, qualities I can attest extend to his family as well. I was honored to be able to work with his daughter Margaret when she interned for my office.

Todd is not just a leader in his professional life, he is also one in our community, and I am grateful to call him a friend. I congratulate Todd on this well-deserved award and I applaud FMI—the Food Industry Association for selecting a person of Todd's caliber for this important honor.

CELEBRATING THE 101ST ANNIVERSARY OF TABERNACLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I take this time to congratulate Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church of East Chicago, Indiana, as the congregation joins together in celebration of the church's 101st anniversary. The parishioners, along with Tabernacle's pastor, Reverend Antonio R. Daggett Sr., will be commemorating this momentous occasion with a celebratory banquet on Friday, May 13, 2022, at Lake Etta Banquet Hall in Gary, Indiana.

On April 16, 1921, a new church branched out from Lily White Baptist Church of Gary. It was founded and organized by Reverend White at the home of James Nickle of East Chicago, Indiana. After prayerful consideration, the name Tabernacle, which means ''a sacred tent and dwelling place of God'' was suggested and approved, thus establishing the church under Reverend White's leadership. Throughout the years, numerous remarkable pastors have helped build the church and expand the congregation as well as the outstanding services and programs offered to the community. In 1962, Reverend James H. Hunter became pastor of Tabernacle, a position he held for an astonishing fifty-six years. A determined and passionate servant, Pastor Hunter accomplished many great things during his tenure at Tabernacle, including the relocation of the church from 3867 Pennsylvania Avenue to its current home at 3715 Butternut Street. The building and its furnishings, parsonage, and parking facilities were built a cost of more than half a million dollars. On April 12, 1981, during a joyous service, the church mortgage was placed before the altar and burned.

Over the years under the leadership of Reverend Hunter, Tabernacle has instituted many ministries and organizations in its effort to further to gospel and promote unity within the community. The church continues to be actively involved in national, regional, state, and district affiliates of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, as well as local civic groups, and is a Life Member of the NAACP.

On June 13, 2021, Reverend Antonio Daggett Sr. was installed as pastor of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. During a time when many churches and religious organizations were no longer meeting in person due to the pandemic, Pastor Daggett states that he, led by almighty God, was compelled to continue with in-person worship while maintaining CDC guidelines and safety measures. Under Reverend Daggett's leadership, Sunday School has been reestablished while bible study, prayer meeting, youth choir and youth ministry, birthday celebrations, nurses' guild, mothers' board, and many new ventures are on the horizon.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church of East Chicago, Indiana, on its 101st anniversary. The members and church leaders have dedicated themselves to serving others, especially those most in need, and they are an inspiration to all.