The pandemic has brought home this truth: none of us can truly remain well, while some of us are ill. Now it is time for Congress to fully commit to making sure the poorest in the insular areas are treated equitably.

I thank my colleagues who joined me in introducing this legislation—Ms. HOLMES NORTON, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. MOYLAN, Ms. RADEWAGEN, Ms. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. TORRES, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. TRONE, Mr. CASE, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. BONARNICI, Ms. MENG, Mr. GARCÍA, Ms. LEE, Ms. MOORE, Ms. NAPOLITANO, and Ms. CHU.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PHYLLIS FABER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Phyllis Faber, who passed away at the age of 95 on January 15, 2023. Instrumental to the conservation movement in Marin County and the state of California, Phyllis was a trailblazing environmentalist who leaves a legacy worthy of high commendation.

Born in New York City, Phyllis pursed a bachelor's degree in zoology from Mount Holyoke College and a master's degree in microbiology from Yale University. She eventually moved to Marin County in 1970, where she began her career as a wetlands biologist while teaching biology and natural history at the College of Marin. She became an effective advocate for wetlands restorations projects in the San Francisco Bay.

In 1980, Phyllis and Ellen Straus co-founded the Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT), the first land trust in the nation dedicated to protecting farmland. Leveraging a coalition of ranchers, environmentalists, and community leaders, MALT has since secured more than 55,000 acres in Marin County and invested more than $1.8 million in projects aimed at improving and protecting the health of soil and water quality.

Phyllis was an active member of the California Native Plant Society, as well as editor of the organization's journal. During her membership, she was credited with improving the botanical literacy of elected officials and helped promote the preservation of native plants in legislation and public policy. Additionally, she served as a regional officer for the California Coastal Commission and as a trustee on the Buck Institute Board of Trustees.

Phyllis was known for her dedication, energy, and passionate advocacy for environmental stewardship. Without her efforts, Marin's landscape would be vastly different today. While she will be greatly missed, her legacy will live on through the preservation of Marin's natural beauty.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing my deep appreciation for Phyllis' pioneering and lasting work in conservation and extending condolences to Phyllis' family and many friends.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MIKE DAVIS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to celebrate and recognize the extraordinary work of Lawman Mike Davis. His decades of dedication to Central Texas reflect the hard work and commitment of an admirable public servant.

A native Texan, boy scout, sheriff, and Marine, Mike, as both a law enforcement officer and district attorney has lived a life devoted to ideas and causes bigger than himself. As a former judge, I know firsthand the essential role police officers and district attorneys play in maintaining law and order. Despite the challenges, they carry on, strengthened by their resolve to protect and serve. Whether working to serve big cities or small towns, they help preserve our way of life and are the shields that guard us from those lost souls who wish harm to others.

While Mike isn't tired of the privilege of service he knows that everything has its season and the time has come to allow the next generation of leaders to take the stage. Stepping away from work won't give him much idle time as he remains a vital part of the Central Texas community and will spend more time with his beloved wife Debbie and their family.

Retirement is meant to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but the beginning of a new adventure. It is my honor to recognize the selfless service of Mike Davis as he starts this new chapter of his life. On behalf of Central Texas, I thank him for his superb work and wish him the very best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHY E. MANNING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I was unavoidably detained and missed Roll Call No. 111. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 111.

OPPOSITION TO H.J. RES. 24 AND H.J. RES. 26

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.J. Res. 24 and H.J. Res. 26 which would nullify legislation enacted by the D.C. Council.

Our constituents did not elect us to get involved in the local politics of our nation's capital city. Yet, House Republicans think it's appropriate to waste Congress's time to weigh in on D.C. politics instead of getting to work for the American people to cap insulin costs for everyone, make the wealthiest and the biggest corporations pay their fair share in taxes, or strengthen Social Security and Medicare.

The topic of H.J. Res. 26 is a dispute between the Mayor of D.C. and the D.C. Council, and Congress should not be involved. Congress does not have the authority to pass such a resolution for Minnesota or any other state—a power it would not have over D.C. and its 700,000 residents if it was rightly granted statehood.

Mr. Speaker, it is telling that a month into the 118th Congress, House Republicans have nothing to offer the American public but to waste their time with political stunts like this. It should be rejected.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, due to family medical leave, I was not in Washington, D.C. on February 6 through February 9.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YEA on Roll Call No. 107; NAY on Roll Call No. 108; NAY on Roll Call No. 109; YEA on Roll Call No. 110; YEA on Roll Call No. 111; YEA on Roll Call No. 112; YEA on Roll Call No. 113; YEA on Roll Call No. 114; YEA on Roll Call No. 115; NAY on Roll Call No. 116; YEA on Roll Call No. 117; NAY on Roll Call No. 118; and NAY on Roll Call No. 119.

HONORING THE BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CLASS OF 2023

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a group of motivated students in Livingston County who have a few things to teach the adults in the room. The Brighton High School Leadership Class of 2023 represents not just some of the best and brightest students in the great state of Michigan, but a group that gives me so much hope for the future because of the way they have dedicated themselves to improving the world around them.

While this class takes on many projects and endeavors, today I would like to highlight one in particular. Every year in October, the Leadership Class takes on the planning and execution of a weeklong fundraiser to support the local cancer center. But to call this a simple fundraiser does not encompass the scope of the endeavor. "Pink Week" is a citywide engagement initiative designed to unite the community around a common cause, and it's entirely student-led.

At the start of the week, BHS students paint downtown Brighton pink with spirit, covering store fronts, businesses and restaurants with pink ribbons and supportive messages. The days that follow are a flurry of pastel activity at the high school, including daily baked goods and t-shirt sales, face painting, driveway decorating, a 5K race, a vocal competition, a powder puff football game, and a traditional football game complete with a "Pink