

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### LOOKING BACK OVER THE PAST 13 YEARS OF THE CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY

**HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, as Tony Budrovich readies to take the reins as president and CEO of the Catalina Island Conservancy, it is important to step back and look over the successful tenure of Ann M. Muscat, who announced her June 25 retirement last year. She has served as president and CEO for more than 13 years—the second longest tenure of any previous Conservancy president.

Ann will continue to serve the Conservancy as its president emeritus until October 7, 2016. She will focus on serving as a resource to Tony, transitioning donor relationships, continuing fundraising for the Conservancy's first every capital campaign, IMAGINE CATALINA, and completing design of the new visitors' center, The Trailhead.

"Ann and the Conservancy have achieved a lot," Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe said. "I've had the great pleasure of working with Ann and her team, all of them consummate professionals who are dedicated to getting things done."

"Under Ann's leadership, the Conservancy has become a living laboratory of innovation in conservation, education and financial sustainability for nonprofit organizations," Catalina Island Conservancy Board of Directors Chair Stephen Chazen said. "The Conservancy has significantly improved the Island's ecological health, greatly increased access to Catalina's wildlands and expanded and enhanced its educational programs to better serve students living in Avalon and visitors from the mainland."

Here is a look back at how the Conservancy and its stewardship of Catalina Island have flourished since Muscat joined the organization in 2003.

During Ann's 13-year tenure, and through its Catalina Habitat Improvement and Restoration Program (CHIRP), the Conservancy staff has completed vegetation mapping of the entire Island, including non-native and invasive plant species. It has controlled and eradicated numerous invasive plant species that were eliminating native and rare biodiversity. It also expanded the native plant nursery's scope to include landscaping initiatives on the Island, along with restoration, and significantly expanded the native seed collection.

The Conservancy has been a leader in removing non-native and highly destructive animal species from the Island, leading to the re-discovery of native plants previously believed to be extinct. It also brought the Catalina Island fox back from the brink of extinction and supported the successful recovery of the bald eagle.

Its wildlife biologists have implemented innovative social (repatriation) and scientific methodologies (contraception) for managing the bison herd. They also have conducted bird and small mammal surveys, discovering nesting sea birds on cliffs and nearby rocks, and implementing protective measures for bat populations.

In addition, the Conservancy has pursued research partnerships with universities and museums from across the country, including a multi-institution collaboration that resulted in a comprehensive look at the Island's oak woodlands.

Working with the Long Beach Unified School District, the community and philanthropic organizations, the Conservancy has greatly increased access to natural and intellectual resources over the past 13 years. It implemented extensive educational enrichment and internship programs for the local school population through the establishment of the K–12 NatureWorks workforce development and STEM education initiative.

In its continuing service to the local community, the Conservancy provided free access to the wildlands of Catalina for Island families without vehicles. It implemented a free of charge Naturalist Training Program for tour operators and local businesses, as well as Conservancy front line staff.

To ensure visitors to the Island could access the wildlands and learn about Catalina's ecosystem, the Conservancy created the 37.5 mile Trans-Catalina Trail. It also has secured funding and developed plans for further trail improvements and expansions.

It significantly expanded and improved the Jeep Eco-Tour program and developed a signage and way finding system across the Island. It added new running and biking events, an Island Ecology Travel Program and Wild Side Art Program to increase access and awareness. In addition, it increased volunteer program initiatives to include AmeriCorps, American Conservation Experience and numerous university-level spring break programs.

So that visitors and others had more information about Catalina Island and the Conservancy, it added a Nature Center in Avalon and a Mobile Nature Station that has served Avalon and Two Harbors, along with interpretive panels in the Garden and at campgrounds and trailheads. The Conservancy also expanded and revamped its outreach and marketing materials, including maps, field guides, monthly e-newsletters, videos, an extensive photo library and expanded web site.

To serve a greater good beyond Catalina's shores, the Conservancy launched a successful radio show and web site, Isla Earth, on environmental issues that aired for 10 years on over 320 radio stations across the country.

To provide the needed programs and ensure the organization's long-term financial health, the Conservancy has focused on raising revenues and creating a sustainable business model that will ensure the Island will con-

tinue to be restored and protected for future generations.

In the past 13 years, the Conservancy has increased its operating budget nearly three times through an increase in philanthropic giving and mission-based earned income. It has significantly expanded its donor base and created a reserve fund to address deferred maintenance projects across its 42,000 acres. Projects have included improvements at Airport in the Sky, across its road and bridge system, a new pier, replacement and expansion of its vehicle fleet and upgrades to its numerous buildings.

The Conservancy also revamped its organizational structure, adding new departments and expanding existing functions while providing professional development and training for all staff. The Conservancy's staff has doubled in size and moved to a more customer service/community orientation. The Conservancy also expanded and updated employee housing, adding 14 new units, to support recruitment and retention of staff.

The Board of Directors and the Conservancy's staff have worked together to develop a strategic vision for the organization's future, called IMAGINE CATALINA. They worked with nationally recognized sustainability architect William McDonough and landscape architect Thomas Woltz to develop a long-term strategic vision.

It imagines an Island that represents California as it can be, demonstrating how nature and humans can thrive together. It envisions Catalina and the Conservancy serving as models for science-based conservation, for training tomorrow's stewards of the natural world, for connecting people to nature and for creating sustainable finances and operations.

To implement IMAGINE CATALINA, the Board and staff launched the Conservancy's first-ever capital campaign, and they are more than three-fourths of the way to fully funding the first phase. They plan to celebrate the groundbreaking for the campaign's flagship project, The Trailhead Visitor Center, on June 24. Another groundbreaking is scheduled on October 14 for the next major project, improvement and expansion of Catalina's trail system, and planning is well underway for a major ecological restoration effort on the Island's West End.

"Ann and her team's excellent stewardship work at the Catalina Island Conservancy is leading edge and has served as a model for many other land trusts," said California Council of Land Trusts Executive Director Darla Guenzler.

Ann has also been a leader beyond Catalina. She was a founding Board member of the California Council of Land Trusts and served as its Chair of the Board. She is also a member of the Steering Committee for the Southern California Open Space Council and an Advisory Board member of USC's Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies.

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COMMENDING THE PACIFICA  
INSTITUTE FOR ITS WORK

**HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Pacifica Institute in Bellevue for their work to generate interfaith dialogue and promote cross-cultural ties. Pacifica Institute has built up ties of mutual understanding and strengthened communities throughout the state of Washington.

Pacifica Institute has continually engaged the community in activities to foster shared experiences. Their efforts have helped remove barriers, building confidence and trust to create a peaceful society through newfound relationships.

Through their vision of promoting social justice through shared networks, Pacifica Institute has provided our district with the opportunity to foster mutual appreciation in a respectful environment.

I'm pleased to join Pacifica Institute in their annual Ramadan Interfaith Friendship Iftar in Redmond this weekend. I am looking forward to coming together with members of our community to celebrate various religious backgrounds.

As President John F. Kennedy said, "If we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity." Pacifica Institute works to do just that. Its commitment to educating communities serves as a positive voice bringing people together to combat prejudice and intolerance.

TIBET AND THE VISIT OF HIS HO-  
LINESS THE DALAI LAMA TO  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, His Holiness the Dalai Lama will be in Washington, DC next week. As the spiritual leader of Tibetans, the Dalai Lama is an energetic and unflinching ambassador for human rights and the rights of the Tibetan people. Sadly, his visit reminds us again about the dire situation of the Tibetan people inside China.

The Tibetan people have a right to practice their religion, preserve their culture, and speak their language. They have a right to do so without restriction or interference. The Chinese government does not agree. To them, the Tibetans are a people to be pacified. Their faith and culture are problems to be solved, not a heritage to be preserved, honored, and protected. To them, the Dalai Lama is an agitator and revolutionary, not a world-renowned and respected voice for peace and harmony.

The recent State Department Human Rights Report offered a withering criticism of the Chinese government's oversight of Tibetan and Tibetan areas of China. It said the "government engaged in severe repression of Tibet's religious, cultural and religious heritage by, among other means, strictly curtailing the civil rights of China's ethnic Tibetan population, including the rights to the freedom of speech,

religion, association, assembly, and movement."

I am the Chair of the Congressional-Executive Commission on China. Our reporting on Tibet draws similar conclusions about China's rough oversight of Tibetans. Over the past several years, the Chinese government has constructed more obstacles to efforts by Tibetans to preserve their culture and religion.

Sadly, we know that Tibetans have used self-immolations as a protest against the religious and political oversight of the Chinese government.

It is difficult to fathom the despair and desperation felt by Tibetans who take this last act of defiance. The Chinese government has blamed the Dalai Lama and "foreign forces" for self-immolations instead of looking at how their own policies created such deep grievances.

The Chinese government also expanded its efforts last year to transform Tibetan Buddhism into a state-managed institution. They sought to undermine the devotion of the Tibetan people to the Dalai Lama and control the process of selecting Buddhist leaders.

One Chinese government official admitted that control over the selection of Tibetan Buddhist leaders, including the next Dalai Lama, was "an important political matter" and a critical part of the Chinese government's "sovereignty over Tibet."

The Chinese government wants a Tibetan Buddhism that is attractive to tourists, but which allows the Communist Party to completely manage its affairs.

The UN Special Rapporteur on Religion said recently criticized China's efforts to control Tibetan Buddhism and the process of selecting leaders. He said "the Chinese government is destroying the autonomy of religious communities . . . creating schisms, and pitting people against each other in order to exercise control."

This is exactly what the Chinese government has done to other religious groups, including Catholics, Protestants, Muslims, and Falun Gong. When the faithful don't fall in line, they are jailed, harassed and bribed until they do.

Religious freedom is an essential part of dealing with the grievances of the Tibetan people, but China's answer is always the same—control, manage, and repress. It is counterproductive and it violates China's international obligations.

The China Commission has a prisoner database that contains records on 643 known Tibetan political and religious prisoners. 43 percent of those detained are monks, nuns, and religious teachers. Almost all were imprisoned since 2008.

Substantive dialogue between the Dalai Lama's representatives and the Chinese government and Communist Party have not occurred in the past five years. This is the longest break since the dialogue started in 2002.

A government "White Paper" on Tibet, published this April, states that China will "only talk with private representatives of the Dalai Lama" to discuss "the future of the Dalai Lama" and how he can "gain the forgiveness of the central government and the Chinese people."

Instead of asking for the Dalai Lama's forgiveness for the decades of brutal repression, the Chinese government asks for his. This is the state of affairs in Xi Jinping's China.

This is unfortunate and counterproductive. If China's goal is to build a "harmonious society" in Tibet, it cannot be done without the Dalai Lama.

He is the spiritual leader of the Tibetan people. His views are widely shared by those in Tibetan society, he can be a constructive partner for China in addressing continuing tensions, and deep-seated grievance, in Tibetan areas.

In our dealings with Chinese government and officials, Members of Congress and the Administration should affirm the peaceful desires of the Tibetan people for greater autonomy and freedoms within China.

We should stress that China's policies are counterproductive, they are brutal, and they hurt China's international prestige.

We also need to speak with a unified voice to end the repression of the Tibetan people. U.S. leadership on this issue is critical, because our allies in Europe and Asia can be bullied by Chinese threats of economic boycotts.

U.S. officials must demonstrate that Tibet matters, human rights matter, and religious freedom matters to U.S.-China relations and China's future stability and prosperity.

RECOGNIZING DELEGATES AT THE  
CONGRESS FOR FUTURE MED-  
ICAL LEADERS

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize five high school students from the fourth district of Colorado, who were selected to represent the state of Colorado as delegates at the Congress for Future Medical Leaders. The students are Carter Goodard of Frederick Senior High School, Alexandria Rivera of Sky View Academy, Victoria Rubio of Silver Creek High School, Anna Schulhoff of Legend High School, and Megan Weigand of Erie High School.

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors program that recognizes exceptional high school students who are pursuing careers as a physician or in medical research.

These students are the future leaders of the medical field and our country. Through their studies, they have embodied the meaning of hard work and perseverance to achieve their goals, and will better the health of future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to recognize these five students for their hard work and service to their community. I wish them luck in their future endeavors.

RHODE ISLAND VETERANS OF  
FOREIGN WARS 97TH ANNUAL  
STATE CONVENTION

**HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the men and women of the Rhode Island Veterans of Foreign Wars, which is holding its 97th Annual State Convention this Saturday.

All of us are fortunate to live in a free and safe society because of the brave actions and extraordinary sacrifices of the men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces.

We owe our troops, veterans and their families our gratitude and deep respect, in addition to the exceptional care and benefits they have earned while serving our great nation.

The Rhode Island VFW has been the leading voice for veterans and their families in my home state for decades.

I am proud to work with them to strengthen mental health services, expand job training opportunities, and ensure that all of Rhode Island's veterans have the tools and resources they need to get ahead.

Rhode Island is home to more than 70,000 veterans today. They are all our heroes.

I congratulate the Rhode Island Veterans of Foreign Wars on their 97th Annual State Convention, and I look forward to joining them this Saturday.

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HONORING MR. MARK DELLINGER

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mark Dellinger who will retire after 31 years of public service with Lake County in California.

After growing up in New York and the Midwest, Mr. Dellinger moved west to pursue higher education. He earned his Bachelor of Science from Northern Arizona University and then earned his Master's Degree in Geography from the University of Idaho.

Mr. Dellinger joined the Lake County Planning Department's Resource Management Division as a Geothermal Coordinator in 1984 and joined the Special Districts office in 1992 as a Resource Manager. Mr. Dellinger joined Calpine in the private sector to manage compliance for geothermal power plants in 2001, but returned to Lake County as the Administrator of Special Districts in 2002. In this position, he was responsible for fiscal, personnel, and project management.

For his work on the Southeast Geysers Effluent Pipeline Project, or "Flush to Flash," Mr. Dellinger received the Geothermal Resources Council Special Achievement Award in 1997. This project, co-led by Mr. Dellinger and Eliot Allen, used treated wastewater to recharge the geothermal steam field in Lake County. The Special District Leadership Foundation also awarded Mr. Dellinger the Special District Administrator Certification in 2011 after he completed a rigorous examination demonstrating his expertise in management and governance.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Dellinger dedicated his career to ensuring that the residents of Lake County, California had access to high quality public services. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement and many happy memories to come with Carol, his wife, and their sons Jared and Quinn.

RECOGNIZING DELEGATES AT THE CONGRESS OF FUTURE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LEADERS

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize six high school students from the fourth district of Colorado, who have been chosen to represent the state of Colorado as delegates at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders. The students are Jamison Cavanagh of Ponderosa High School, Tanner Cavanagh of Ponderosa High School, Victoria Messmore of Legend High School, Dominic Plaia of Chaparral High School, Amber Storch of Fort Morgan High School, and Caleb Vannest of Greeley West High School.

The Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders is an honors program that recognizes exceptional high school students who are pursuing careers as engineers, scientists, or technologists.

These students are the future leaders of the STEM fields and our country. Through their studies, they have embodied the meaning of hard work and perseverance to achieve their goals, and will advance science and technology for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to recognize these six students for their hard work and service to their community. I wish them luck in their future endeavors.

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OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,230,270,048,404.99. We've added \$8,603,392,999,491.91 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

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HONORING DR. ELLA WHITE CAMPBELL

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Dr. Ella White Campbell—a passionate educator who devoted her life to improving the lives of her neighbors.

A South Carolina native, Dr. Campbell moved to Maryland at a young age and graduated at the top of her class from the historic Wiley H. Bates High School in Annapolis while helping to care for her siblings. She later earned three degrees—including one Doctoral Degree—from Morgan State University, Johns

Hopkins University and the University of Maryland.

Dr. Campbell began her teaching career at a middle school in the Cherry Hill neighborhood of Baltimore City, where residents were so impressed with her leadership abilities, they asked her take over the local recreation center. She eventually chaired the city's English Department and was promoted to Assistant Principal. She helped design a curriculum that increased test scores of hundreds of students.

You would be hard pressed to find a community organization that Dr. Campbell did not, at some point, belong to or lead. While too numerous to mention in their entirety, Dr. Campbell was President of the Gwynnvale Civic Association, President of the Liberty Road Community Council, President of the Liberty Randallstown Coalition, President of the Stevenswood Improvement Association and Founder of the Randallstown NAACP chapter.

Dr. Campbell advocated tirelessly for better schools, recreation facilities, libraries and public transportation in her community. I had the privilege of working with Dr. Campbell for many years. Believe me, you did not want to find yourself on the wrong side of Dr. Campbell because you can bet she had already briefed the community on her position—and convinced them to agree. She was instrumental in securing \$1 million to implement the Liberty Road Streetscape Project, helped to stop area flooding through the Red Run Dam project and established the Liberty Assistance Center for county residents in need.

A decorated member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Dr. Campbell is listed in the Who's Who in The East, Who's Who in America and Community Leaders of the World. Perhaps most importantly, she was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Ella White Campbell. Although she will be sorely missed, Dr. Campbell's impact on Baltimore County and people's lives—including my own—will last forever. She was a true inspiration.

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TRIBUTE TO TIM CADDELL, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS ADMINISTRATOR

**HON. DAVID W. JOLLY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Tim Caddell, a member of our local government who is retiring after 15 years of public relations work in Pinellas Park.

Mr. Caddell joined the Pinellas Park staff in 2001. He initially served as Public Events Director, planning events such as the Harvest Moon Festival and Country in the Park. Towards the end of his first year, he took on the role of Public Information Officer cultivating and maintaining vital relationships with the local media outlets. Additionally, he led an important effort in Tallahassee lobbying on behalf of Pinellas Park when the city was in need of funds for drainage improvements at Park Boulevard.

Finally, in 2008, he was promoted to Government Relations Administrator where he

thrived. In this role, Mr. Caddell was responsible for establishing the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center after the city had purchased the space. He recalls this event as one of the brightest moments in his career.

In addition to his official role, Mr. Caddell demonstrated his commitment to Pinellas County through his service in various charitable organizations. He served as executive director for the group "Girls Inc." which focuses on programs for girls that enrich their studies in a variety of academic and professional fields. He also served the St. Petersburg Police Department as a Private Investigator and was an assistant to the publisher for Pinellas Park News.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize and thank Tim Caddell for his dedication to Pinellas County throughout his career. He will be truly missed for his innovative ideas and strong work ethic. I ask that this body join me in thanking Mr. Caddell for the work he did for our community and in wishing him all the best in his next chapter of his life.

#### PURPLE HEART DISTRICT

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to California's Fifth Congressional District as home to recipients of the Purple Heart. So many of our residents have honorably served our nation in its time of need. As a reflection of Northern California's role in war efforts past and present and the deep personal sacrifice of so many of our residents, I stand to assert that California's Fifth Congressional District should be recognized as a "Purple Heart District."

The Purple Heart is one of the oldest and most recognized American military medals, awarded to service members who were killed or wounded by enemy action. In 1782, George Washington created the Badge of Military Merit to reward "any singularly meritorious action" displayed by a soldier, non-commissioned officer, or officer in the Continental Army. This award was intended to encourage gallantry and fidelity among soldiers. General Douglas MacArthur (then Army Chief of Staff) revived the award on February 22, 1932, the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth. Since its inception and through several wars and conflicts, the Purple Heart has been given to an estimated 1.8 million military members wounded or killed while serving our nation. I received my Purple Heart while serving in the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam.

California has a strong military tradition, home to many significant installations and countless remarkable individuals. Our district includes the former Mare Island Naval Shipyard—the first U.S. Navy base on the Pacific coast—and is adjacent to Travis Air Force Base, which handles more cargo and passengers than any other military air terminal in the United States. Many notable veterans have called our district home, including pioneering pilot and General of the Army and Air Force Henry "Hap" Arnold. Over 45,000 veterans currently reside in our district, including thousands from the wars in Iraq and Afghani-

stan, who are living with the wounds of war at higher rates than any other conflict in our history. I am honored to represent all of these valiant men and women.

Mr. Speaker, California has dispatched thousands of its sons and daughters to fight the enemy. Many have sacrificed their health, and many have sacrificed their lives. We will never forget their sacrifices and are grateful for the brave men and women who have been harmed defending our country and our freedom.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognition and appreciation of California's Purple Heart recipients past and present. Now, in the spirit of that appreciation, let it be known that California's Fifth Congressional District should be recognized as a "Purple Heart District."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 269 for passage of H. Con. Res. 129, Roll Call Number 270 for passage of H.R. 4906, Roll Call Number 271 for passage of H.R. 4904, Roll Call Number 272 for passage of H.R. 1815 which took place Tuesday, June 7, 2016, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on Roll Call Number 269 for passage of H. Con. Res. 129, on Roll Call Number 270 for passage of H.R. 4906, on Roll Call Number 271 for passage of H.R. 4904, and on Roll Call Number 272 for passage of H.R. 1815.

#### TRIBUTE TO FLORIDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Florida Chamber of Commerce on their 100th anniversary and for their tireless efforts to secure Florida's future.

On April 29th, 1916, The Florida Chamber was founded to help support the Florida business community. At the time, many businesses were faltering and the agriculture industry, the state's leading economic source, was struggling with a cattle tick that was threatening livestock. The chamber was created with the goal of securing that state's future by preserving our vital agriculture industry and creating jobs and economic opportunities. Today, Florida's economic challenges have changed, but the Chamber's mission has always remained the same: securing Florida's economic future.

In the past 100 years, Florida has developed into an economic powerhouse with the support of the Florida Chamber of Commerce. Today, Florida's economy accounts for 1 in 12 jobs being created in the United States and independently the Floridian economy is the 18th largest market in the world. As the population continues to grow and diversify Florida's economy and population of roughly 19 million

residents to continue to enrich our nation's economy.

The primary goal of the Chamber has been to promote a business-friendly atmosphere in order to attract employees with highly specialized skills and continue to aid our economy. The Chamber has done that and more for Florida and our community of Pinellas as well. It has strengthened our agriculture industry, embraced the military and defense industry, promoted technology and innovation, advanced education, and strengthened our infrastructure.

Even though the main industries in our community and state are agriculture, tourism, and construction, the Chamber is helping ensure that we are looking towards a more diverse economy with life sciences and biotech, energy, international trade, and advanced manufacturing and space technologies. With our state ever increasing in population, we can feel secure that the Florida Chamber will continue to create jobs and opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank our Florida Chamber for maintaining their goal of nurturing and supporting business within Florida. I ask that this body join me in recognizing what the Florida Chamber has done for the Florida economy in the past 100 years and will continue to do in the future.

#### HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF PATRICK OROSZKO

### HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Patrick Oroszko of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Pat passed away on Sunday following a brave and inspirational battle with esophageal cancer. He was just 34 years old.

I first met Pat several years ago when he interned in my Washington, DC office. He was exceptional. He was whip smart and detailed oriented. Pat made you feel comfortable the moment you started talking to him. He was easy-going and unassuming, despite his height. And above all, he was kind.

Born and raised in Worcester, Pat graduated from St. John's High School in Shrewsbury where he excelled in basketball. He went on to receive degrees from Clark University and Anna Maria College.

It was at Clark University that Pat truly felt at home. While at Clark, he was a member of the school's basketball team which qualified for the postseason in all four of his years and made it to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division III tournament two years. He served as team captain his junior and senior years.

Most recently, Pat served as Director of Student Recruitment for Clark's Graduate School and, for the past seven years, as an Assistant Men's Basketball Coach.

And Clark is where Pat met the love of his life and best friend, Courtney.

Today, it's the Clark University basketball gymnasium—the Kneller Athletic Center—where family and friends will gather to celebrate his life. It was one of Pat's favorite places. And at his request, the gym will be set up just as it would be for a game day, with the bleachers pulled out, home and visitor benches, the scoring table and the scoreboard on.

Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my deepest sympathy to Pat's wife Courtney; his young children, Allison and Ryan; his parents, Charlie and Linda; his brother, Chris and all of his extended family and friends and the entire Clark University family.

Mr. Speaker, Pat Oroszko was a wonderful person who touched so many lives. And we're all going to miss him immensely.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for roll call vote 283 on Thursday, June 9, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll call vote 283.

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#### OPPOSITION TO H. CON. RES. 89 AND H. CON. RES. 112

### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the two resolutions brought to the floor today, H. Con. Res. 89 and H. Con. Res. 112. These resolutions are a time-wasting distraction from the real work that this Congress should be doing—finding ways to invest in America, grow paychecks and create good jobs for the middle class and those struggling to get by.

The oil fee and carbon tax are two proposals to address the problem of climate change and, in the case of the oil fee, provide needed funds for infrastructure reform. While we can debate the merits of these particular approaches, at least they are efforts to take on real challenges facing our country and the world.

Instead, the majority simply wants to stick their heads in the sand and wish these challenges away. That may appease their Trump Tea Party base, but it represents a total lack of leadership.

And make no mistake, inaction on climate change does not just risk our future—it is costing us today. The increase in extreme weather events is hitting Americans in the pocketbook, through higher insurance rates and home repair costs, and this will only get worse from our failure to act. The greater harm is through the missed opportunity to create high-paying jobs for American workers. We can be the world's green-economy leader, supporting millions of new jobs in research and manufacturing in the process, but it requires Congress to act. Republicans would rather we sit on the sidelines while other countries seek the mantle of climate-change leader, and those countries reap the benefit of high-paying technology jobs that will come with it.

Now, we should have a discussion on the best ways to boost our economy by combatting climate change, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, and finding ways to properly invest in our nation's infrastructure. In that vein, I've introduced the Healthy Climate and Family Se-

curity Act, a cap-and-dividend plan that would help us combat climate change and support economic growth and a thriving middle class. It boosts the purchasing power of families in Maryland and across the country while achieving the reductions in greenhouse gas emissions necessary to address the economic and health risks of climate change, using a market-based approach.

Similarly, last year I introduced the GROW AMERICA Act, a bill which would boost infrastructure spending and help pay for it by closing the egregious inversions loophole which allows corporations to shift their tax obligations onto hard-working Americans just by changing their mailing address. My Democratic colleagues have many other thoughtful ideas on how we can address these important issues.

But today's resolutions are not a thoughtful discussion on addressing climate change or funding our infrastructure—in the text of these resolutions, the terms "climate change" and "infrastructure" are nowhere to be seen. In fact, these resolutions are a waste of time meant to appease the Trump Tea Party base. The American people need us to do our job, so let's get to the real work of creating broadly shared prosperity. I urge my colleagues to vote no.

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#### TRIBUTE TO PRINCIPAL MICHAEL FEENEY

### HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Principal Michael Feeney for his efforts in improving one of our local schools, Oldsmar Elementary. On May 17th 2016, Mr. Feeney received an award from the Oldsmar City Council for his exemplary work.

Mr. Feeney began his career in education at Oldsmar Elementary as a teacher, but soon after starting he realized that school administration was his calling. He assumed the role of Assistant Principal for two years and was promoted to Principal for another four years. Under Mr. Feeney's guidance, Oldsmar Elementary has gone from a "C" to an "A" grade school and his efforts have changed the lives of so many children and families throughout our community.

Although Mr. Feeney will be leaving Oldsmar Elementary to serve at another school, his dedication to excellence and commitment to his students has left a lasting legacy at Oldsmar Elementary. I ask that this body join me in recognizing Mr. Feeney's accomplishments and wish him the best of luck as he begins the next chapter of his life.

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#### IN MEMORY OF HELEN CHÁVEZ

### HON. TONY CÁRDENAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to honor the life and legacy of Helen Chávez, who passed away on Monday, June 6, 2016. Helen was a civil rights icon in her own right, and the widow of one of my heroes, César Chávez.

Throughout her life, Helen Chávez faced many challenges, yet she had a fierce determination and always kept moving forward.

When she was just 12 years old, Helen's father passed away. In order to help her mother support her five siblings, Helen began working in the California fields. Later, Helen went on to meet the love of her life, César, and became a caring mother to their eight children in East Los Angeles. However, it was her passion for César's initiative to bring justice to farm workers that inspired her to return to Delano to work in the fields.

Helen devoted her life to civil rights by bringing awareness to the cause. She inspired people to join the initiative to fight for farmworker rights. Helen and César formed the United Farmworkers Union where Helen worked tirelessly running the credit union put in place for the workers. And when times were tough, Helen did not back down. She turned to her faith for words of encouragement. She never gave up.

With Helen's encouragement and unconditional support, César went on to inspire a labor movement of farmworkers that would go on to level the playing field in the conflict over the right to form a union. This led to the most powerful and significant alliance between unions and communities in the modern day labor movement.

It is clear that Helen was more than a mother and a wife. She had an essential part in the accomplishments of her husband. Helen Chávez is one of this country's greatest advocates. She helped bring human rights to the forefront. Her quiet resiliency drove the heart of this movement.

As the son of farmworkers from the Central Valley, her work and César's initiative have made it possible for me to become a Congressman. The outcome of my life and the lives of millions of Americans who come from farmworkers and families in the labor industry are forever changed because of their fearless pursuit of justice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the life of Helen Chávez. Her legacy is a testament to the greatness that is these United States of America.

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#### HONORING MS. FIONA BULLOCK

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Fiona Bullock for her 26 years of service as an educator and institutional leader at Pacific Union College.

Ms. Bullock completed her Bachelor of Arts in Social Work at Pacific Union College in 1983, before going on to earn her Master's of Social Welfare at the University of California, Berkeley in 1990.

After completing her degree, Ms. Bullock spent 26 years in the Social Work Program at her alma mater, Pacific Union College. During her time at Pacific Union College she has held positions including Associate Professor, Field Supervisor, Forum Sponsor, and Program Director. Ms. Bullock has also contributed to the field of social work through her research and the numerous articles she has authored. Throughout her career, Ms. Bullock dedicated

her time and energy to supporting students' success, including connecting her students with invaluable internships and work experiences.

A long-standing member of the National Association of Social Workers, Ms. Bullock has earned certifications in Critical Incident Stress Management and is a Board Certified Expert in War Trauma and Bereavement Trauma. Ms. Bullock earned recognition from both the National Association of Social Workers of California and the California Assembly for her support of academic freedom in higher education.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Bullock has dedicated her career to serving her students and community through the study, teaching, and practice of social work. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

MS. DOT CASE

### HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Dot Case of Henderson County, North Carolina. On behalf of the people of Western North Carolina, I would like to thank Ms. Case for her dedication to the students of Henderson County, and congratulate her on her retirement after 47 years working towards the betterment of Henderson County Public Schools.

After finishing high school, Ms. Case left Henderson County to complete a degree in History at Appalachian State University, where she graduated in 1969. Later that year, she returned to Edneyville to begin the first of her many years as an educator and role model for so many. In her first job, Ms. Case taught 7th grade physical education and English at Edneyville High School, which later moved to a new campus to become North Henderson High. She soon began to teach 9th grade History, and took on the responsibility of imparting to students an understanding of our past and an appreciation for the history our state, nation, and world. Outside of the classroom, Ms. Case coached basketball, cheerleading, and track and has been a reliable presence at North Henderson's sports events for decades. Among Ms. Case's many experiences and accolades, she has sponsored Student Council programs since 1970 at Edneyville and then at North Henderson, taught AP classes since 1994, received a Social Studies Economic Teacher Award for her work, was named a Presidential Scholars Teacher in 1983, has been teacher of the year twice, and was the Regional teacher of the year in 2010.

Over her 47 years teaching, Ms. Case has shown an exceptional interest in the success of her students. By pushing them to achieve what they might not have thought possible, Dot Case has made an unparalleled impression on generations of Henderson County students and on the community at large. More than an expert educator, Ms. Case has devoted herself to improving the lives of her students in areas beyond the classroom, and has continued to embolden and assist her graduates for years after they leave North Henderson.

Ms. Dot Case is an invaluable and unforgettable member of her community. She has

earned the admiration of many students for the devotion she has given them all, and deserves the respect and gratitude of Western North Carolina. I am proud to honor Ms. Dot Case for her long service to Henderson County and sincerely express the gratitude and best wishes of the people of North Carolina as she enters retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF IBEW LOCAL 252

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 252 in Ann Arbor Michigan. It is an honor to highlight their commitment to brotherhood and the working families of Washtenaw County and Mid-Michigan.

On June 6th 1916, twelve men, agreeing to the principles and objectives of the IBEW, received their official charter for IBEW Local 252. At the time, working conditions for laborers and trades workers were deplorable. In that era, the death rate for an electrician was more than twice the death rate for trades workers in other industries. It was commonplace that workers in many trades toiled under twelve hour work days for six or seven days a week, with substandard wages and few if any benefits, not to mention training or workplace safety rules. One hundred years later, we have workplace rules, training, safety, fair wages and benefits, and this would not be the case if not for the vision and courage of these original founders, which is why we celebrate this very important milestone. What those founders were fighting for then, and what these union members are fighting for now is a shot at the American dream, a dream that we all must continue to protect for future generations.

Today, under the leadership of Business Manager Tim Hutchens, IBEW Local 252 has grown to a membership of over 800 men and women and continues to grow. Local 252 provides the best trained and most experienced Electricians for many of the most important construction projects in the area. Whether the projects are at the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University, or elsewhere, if the job needs to get done right and done right the first time, you call on Local 252 members. With this high level of commitment to quality and skill, it is no wonder that this local has grown over the years to become what it is today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of IBEW Local 252, and I know we will be celebrating the accomplishments of this local for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO TARPON SPRINGS  
LIBRARY

### HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Tarpon Springs Public Library for its 100 years of service to Pinellas County.

In 1916, Julia Inness started the library in the original City Hall inviting Pinellas residents to explore the exciting world that books provide and engage in meaningful literary dialogue. The library became even more popular than Ms. Inness had predicted, and in 1920, it was moved for the first time to a private home that had more space. As the library expanded, it moved again to the Shaw Arcade and then again to the Tarpon Hotel. In 1964, the "Friends of the Tarpon Springs Public Library" organization, which continues to support the library today, was formed with the intention of helping fund special enhancements to the library. Finally in 1997, the Library's current location, a twenty-thousand square foot building on East Lemon Street, was constructed.

In 1989, the Library joined the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative. The co-op helped equip the library with the necessary materials to serve the diverse population that used the library's services. While there are still local regulars who frequent the library, it has evolved into a very busy and multi-purpose space thanks to the help of the co-op.

The Library also hosts a variety of programs for Pinellas residents including the Public Arts Program and the Cultural and Civic Services program. Additionally, due to the contributions from the Friends of the Tarpon Springs Public Library organization, the Library has been updated with a new audio visual system, new computers, and resources for genealogy research. The Library has also been improving its digital correspondence, providing an online catalog allowing people out of county and state to access the Library.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Tarpon Springs Library on an impressive 100 years and thank them for continuing to provide a valuable service to our community. I am very excited to see what future the Library has in store for us in the next 100 years and ask this body to join me in recognizing the Tarpon Springs Library as a cornerstone of the Pinellas County community.

HONORING RABBI MICHAEL ZEDEK

### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Rabbi Michael Zedek, who has retired after being the spiritual leader since 2004 at Emanuel Congregation in the 9th Congressional District of Illinois. He will be missed. Rabbi Zedek is a true community leader and has brought neighbors together, fostered open-mindedness and embraced the incredible diversity of our community.

Ordained in June 1974, Rabbi Zedek was chosen to be alumnus-in-residence at the Cincinnati and Los Angeles campuses of Hebrew

Union College. Rabbi Zedek is the youngest man to receive this honor.

He served as CEO of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati and as the spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Jehudah in Kansas City, Missouri for 26 years, where he holds the title of Rabbi Emeritus. During his tenure, the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati received national awards for innovative fundraising and programming. Prior to his service at the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, Rabbi Zedek was the senior rabbi of Temple B'nai Jehudah in Kansas City, Missouri where he served for many years.

Rabbi Zedek is a truly dedicated community activist, scholar, and teacher. He is deeply involved in civic affairs having served on a number of national and international boards. He has also had numerous teaching and speaking appointments around the world on a wide range of topics, especially focusing on spirituality and folklore. He has taught and lectured in South Africa, Russia, China, the former Yugoslavia, and Israel and in many other countries.

He received a Danforth Graduate Fellowship for outstanding teaching, a Fulbright-Hays Grant for advanced study in the United Kingdom, and is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Hamilton College, Clinton, New York. He will still speak internationally on spirituality and folklore and remain a regular presenter at Rancho La Puerta, a spirituality and retreat center, in Tecate, Mexico. He also serves as the host of a radio show, "Religion on the Line," which has been on the air for more than 20 years. I thank Rabbi Zedek for his leadership and service.

I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring Rabbi Zedek for the work he has done for his congregation, the community, the 9th Congressional District and beyond. We thank him for his invaluable service, and wish him well in all future endeavors.

HONORING TOUGALOO COLLEGE/  
DELTA HEALTHPARTNERS  
HEALTHY START INITIATIVE

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public health program designed to reduce infant mortality in the Mississippi Delta, the Tougaloo College/Delta HealthPartners Healthy Start Initiative.

This initiative is one of the 100 Healthy Start Initiatives throughout the nation working endlessly to give every child a healthy start in life. The Delta HealthPartners' Healthy Start program is housed under the auspices of Tougaloo College within the George A. and Ruth B. Owens Health and Wellness Center, under the direction of Dr. Sandra Carr Hayes, the executive director. The program serves a rural population in a seven county area in the Mississippi Delta (Tunica, Coahoma, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Sunflower, Bolivar, and Washington counties). These counties are among the poorest and most medically underserved in Mississippi and the nation.

The Healthy Start Initiative was implemented in 1999 with funding from the Health

Resources and Services Administration under the leadership of Dr. Beverly W. Hogan, who now serves as President of Tougaloo College. Today, Ms. Arletha Howard serves as the project director. Ms. Howard is a registered nurse with over 28 years of experience in oncology, burn trauma, intensive care unit, pediatrics, home health, maternal and child health. She has worked with the Healthy Start Initiative for 16 years. In 2014, under Mrs. Howard's leadership, the Healthy Start Initiative was upgraded from a Level I individual based program to a Level II community based program.

Since its inception, the Healthy Start Initiative has provided case management services through a home visiting model to (1) high-risk pregnant women of childbearing age 10-44 years, (2) their infants; and (3) fathers/co-parents.

Over the past 16 years, the program has achieved several major accomplishments: The Healthy Start Initiative has case managed over 900 mothers and infants just this past calendar year (January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015).

The Healthy Start Initiative has created the Coahoma County Community Action Network responsible for opening the first Diaper Bank in the state of Mississippi funded by charitable donations and Northwest Mississippi Foundation.

The Healthy Start Initiative serves as the lead agency in partnership with the Mississippi State Department of Health in the Mississippi Delta Regional Fetal Infant Mortality Review program.

The Healthy Start Initiative has created Memorandums of Understandings (MOU) with 22 partnering schools in the Mississippi Delta to provide peer support groups to pregnant/parenting teens and co-parents.

The Healthy Start Initiative has been featured in numerous publications and articles (USA Today, Hechinger Report, Huffington Post, Clarksdale Press Register, Tunica Times, and WABG TV Interview) highlighting the comprehensive services of the project.

The Healthy Start Initiative has partnered with Parents for Public Schools to provide trainings for project parents on advocacy skills and educating and mobilizing parents to strengthen public schools.

The Healthy Start Initiative promotes breastfeeding in two (2) clinic sites by providing health education by project's Certified Lactation Counselors (Women's Clinic-Clarksdale, MS and Gamble Clinic-Greenville, MS).

The Healthy Start Initiative hosts a Community Baby Shower in partnership with local hospitals, Federally Qualified Community Health Centers (FQHC), other health care providers and key stakeholders each year in September to promote awareness of infant mortality during National Infant Mortality Awareness Month.

The Healthy Start Initiative has implemented a male outreach initiative to address parenting issues among male co-parents and hosts an Annual 5k Walk in June to promote Men's Health Awareness.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Tougaloo College Delta HealthPartners Healthy Start Initiative for its continued efforts to reduce infant mortality in the Mississippi Delta.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DIANE BLACK**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 273 on Ordering the Previous Question for H. Res 767, Roll Call Number 274 on Agreeing to the Resolution of H. Res 767, Roll Call Number 275 on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 3826, Roll Call Number 276 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, Roll Call Number 277 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, Roll Call Number 278 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, Roll Call Number 279 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, Roll Call Number 280 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, Roll Call Number 281 On Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.R. 4775, Roll Call Number 282 On Passage of H.R. 4775 which took place Wednesday, June 8, 2016, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on Roll Call Number 273 on Ordering the Previous Question for H. Res 767, on Roll Call Number 274 on Agreeing to the Resolution of H. Res 767, on Roll Call Number 275 on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 3826 and on Roll Call Number 282 for passage of H.R. 4775.

I would have voted Nay on Roll Call Number 276 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, on Roll Call Number 277 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, on Roll Call Number 278 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, on Roll Call Number 279 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, on Roll Call Number 280 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MARC  
STEPP

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Marc Stepp, who passed away on June 3rd, 2016, at the age of 93. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Born on January 31st, 1923, in Versailles, Kentucky, he grew up in Evansville, Indiana before coming to Detroit. He was a graduate of the University of Detroit and a U.S. Army veteran.

Marc now rests as a legend of the labor movement—one of the greatest friends to working people that our nation has ever known. I speak here for Detroit, for the members of the United Automobile Workers Union, and the people whose lives he has touched, when I say that we will miss him dearly.

I stand before you today as the Dean of the Congress because when I was a young man, Marc Stepp stood up for me. He provided me crucial guidance, support, and advice as I sought elected office, and throughout my career he has inspired me to fight harder with his own dedication to securing jobs, justice, and peace for all people.

The first African American to lead negotiations with a major Detroit automaker, the second African American member of the United Automobile Workers International Board, and an organizer who fought alongside my father to secure collective bargaining at the major automakers, Marc helped create the reality of an American middle class. Countless workers owed their jobs and the lives and families those jobs made possible to his efforts. His work to save Chrysler in the late 1970s and early 1980s preserved a proud American manufacturer who might have otherwise faded away.

Marc's legacy of advocacy though was not limited to collective bargaining alone. He helped shape movements to secure healthcare for the disadvantaged by establishing the Community Health Association, to elevate our discourse on race as part of the NAACP, and to end apartheid in South Africa. Indeed, some twenty years after helping me get elected to Congress, he helped get me arrested protesting apartheid in front of South Africa's Washington, D.C. embassy—a fight that would be won ten years later when Nelson Mandela became President of South Africa.

The legacy Marc Stepp leaves us goes beyond the wages and conditions he secured and the rights he helped ensure for all. He will remain an example of how to live our lives for generations. He will continue to influence the fight for jobs, justice, and peace through those who he inspired and influenced. He may be gone but he will not be forgotten. I am thankful for his service and his friendship, as are all who knew him and called him friend.

TRIBUTE TO SHERRIE MORTON  
TETRICK

**HON. DAVID W. JOLLY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize and express my condolences in mourning the loss of Mrs. Sherrie Morton Tetrick, a distinguished member of our community.

Mrs. Sherrie Morton Tetrick was a member of the Belleair Women's Republican Club for 16 years and held a variety of posts throughout her membership. She began as an assistant treasurer and then, in 2007, was elected to the treasurer position. For eight years she served in this position, managing the club's financial affairs, monitoring and updating the membership roster, reporting to the State of Florida, and planning arrangements for the Belleair Country Club for luncheons.

Sherrie was a well-known and respected member of our community who was known for being willing to help anyone in any way she can. She was strong, courageous, determined, and she will be deeply missed among her family, friends, and all who knew her.

Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my most heartfelt wishes and thoughts to Sherrie's husband Rick, and her friends and family. Sherrie was an amazing individual that will be sorely missed in Pinellas County. I ask that this body recognize Sherrie Morton Tetrick for her dedication to our community. May God bless Sherrie, Rick, and all those who knew her.

HONORING PASTOR CASEY D.  
FISHER

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a God-fearing and impressionistic man, Pastor Casey D. Fisher. Pastor Fisher has shown what can be done through tenacity, dedication and a desire to serve God.

A Spirit-fed and Spirit-led minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Pastor Casey D. Fisher was born in Utica, Mississippi, on July 8, 1966. He is the son of Sharkey and Katie Fisher. He received his formal education from the Hinds County School system and graduated from Utica High School in 1984. He attended the University of Southern Mississippi, where he majored in Business Administration. He later received a Bachelor in Religious Education, a Masters of Divinity and a Doctorate of Ministry from Living Word Bible Institution in Tyler, Texas.

Pastor Fisher is married to the former Michele Chambers. They were married on September 17, 1988. He is the father of three lovely children: twin sons, Bryan and Ryan and a daughter, Casey Michele. Pastor Fisher finds time to love and care for his family as Christ does the church. He is devoted to strengthening them and helping them to grow in their everyday walk with the Lord, just as he does with the church.

Pastor Fisher has served his country as a soldier in the United States Army. During this time, he truly accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior on October 23, 1993 in Livorno, Italy. He served eight years in the U.S. Army, where he was part of two tours in Southwest Asia. He departed military service in July 1997. Afterwards, he was employed with the U.S. Postal Service in Vicksburg, Mississippi, where he recently retired in December, 2010.

He is currently a Life Member of the Vicksburg Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and serves as the Guide Right Chairman. His purpose is Achievement, in which he mentors young men, twelve through eighteen years of age, providing them with tutoring, community involvement and religious principles. He is also a member of Masonic Order of Prince Hall Free and Accepted Mason.

In 1984, Pastor Fisher became the first known athlete in Mississippi to be selected All-State in four sports. While attending University of Southern Mississippi, he was a member of the basketball team, in which he led the Golden Eagles to the NIT championship in 1987 and later was inducted into the USM hall of fame. Although he loves basketball, he also has a passion for golfing. Dr. Fisher is a die-hard fan of the Los Angeles Lakers and the Dallas Cowboys.

Pastor Fisher's motto is "If you don't take it personal, it will make you a better person". He is inspired by one of the Greatest Ministers, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., because of his willingness to serve and his willingness to give up his life for humanity. Greater Grove Street M. B. Church has stood the test of time through dedication, faith, stewardship, and commitment from this soldier on the battlefield for the

Lord. He is a man of integrity, loyalty, dignity, and honesty leading his people to do the will of God.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pastor Casey D. Fisher for his dedication to God, family, community and country.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION  
EXPANDING THE YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program. For too long, through too many wars and too many deployments, we have treated our active duty servicemembers and their families as expendable once their usefulness on the battlefield has ended.

We hear too many stories of members of the military who do not have the right tools to adapt back into civilian life. The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program was aimed at helping address the unique challenges facing the National Guard and Reserve Component community during this transition.

The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program has helped these Guard and Reserve servicemembers with: accessing benefits, geographic isolation, lack of access to military family support groups in local communities, continued and repeated deployments, and unemployment and underemployment.

The Yellow Ribbon program has also helped to educate servicemembers on the rigors of deployment, implement reintegration curriculum throughout the deployment cycle, and inform servicemembers and their families about the resources available and connect members to service providers who can assist them in overcoming the challenges of reintegration.

The Yellow Ribbon program has been successful in making sure the backbone of our society, those men and women who pursue their chosen profession, but also choose the military as an obligation to secure the liberties and freedoms we hold most dear.

It is only right that we help speed the transition of those active duty servicemembers who have essentially put their lives on hold while they serve in the military full time. They need to have the same access to services and information.

My legislation will expand this successful program to all active-duty servicemembers and their families. This will give these young men and women the ability and information to transition successfully to civilian life after protecting of our freedoms for so long.

Once they leave the military and are the responsibility of the VA, it is too late. We need to speed the transition to civilian life and in the process, reduce suicide, and get these soon-to-be veterans in to the VA system for their health and claims benefits.

Many of these men and women, when they leave the military, do not have the support structures they need to successfully reintegrate into civilian society. One young man I know of was homeless and could not have custody of his child and go to school on the

GI Bill because he had stayed in the service on the first day of the month. He was ineligible for his housing stipend due to his service and was homeless.

This is unacceptable and it is obvious that these men and women are being sent out into society unprepared for the decisions they must make: when to wake up, what clothes to buy, how to get housing.

The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program has been successful in what it was designed to do. We need to expand it to make sure all those who serve get the benefit of the lessons learned from this program.

I am pleased to introduce this legislation to expand the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program to all servicemembers. With this, we can take the next step to ensuring that the young men and women who protect those of us here at home will have a home to return to.

HONORING JACKIE THOMAS  
STUMP

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH  
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks to honor the life of Mr. Jackie Thomas Stump, who passed away on June 2, 2016. I had the pleasure of serving with Jackie, a coal miner-turned-legislator, in the Virginia House of Delegates, where he represented Buchanan, Tazewell, and Russell Counties.

Jackie was born on January 13, 1948 in Lebanon, Virginia and served in the Air Force from 1967 to 1971, spending 18 months in Saigon as a jet mechanic. When he returned, he mined coal and in 1979 was elected secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers (UMW) District 28. In 1986, he was elected president of the UMW district, which covered most of Virginia.

In 1989, during the Pittston Coal strike, Jackie ran and won a write-in campaign for the House of Delegates as an independent. He served until he resigned for health reasons in 2005.

Jackie was one of a kind and, though he didn't often rise to speak on the floor, I will always remember that when he did, he usually shared the views of the "little guy"—folks who many would say didn't have extraordinary wealth, power, or influence. Jackie also served on several boards and commissions, including the Virginia Parole Board and the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

Jackie is survived by his wife of 25 years, Linda Stump, of Abingdon; his daughter, Ahbra Stump, of Abingdon; and his "furry companion," Ruffles. He is also survived by his mother, Margret Stump, of Keen Mountain; his sisters, Wanda Sue Justice and husband Danny, Christine Hicks and husband David, all of Keen Mountain; and numerous nieces and nephews.

I have always appreciated the good working relationship and friendship that Jackie and I had, and will continue fondly remembering how very deeply he cared about Southwest Virginia and those who call it home. I am saddened by Jackie's passing, and extend my prayers and deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones during this time. May God give them comfort and peace.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PULMONARY HYPERTENSION ASSOCIATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the outstanding efforts of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association (PHA) in the fight against the rare, debilitating disease, and potentially fatal condition, pulmonary hypertension (PH).

I am proud to represent the Lone Star Chapter of PHA, located in The Woodlands. This disease was first brought to my attention over a decade ago by Chapter member, Jack Stibbs, whose daughter, Emily, had been recently diagnosed at an early age and given a dire prognosis. However, due to Emily's early diagnosis and advancements in medical research, including the development of innovative treatments, she has been able to lead a full life and even recently graduated college.

Most patients are not as fortunate as Emily has been. PH can be idiopathic or occur as the result of sickle cell disease, scleroderma, and other conditions. Nearly 3 out of 4 PH patients are not diagnosed until the disease has reached a late stage, which renders many available therapies ineffective and leaves patients facing a much more serious medical intervention, such as heart-lung transplantation. PH is very aggressive and the average life expectancy without an accurate diagnosis and proper treatment is just under 3 years.

I continually work with my colleagues in Congress to advance efforts that seek to lower healthcare costs, promote quality, and improve outcomes for patients. This is why I work with the PH community to call attention to important legislative efforts, including the Pulmonary Hypertension Research and Diagnosis Act (H.R. 3520), which seeks to leverage limited resources to ensure more PH patients are diagnosed at an early stage and can benefit from treatments like Emily has.

This June, the PH community will be gathering in Texas for their Semi-Annual International Conference. This is a bittersweet engagement as it will be the last Conference for Rino Aldrighetti, who has served as President and CEO of PHA for 17 incredible years. After PHA was founded around a kitchen table by passionate advocates seeking to improve the lives of affected individuals and families, Rino was one of the first employees the organization hired. Under Rino's leadership the organization grew from modest beginnings to an agent for meaningful change. Today, PHA has expanded to an organization of more than fifty staff with a budget of \$13 million. When Rino started most medical professionals knew little about the disease. There was one FDA approved therapy available, but far too frequently, patients died waiting for a diagnosis. But now, thanks to PHA, coordinated research and patient support efforts we have 14 FDA approved treatment options for PH, and PHA's Research Program has committed more than \$17 million to support cutting edge research focused on PH. In addition, more than 80 independent PH associations have been established around the world, and PHA has signed Memorandum of Understanding with 35 nations.

More can be done though. I ask my colleagues to recognize Rino and to honor his legacy of service to the PH community by supporting PH patients and early diagnosis legislation.

TRIBUTE TO PALM PAVILION

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Palm Pavilion for its 90th year in business marked this past May 26, 2016.

Started in 1926 by five partners, Palm Pavilion was intended to serve as a bathing pavilion for local patrons. One of the founders, Jesse Smith, recalls that it was open daily and was comprised of a bathhouse with changing rooms, a booth for towel and bathing suit rentals, a dance floor with jukebox music, a picnic area, and a kitchen. They served food like hamburgers and hot dogs while sodas and beer were kept cold in ice bins.

For thirty eight years, Jesse Smith and his wife were the main owners of Palm Pavilion, but in the sixties, they sold it, Howard and Jean Hamilton. The Hamiltons worked to modernize by removing the bath house and focusing more on food and beverages, yet they made every effort to maintain the fun and relaxed atmosphere for which Palm Pavilion was known.

Today, the Grill and Bar has expanded, providing seating for more than 300 beachgoers and serving all types of food. It also employs more than a hundred people.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Palm Pavilion for being a cornerstone of our community. For nearly a hundred years, it has been a point of interest for locals and tourists alike, and I ask that this body join me in celebrating their continued success.

HONORING CHIEF CHRIS PALMER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Chris Palmer.

Chief Chris Palmer was born to Carl Palmer and the late Classie Palmer. He is the fourth of six children. Chief Palmer is married to Kathy Robinson and they have five children and six grandchildren. He attended Crystal Springs High School and graduated from Jackson State University with a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice and Corrections.

Chief Palmer began his career with the Crystal Springs Police Department as a Dispatcher and became a Patrolman in 1994. During his tenure on patrol, Chief Palmer was contracted to the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics as an undercover agent.

Four years later, Chief Palmer became the investigator for the City of Crystal Springs. As investigator, Chief Palmer worked all felony cases in the city for the next 15 years. These cases included Murder, Aggravated Assault, and Burglary along with numerous white collar crimes. While investigating these crimes Chief

Palmer worked over 175 cases per year with a solvability rate of 94.6 percent and a conviction rate of 99.7 percent.

In February, 2015, Chief Palmer was promoted from Investigator to Captain. After a brief stint as Captain, Chief Palmer was promoted to his current position as Chief in October, 2015. Chief Palmer has an excellent staff that includes fifteen (15) police officers, six (6) dispatchers, a Court Clerk and a Deputy Court Clerk. Chief Palmer works diligently each day to make sure all employees are updated with hourly classes to make them better Dispatchers, Court Clerks and Officers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Chief Chris Palmer for his dedication to serving our great state of Mississippi.

#### REMEMBERING DAVID GILKEY

### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, last Sunday, David Gilkey, an NPR photojournalist from Portland, Oregon, was killed with his Afghani translator, Zabihullah Tamanna, in a Taliban ambush in Afghanistan.

I cannot express fully my gratitude for David's tireless commitment to his profession. His evocative, powerful work, and many contributions to NPR will be remembered for generations.

Graduating from Wilson High School in Portland in 1985, David followed the path of his father, Richard Gilkey, to Oregon State University, before following his passion of photojournalism at the Boulder Daily Camera, and then the Detroit Free Press before joining NPR in 2007.

David covered conflict areas from around the globe, ethnic violence in Rwanda and the Balkans, apartheid in South Africa, famine in Somalia and violence in the Gaza Strip. Since 2001 he extensively covered the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He was one of the most decorated of photojournalists, winning an Emmy in 2007 for a documentary video series and receiving 36 honors from the White House. In 2015, he was the first multimedia journalist to be awarded the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award for Journalism.

David and journalists like him play an essential role in helping us all better understand global events, putting themselves in harm's way to open the world's window for the rest of us. They are true heroes.

Our hearts go out to David's mother and father, Alyda and Richard Gilkey, his circle of family and friends, and to his entire NPR family for their loss.

CONGRATULATING RICHARD  
GABBERT ON HIS SELECTION AS  
A MANSFIELD FELLOW

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard Gabbert on his selec-

tion as a Mansfield Fellow. Mr. Gabbert is among ten federal government officials who will begin the year-long Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program in Japan this year. Congress established the Mansfield Fellowship Program in 1994 to build a corps of U.S. government officials with substantial Japan expertise. Since then one hundred and forty Fellows—representing twenty-seven U.S. government agencies, commissions and the U.S. Congress—have entered the Fellowship Program.

Mr. Gabbert is a member of the twenty-first group of Mansfield Fellows, chosen through a selective recruitment and vetting process. Japan has long been an important part of Mr. Gabbert's life, and he is highly qualified for this unique professional development opportunity. He spent part of his childhood and early career in Japan, and continued this engagement during law school and in private practice.

As a Senior Special Counsel at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Mr. Gabbert helped develop a cross-border regulatory framework for the over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives markets and the global financial institutions active in those markets. His Mansfield Fellowship will give him the contacts and understanding needed to facilitate U.S. Japan coordination in this area, coordination that is critical for a smooth transition to this new regulatory framework in our countries and globally.

Mr. Gabbert will begin his Fellowship in Japan this summer with a seven-week homestay and language training in Ishikawa Prefecture. This will be followed by ten months of practical experience in Japanese government offices in Tokyo. During his placements he will work side-by-side with Japanese financial regulators. He will seek to understand the Japanese response to the 2008 financial crisis and its aftermath, particularly the legislative and regulatory reforms designed to increase transparency and stability in the OTC derivatives markets. He also will explore current issues in the implementation of these reforms in Japan, including the challenges of cross-border regulation and supervision of these markets, in order to support effective domestic regulatory efforts.

As a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and its Subcommittee on the Asia-Pacific, I understand the important role Japan plays in the global economy and the critical need to coordinate with Japan on financial and other matters. Close coordination requires U.S. government officials like Mr. Gabbert who are prepared to develop the contacts and expertise needed to facilitate their agencies' work on Japan-related programs.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Gabbert on his selection as a Mansfield Fellow. I am confident his Mansfield Fellowship experience will enhance the work of the SEC and deepen its cooperation with Japan.

I hope you will also join me in recognizing the value of the Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program and the opportunities it provides U.S. government officials like Mr. Gabbert to learn about Japan and its government and to strengthen the U.S. relationship with this important ally.

COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND EMPLOYERS

### HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the National Association of Colleges and Employers—NACE—on its 60th anniversary of service to, leadership of, and advocacy for the community of college career services professionals and HR/recruiting professionals who are focused on the employment of the college educated. Located in Bethlehem, PA, NACE boasts more than 10,000 members across the country who perform work vital to our national labor force and national interests.

Founded in 1956, NACE supports the critical work of its members through research, advocacy, and professional development and serves the greater public by providing key data and insight to further the goals and dreams of those who choose higher education as their path to a rewarding and successful career. NACE's initiatives expand beyond its membership to also serve the larger national community and help our graduates achieve successful outcomes. To that end, NACE has undertaken efforts to ensure new college graduates can transition into the job market with the competencies they need to succeed and to keep our nation competitive in the global marketplace.

As NACE continues to look to the future and address critical issues facing our labor force, employment community, and country, I congratulate NACE on this 60th anniversary and wish it continued growth and prosperity in the years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY WILLIAMS  
AND JEVON GRAHAM, ASSISTANT  
CHIEFS, CLEARWATER FIRE  
& RESCUE

### HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize two men, Larry Williams and Jevon Graham, and congratulate them for being named Assistant Chiefs of Clearwater Fire and Rescue.

Larry Williams and Jevon Graham were recently promoted to Assistant Fire Chiefs after achieving the top two scores among 43 applicants for the position. Mr. Williams and Mr. Graham, the first African American administrators in the history of the department, are making strides in their field and helping pave the way for future generations of the Clearwater Fire and Rescue teams.

In the City of Clearwater, there are 196 Fire and Rescue employees and only 14 of them are African-American, comprising seven percent of the force. Mr. Williams and Mr. Graham's promotion to Assistant Fire Chiefs is a tremendous step forward for the Tampa Bay area and I applaud Mr. Williams and Mr. Graham for their efforts in our community.

Mr. Williams' own heroes and mentors were firefighters who also broke racial barriers at

the St. Petersburg Fire and Rescue station. He has served for 20 years with Clearwater Fire and Rescue. I thank him for the decades of service he has already given to us. Mr. Williams will be becoming the Assistant Chief of Suppression.

Mr. Graham became a firefighter in 1998 and at the time was one of three minority firefighters in the department. He has worked for 17 years with Clearwater Fire and Rescue in various capacities including as a member of the dive team, technical rescue team, and as a lieutenant for 12 years. He will serve as Assistant Chief of Health and Safety.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank and acknowledge Mr. Graham and Mr. Williams for their dedication to our community and to Clearwater Fire and Rescue. They are role models for Pinellas County. I ask that this body join me in thanking them for their service and wishing them success in their new roles as Assistant Chiefs of Clearwater Fire and Rescue.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF MR. MCBURNETT JAMES  
KNOX, JR.

**HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. McBurnett James Knox, Jr., better known as "Coach Mac," who passed away on May 29, 2016, at the age of 89.

Coach Mac served his country in the United States Navy, and was a retired United States postal worker and longtime employee of the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission (NORD). He was best known as the longtime supervisor at the Pontchartrain Park in New Orleans and legendary coach of the Pontchartrain Park Patriots.

Coach Mac coached every sport and activity possible. His teams won city championships in baseball, football, basketball, softball and track. Coach Mac coached all-star teams in Babe Ruth Baseball, Biddy Basketball, and the National Youth Games. He was able to win both a state and a national championship in his career. Also, during Coach Mac's four plus decades at the Pontchartrain Park, he ran a softball league for postal workers and other adult leagues.

Mr. Speaker, as a beneficiary of Coach Mac's commitment and sacrifice, I celebrate his life and legacy, because he has touched the lives of many children and citizens in New Orleans, Louisiana. His wife preceded him in death; however, my thoughts and prayers are with his five children and the other members of his family.

VVA SUPPORT OUR TROOPS  
RALLY

**HON. KEITH J. ROTHFUS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, on June 12, 2016, Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 862 will sponsor its 15th annual Support Our

Troops Rally to honor the courageous individuals serving in our armed forces as well as our veterans. It is an opportunity to pay our respects to our troops stationed both here at home and overseas.

We should never fail to recognize the irreplaceable contributions of our service members, and we should never take their service for granted. As civilians, it is often easy to go about our daily lives, enjoying our freedoms, without remembering the sacrifices that purchased them.

Robert Gwin organized the first Support Our Troops Rally 15 years ago, and the tradition has only grown stronger, with the rally drawing larger crowds every year. This is a testament to the value of institutions like Vietnam Veterans of America in demonstrating gratitude to our troops who need to know how much their service means to the rest of us.

The Support Our Troops Rally fosters a strong sense of patriotism and appreciation in our community. Most important, it helps us convey our gratitude to our veterans and troops, particularly those overseas in dangerous areas of the world.

HONORING TOMMY L.  
MCCULLOUGH

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Tommy L. McCullough, who was born in Pickens, Madison County, Mississippi to the late parents of W.E.L. and Classie McCullough. He was the youngest of twenty siblings where ten (10) were added by marriage.

Mr. Tommy L. McCullough was raised in Valley View, Mississippi and attended Nichols School until the eighth grade. Later he went to Cameron Street High School and left to go to the Army while he was in the 12th grade.

Mr. McCullough entered the Army on December 13, 1954, he was in the 25th Division at Scofield Barracks in Hawaii. While there an Honor Guard was formed after a few months and height requirements were 5 feet 10 inches tall, but because he was sharp and intelligent he was chosen to be a Guard, although he was 5 feet 8 inches tall. They later changed the title from Guard to Drill Platoon. No one could handle a rifle the way Mr. McCullough handled it and he was recognized with many letters of congratulations for his performance in the Drill Platoon, he also went to the Non-Commissioned Officer Academy and received a diploma. Within two years he went from a Private to SP3 (Specialist 3rd class). There he stayed until his discharge on November 27, 1956 and went back to Jackson, Mississippi.

He had many friends who were Civil Rights Activist, one of them was a Freedom Rider, Mr. Jake Freeze, who was one of the leaders in the Freedom Riders Movement that lived in his house in 1963, which was later called the Freedom House in Madison County. Pictures are on the wall of the Civil Rights Museum in Canton, Mississippi, today.

Mr. McCullough afterwards moved to Louisville, KY in 1965. He worked at Harshaws Chemical Company for about five years. He

missed Mississippi so much that he came back and opened up a night club, Billa Farro, for five years in Jackson and later opened a Car Dealership, TC and III, and then he retired.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Tommy L. McCullough for his dedication to serving others.

THE GIFT, RUNNING ON THE WIND,  
THE BREEZE—IN HONOR OF  
MIDFIELDER FRANK URSO

**HON. MARKWAYNE MULLIN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of The University of Maryland Midfielder Frank Urso, who received the prestigious Teewaarton Legend Award on June 2nd at the Native American Museum in Washington, DC. Frank was a four-year 1st Team All American, leading The Terps to two National Championships, and Two National Championship finals in his four years at Maryland. He joins the likes of Jim Brown, Gary Gate, and Eamon McEnneny. I would like to submit this poem in honor of him and the Native Americans who created the magnificent game of lacrosse, penned by fellow teammate Albert Carey Caswell.

Long before Basket and Baseball or Football  
ever came to be  
All out across this great land this sweet  
Country tis a thee  
Came on the wind, came running on the  
breeze  
All out there upon those fields of green as so  
to be  
But came The Native Americans so all at  
speed.  
All in this their game of such intensity  
Of such power and might, grace and speed  
As the fastest game on foot you'll ever see  
Ah' poetry in motion  
as is this sport of beauty and combat all  
interweaved.  
As is Lacrosse their great gift to you and  
me.  
A gift to Mankind which one day would in-  
tercede  
Capturing little boys and girls hearts all at  
speed  
With stick in hand as they become one to  
compete  
While, into the night against a wall chasing  
their dreams.  
To Be The Best on fields of green.  
Bagattaway, as it all began with the mag-  
nificent Native Americans you see  
Who are The Very Heart of what it all so  
means to be an America indeed.  
A people of such character and courage,  
strength and speed  
Who to Nature so respect and heed.  
A race of people who were the antifascist of  
living free.  
Running on the wind, the breeze.  
Training mighty warriors for the rigors of  
combat, as they would bleed  
Turning boys to men, giving them the  
strength, training, and confidence they  
would need.  
Running on the wind, the breeze, as all  
across this Nation their great game  
came to be  
As why to this day with such high regard the  
world envies  
As they'd pass this game down through the  
generations to their families, from

dream time of their great ancestors in history  
 This gift we now know as LACROSSE, so much achieves.  
 Building character and strength, and such teamwork to cement all who intervene  
 Now, growing far and wide all throughout our country sides  
 For no greater game has yet to be devised  
 As it reaches deep down into ones very soul  
 As does their fine gift to America to behold.  
 Running on the wind.  
 To them so much we owe.  
 Ode to The Native American, who've given us this great game we all love and know  
 Of stamina and courage, and of grace, which put smiles upon our face  
 Of skill and such grit, and the teamwork so all in it  
 With such might and speed she gives us all we need.  
 Ah' running on the wind, the breeze, Lacrosse  
 All in this Native American's Game of Speed.

TRIBUTE TO ROB VAN TASSEL,  
 FLORIDA BIG BROTHER OF THE  
 YEAR

**HON. DAVID W. JOLLY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a member of our community, Rob Van Tassel, for being named Florida's Big Brother of the Year.

Mr. Van Tassel is a logistics manager with Southwire, a manufacturing company based in Clearwater, Florida. He graduated from Dunedin High School in 1975 and has been a Pinellas County resident for many years now. Inspired by the way his father had raised him and encouraged by his own daughter, Mr. Van Tassel decided to join Big Brothers and Big Sisters and give back to the community that had given him and his family so much. In 2008, Mr. Van Tassel was matched with his current little brother Seth. For Seth, Rob is a supportive shoulder to lean on and a thoughtful advisor who keeps him focused on his education and making decisions that are beneficial for the rest of his life. Rob's work with Seth is truly exceptional.

Rob believes that children need strong mentors for guidance, and that it is our responsibility to help guide children and young adults who need help finding their way. In addition to being named Florida's Big Brother of the Year, Mr. Van Tassel is also being considered for the national Big Brother of the Year award.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Rob Van Tassel for dedicating his time and efforts to our community. He has a strong desire to give back and, in turn, has inspired others to do so as well. I thank Rob for what he has done and I ask that this body join me in honoring and acknowledging Rob for his award and dedication to Pinellas County.

CELEBRATING DÍA DE PORTUGAL

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with Mr. NUNES of California, Mr. VALADAO of California, Mr. CICILLINE of Rhode Island, Mr. DENHAM of California, Mr. ZELDIN of New York, Ms. LOFGREN of California, Mr. MCGOVERN of Massachusetts, and Mr. HONDA of California to recognize Día de Portugal. On June 10 each year, Día de Portugal celebrates the Portuguese people, their strong heritage, and their beautiful country and culture.

Día de Portugal honors the death of the revered Portuguese poet Luís Vaz de Camões in 1580. While his mastery of verse has been compared to both Shakespeare and Dante, Camões is famously known for his epic "Os Lusíadas," one of Portugal's most treasured literary works. The poem pays tribute to Portugal's golden age of exploration and celebrates the many world-changing discoveries made by its seafaring explorers in the 15th century.

In his poem, Camões speaks of the Portuguese as destined to accomplish great deeds, and they have. This rings especially true of the more than one million Portuguese-Americans who have been contributing to and enriching culture in the United States for generations. Americans of Portuguese descent are responsible for tremendous growth and innovation, whether it be in the arts, agriculture, sports, or the highest levels of American government. The unbreakable bond between Portugal and the United States goes back many years—to the very founding of our nation.

After the Revolutionary War, Portugal was one of our first allies and one of the first countries to officially recognize the United States. In 1791, President George Washington formalized diplomatic relations with Portugal, and our relationship is stronger than ever more than 200 years later.

Today, Portugal is not just our friend and ally, but an important strategic partner for the United States. We must never forget the role of Portugal and Lajes Field during World War II, when the Portuguese helped us protect supply ships, identify U-boats, and win the war against fascism. As home to the U.S. Air Force's 65th Air Base Wing, Lajes Field was instrumental in our efforts during the Cold War and the Yom Kippur War and continues to be a critical asset in the Atlantic.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues and I join hands with the people of Portugal to reaffirm our commitment to strengthening the many ties between us, and we vow to ensure our relationship remains strong and robust. Along with the people of Portugal and Portuguese-Americans throughout the United States, we wish everyone a happy and joyous Día de Portugal.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DIANE BLACK**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 283 on Consideration of the Resolu-

tion for H. Res. 771 which took place Thursday, June 9, 2016, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on Roll Call Number 283 on Consideration of the Resolution for H. Res. 771.

HONORING PATRICIA D. WISE

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Judge Patricia D. Wise. Elected in 1989, she is one of four Chancellors of the Fifth Chancery Court District of Hinds County, Mississippi.

Formerly, Mrs. Wise was managing attorney and partner in the law firm of Dockins & Wise, Attorneys at Law, Jackson, Mississippi. Her private practice was in the area of Domestic Relations-Family Law, Personal Injury and General Civil practice. She served as Family Law Resource Attorney for Central Mississippi Legal Services.

An Oxford, Mississippi native, she has lived in Jackson, Mississippi for the past thirty-five years. She received her Bachelor of Science in Special Education, her Master's of Communicative Disorders and her Juris Doctorate degree all from the University of Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Judge Patricia D. Wise for her dedication to serving others.

TRIBUTE TO KEN DEKA

**HON. DAVID W. JOLLY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 10, 2016*

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Ken Deka, a veteran and member of our community, for his work to honor our troops on a nightly routine.

Mr. Deka moved to Indian Rocks Beach after retiring. He would occasionally play "Taps" on his bugle for his neighbors, and it soon became a nightly tradition. Now, Mr. Deka's rendition of "Taps" has become a community staple, and he can be heard playing it every night for his neighbors on Indian Rocks Beach.

Mr. Deka says he does it for the men and women currently serving, veterans, those military personnel who have already passed, and family members of his who have served, like his brother, a veteran who passed away five years ago. He wants to continue to honor those who, like Mr. Deka and his brother, have given so much to our country and remind all of his neighbors to be grateful for our military.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank and acknowledge Mr. Ken Deka for his service to our country, and for his continued efforts to remember and recognize our men and women in uniform. I ask that this body join me in thanking Mr. Ken Deka for his continued support for our veterans.