

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### VETERANS MOBILITY SAFETY ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

#### HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2016*

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support the Veterans Mobility Safety Act of 2015.

As a Veteran with a service-connected disability, I have personally participated in the Automobile Adaptive Equipment Program (AAEP) and I know how valuable this program is to Veterans across the country.

As a mother of a toddler, I care about the safety of my car more than ever. I am committed to making the best choices for my daughter and strive to keep her out of danger.

My story is not unique. There are so many Veterans out there that depend on the AAEP to provide transportation for their families.

Safety and the quality of services provided to our wounded Veterans should be a top priority.

Last Congress, I wrote a letter to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) urging them to reevaluate the AAEP because it does not require vendors to meet any standards of quality, performance and safety.

I am extremely concerned that this obvious lack of guidelines exposes our most vulnerable Veterans to vendors who manufacture and install subpar, low quality and dangerous equipment.

It can also lead to higher maintenance costs and wastes taxpayer money.

Unfortunately, this gap in the statute allows improper and unsafe installations for our Veterans and also puts the general driving public in harm's way.

The fix here is simple—we must have high quality and certification standards for those who provide automobile adaptive equipment, installations and maintenance for disabled Veterans.

Veterans with disabilities have earned the right to be able to have safe, quality adaptive equipment in their cars that meets their needs and allows them to live full, independent lives.

I urge my Colleagues to support this measure, and to remedy the VA's lack of minimum standards for the AAE program in order to hold vendors accountable, increase quality of VA healthcare and ensure safe driving conditions for Veterans, their families and civilians.

ELDON LAIDIG

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Eldon Laidig for receiving the West Chamber's 2016 Jefferson County Hall of Fame Award.

Known for his passion for education and community service, Eldon has been a pillar of the Jefferson County community for more than fifty years. Before becoming a financial planner, Eldon spent 42 years in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves and 27 years working for Jefferson County Public Schools, 25 of which were spent as a middle school principal.

In 1990, Eldon became an associate with Personal Benefit Services Wealth Management, which has been recognized by 5280 Magazine and the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. Eldon's involvement in the Arvada community is unparalleled. He was named the Arvada Sentinel's Man of the Year, has served as club president of the Arvada Council for the Arts and Humanities and Arvada Rotary Club and Friendship Force of Greater Denver, as well as vice president of the Arvada Historical Society. In his five decades in the Jefferson County area, Eldon has worked tirelessly to improve the City of Arvada through community service.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Eldon Laidig for this well-deserved recognition by the West Chamber.

### CONGRATULATING MR. RAY JENNINGS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

#### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. Ray Jennings on the occasion of his well-deserved retirement from the Bedford County Airport in Bedford, PA.

Ray began a distinguished military career in the Air Force Air Defense Command, serving tours across North America. From there, his career advanced as he gained extensive international flying experience. He later attended the Air Force Institute of Technology, Squadron Officers School, the Air Command and Staff College, and the University of Illinois, where he studied aeronautical engineering.

Next, Ray spent time helping develop and test aircraft until he was dispatched to Vietnam, where he flew 138 combat missions. As a result of his courageous service, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Purple Hearts, and various Air Medals. After being shot down and rescued, Ray returned home, where he continued to serve his country admirably until his retirement at Andrews Air Force Base.

Following his remarkable military career, Ray was a member of the Bedford County Air Authority from 1985 to 2009, serving as its Secretary and Treasurer from 1994 to 2009. For the past 22 years, Ray has been the Manager of the local Bedford County Airport. Through these experiences, he proved himself instrumental in establishing the Airport as a significant, award-winning asset for the county.

Ray has also provided his extensive experience and service to aviation and transportation

boards at the state and local levels. Additionally, he has been a member of Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission, which has been a notable force in promoting economic and community development in Cambria, Blair, Huntingdon, Somerset, Bedford, and Fulton Counties.

It is my honor to recognize the selfless and impactful career of Mr. Ray Jennings, who not only sacrificed for his country but also his state, community, and family. The impact of his service is sure to live on, and I wish him the absolute best in his hard-earned retirement.

HONORING JOANNE WHITE

#### HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, today the House of Representatives is losing a treasure. After more than 41 years of service, Joanne White, or Miss Joanne as she is affectionately known, is taking her well-earned retirement. She has never been elected, she has never introduced a bill and she has never cast a vote on the House floor but she has meant more to this institution than many of us lucky enough to be called members.

It is no secret that so much of what successful Members are able to accomplish is because of dedicated staff. Staff keeps the trains moving, they sweat the details, and they are the experts on so many of the issues of the day. In her 41 years here, Miss Joanne has done more, seen more, and forgotten more than I ever will. Her experience and institutional knowledge is irreplaceable.

I am fortunate enough to have known Miss Joanne during my time as chairman of the House Ethics Committee, where she has served the past twenty five years. As a new chairman, I was the beneficiary of her accumulated wisdom and the recipient of her sage counsel. Miss Joanne is unique because of her dedication to this institution and her bipartisan service to 13 different Committee chairmen.

While she is retiring today, she is leaving indelible marks behind. The Ethics Committee reflects her warm and gracious demeanor. And, there are two generations of staffers who she taught not how to work for Congress, but how to serve in Congress. Finally, like my predecessors, I am grateful to have had Miss Joanne by my side as I navigated the challenges of chairing the Ethics Committee. She taught me lessons that I will not forget either.

I am indebted to her. Her colleagues are indebted to her. The House of Representatives is indebted to her. As she retires, I wish her happiness and joy as she spends time with her family and friends. Thank you, Joanne, for your service.

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## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, on September 12, 2016, on Roll Call Number 496 on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 847, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives about a national strategy for the Internet of Things to promote economic growth and consumer empowerment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 847.

On September 12, 2016, on Roll Call Number 497 on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 835, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should adopt a national policy for technology to promote consumers' access to financial tools and online commerce to promote economic growth and consumer empowerment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 835.

## IN HONOR OF JO BARTON

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jo Clough Barton. Jo died peacefully, surrounded by her family, in her home in Annapolis, Maryland on August 3, 2016. She was 85 years old.

Born Martha Jo Clough on March 19, 1931 to Sara Jo and Arthur Clough in Oklahoma City, she attended Edgemere Elementary School before her family moved to Ardmore, OK in 1941. She graduated from Ardmore High School in 1949 and then attended the University of Oklahoma where she met and married her husband Gerald (Jerry) Barton. She attended and graduated second in her class from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1955 and was admitted to the prestigious honor society, the Order of Coif. She was admitted to the Oklahoma Bar Association in 1955.

Jo practiced law in Oklahoma from 1958 to 1968 for the firm Mosteller, Andrews, Mosberg (now Andrews, Davis) and later opened an independent book store in the Avondale Shopping Center. She was a volunteer at Beta Theta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity at OU, mentoring many young women. She also volunteered in many of her children's activities and at their school. An ardent Democrat, she championed liberal causes and raised money for progressive candidates throughout her life.

She and Jerry later moved to Big Sur, CA where she served as president of the Carmel Bach Festival, on the board of Hospice of the Monterey Peninsula and opened a children's clothing store called Nana's. She moved to Annapolis, MD in 2015 to be close to her children.

She is survived by her children, Joann Vaughan, Doug Barton and Martha Doherty,

all of Annapolis MD; her grandchildren; Barton Vaughan, Elizabeth Vaughan, Christopher Austin, Robert Vaughan, Sam Barton, Alison Doherty, Caroline Vaughan Kreutzer, Sarah Doherty, Kylee Barton and Harrison Barton; and two great granddaughters; Georgina Vaughan and Caroline Vaughan.

We honor and remember Jo's memory by opening a wonderful bottle of wine and cooking a favorite meal. "Grieve not, nor speak of me with tears, but laugh and talk of me as if I were beside you . . . loved you so—'twas Heaven here with you."—Isla Paschal Richardson

**TEXAS RANGER—LAWRENCE SULLIVAN ROSS****HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the year was 1839 and thousands of families were looking to settle new lands for their families across the prairies and for the Ross family, Texas was where they chose to raise their young children. Lawrence Sullivan Ross was still an infant when they moved to Texas, and he grew up seeing just how wild the land of this fledgling nation was. He was only eleven when he was involved in his first Indian fight, and through the years helped his father protect the area around Waco from attacks. Though he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and become an Indian fighter, as a young man he realized the need for an education and enrolled at Baylor University.

After graduation, he joined the Texas Rangers and quickly won favor among many of his superiors, including the governor of Texas, Sam Houston. Houston gave Ross the authority to raise a small militia and Ross spent the next several years fighting against Comanche raiding parties. He only halted his service when the Civil War broke out. He fought in the Sixth Texas Calvary division and was promoted to brigadier general in 1863, and began commanding the Texas Calvary Brigade (later called "Ross's Brigade.")

While his health suffered during the war, Ross's desire to serve the state that he loved stayed as strong as ever. So instead of continuing to fight, his friends convinced him to run for public office. He served in the Senate for a full term, but later found that state politics were more agreeable with him, and ran for governor. Working hard to serve those around him, people would later describe his terms in office as "one of good will and harmony." But it wasn't until he left office that he started doing what he considered his greatest public service. After his last term finished as governor, he stepped right into his role as the new president of the small, failing Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. Through his leadership the school was able to start growing again, and many new buildings were added on. Today that college enjoys its status as a world-class school, and goes by the name of Texas A&M University. He passed away during his tenure as president in the then-small town of College Station.

His love for the people of Texas was evident in all that he did. Whether it in the armed forces, up here on Capitol Hill, or paving the

way for Texas's next generation, he was always striving to serve his community. Mr. Speaker, I hope that every one of us here, regardless of our party or political stance, would take after his example, always viewing our time here as an opportunity to serve the great people of this nation.

And that's just the way it is.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call votes held on September 13, 2016, I was inescapably detained handling important matters related to my District and the State of Alabama. If I had been present, I would have voted NO on the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5620, NO on H. Res. 859, NO on the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3590, and NO on H. Res. 858. Also, I would have voted NO on final passage of H.R. 3590, YES on final passage of H.R. 5587, and YES on H. Res. 729.

**POLICE LIEUTENANT GARY TOLDNESS****HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Federal Heights Police Lieutenant Gary Toldness for his decades of service to the City of Federal Heights, Colorado. For more than forty years, Lieutenant Toldness has been active within the community and the police department serving constituents of Federal Heights.

Lieutenant Toldness started his career in 1976 as a reserve police officer at the Federal Heights Police Department (FHPD). From there he served in various parts of the department including Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Commander. He worked his way up through the Department serving as the Federal Heights Police Department public information officer, the FHPD SWAT team where he served both as a sniper and the Commander, and as the first supervisor of the 17th Judicial District Critical Incident Team. His hard work and dedication each and every day to making the community of Federal Heights a great place to live and work demonstrates his exemplary work as a police officer.

I extend my deepest thanks to Lieutenant Toldness for his dedication and service to the Federal Heights community.

## TRIBUTE TO JAN FRANK-DE OIS

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jan

Frank-de Ois of Shenandoah, Iowa on her retirement as the Director of the Shenandoah Public Library. Jan has been serving the citizens of Shenandoah and Page County for 27 years.

Jan has connected people with literature, information and the world. Over the 27 years at the library she has worked to accomplish many new operating techniques, such as, moving from paper to online services. She said, "We work hard on customer service." Jan knew at an early age of her interest in libraries. She volunteered at the Essex, Iowa Public Library while attending high school and continued volunteering at the Dunn Library at Simpson College.

Mr. Speaker, Jan has made a difference in her community by helping and serving others. It is with great pride that I recognize her today. I know that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in honoring her service and accomplishments. I thank her for her commitment to the Shenandoah Public Library and wish her nothing but continued success in her retirement.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and was not present for two roll call votes on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted in this manner:

Roll Call Vote number 496—H. Res. 847—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives about a national strategy for the Internet of Things to promote economic growth and consumer empowerment—YES.

Roll Call Vote number 497—H. Res. 835—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should adopt a national policy for technology to promote consumers access to financial tools and online commerce to promote economic growth and consumer empowerment—YES.

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IN HONOR OF PASTOR C.L. DANIEL AND HIS 70 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Pastor C.L. Daniel and the 70 years he has served in the ministry.

C.L. Daniel was born on June 31, 1931, and at the age of 15, he felt the call to ministry. He wanted to share his faith and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Daniel has served as pastor at several churches with devotion and steadfast determination. He retired from York Town Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama, in 2006 after 25 years. During that time, he and his wife would commute to and from Mobile every weekend from Opelika, Alabama.

Pastor Daniel has served several small churches since his retirement and is currently

serving as pastor at Historic Shiloh Baptist Church in Notasulga, Alabama.

The Daniels have seven children: John White, Jr. (Deceased), Donald Daniel (Deceased), Renae Daniel (Deceased), Annie Lauren Poles, Cynthia Sheffield, Marilyn Daniel and Rosalyn Gilbreath. They have been blessed with five grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating Pastor Daniel and his 70 years serving in the ministry.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was still at a Democratic Steering and Policy Meeting and missed a vote on H. Res. 847.

Had I been present, I would have voted in support of H. Res. 847, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives about a national strategy for the Internet of Things to promote economic growth and consumer empowerment.

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TRIBUTE TO JACQUELINE AND KENNETH GLEASON

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jacqueline and Kenneth Gleason of Essex, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on June 15, 2016.

Jacqueline and Kenneth's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for votes on Monday, September 12, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 496 and 497.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TODD C. YOUNG**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on roll call numbers 496 and 497, had I been present I would have voted yea.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was not present during roll call vote numbers 496 and 497 on September 12, 2016. I would like the record to reflect how I would have voted:

On roll call vote no. 496 I would have voted YES.

On roll call vote no. 497 I would have voted YES.

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TRIBUTE TO VIVIAN GOLLY

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mrs. Vivian Golly on the occasion of her 100th birthday on June 28, 2016.

Vivian was born in Zeating, Iowa and graduated from Zeating High School in 1933. She married Ernest Golly in 1935 and they had three children, Jo, Louis and Robert. Ernest and Vivian settled in Corning, Iowa. Vivian worked for 15 years as a house mother for deaf children and learned sign language. She attributes hard work and healthy habits for her longevity.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Vivian in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Vivian on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote on H. Res. 847, a resolution expressing support for a national strategy for the "Internet of Things" to promote economic growth and consumer empowerment (Roll Call Number 496), I would have voted "aye." The Internet of Things is the platform for existing and emerging technologies that are revolutionizing everyday life, from self-driving cars to "smart homes," where lighting, temperature, and security can be controlled and monitored from a phone. A national

strategy can help guide this technology to meet goals of sustainability, equity, and economic growth.

Likewise, had I been present for the vote on H. Res. 835, a resolution expressing support for a national policy for technology to promote consumer access to financial tools and online commerce (Roll Call Number 497), I would have voted "aye." With nearly a third of the U.S. population underbanked or unbanked, it is critical that we focus emerging technology development to provide additional support, financial tools, and security to consumers.

RECOGNIZING RON O'CONNOR'S RETIREMENT FROM FARM CREDIT OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

**HON. DENNIS A. ROSS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the career and retirement of my good friend Ron O'Conner of Florida Farm Credit in Lakeland, Florida.

Ron is a native Floridian and a University of Florida graduate. He began his career at Farm Credit of Central Florida in 1987 as Marketing Manager. During his time at Farm Credit, he and the marketing department earned many outstanding achievement awards.

Ron is an exceptional representative of the Farm Credit system. Currently, he chairs Farm Credit of Florida's statewide marketing committee, providing maximum exposure for Farm Credit of Florida's most important agriculture events.

Farm Credit of Central Florida's mission is to provide reliable, consistent credit and financial services to the agricultural and rural communities of Central Florida. Ron is dedicated to this mission, and to the people and business of agriculture—the heart and lifeblood of the United States.

Everyone knows Ron can be found at every agricultural event throughout the 15th District of Florida, documenting everything with his camera.

Ron's service and excellence has helped make Florida Farm Credit the largest single lender to agriculture in my home State of Florida.

Not only is Ron known as a diligent and valuable representative of Farm Credit, but also as a man of great integrity. I am proud to call Ron my friend.

Best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

RECOGNIZING NEW LENOX'S PROUD AMERICAN DAYS MILITARY TRIBUTE

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight New Lenox's annual military tribute during Proud American Days. Since 1984, the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce has been steadfastly dedicated to the commitments and sacrifices of our nation's service members. What started out as a small gathering is now

one of the largest programs attended in the area.

New Lenox's motto reads, "The Home of Proud Americans" and they certainly live up to that slogan. On Sunday, July 31, 2016, more than two hundred people, including veterans, paid homage to those who have sacrificed so much to protect our great nation. These brave Americans endured so much so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have today and for that, we owe them our eternal gratitude.

During the tribute this year, the following veterans were recognized:

Machinist's Mate Second Class Robert Beazley, United States Navy

Master Sergeant Edward Dima, United States Air Force

Gunner's Mate Third Class Leonard Kapocius, United States Navy

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to submit these names for all to see, and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring all of our nation's veterans.

TRIBUTE TO LYNETTA BLEEKER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lynetta Bleeker, a middle school teacher at Parkview Middle School in Ankeny, Iowa. On Thursday, September 8, 2016, Lynetta was a recipient of The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) are the highest honors bestowed upon K–12 mathematics and science teachers by the federal government. Established by Congress in 1983, the PAEMST program has been a benchmark that all teachers strive to achieve. Ms. Bleeker's dedication to her students and steadfastness in her commitment to excellence has not gone unnoticed. I am honored to recognize her as one of this year's recipients.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Lynetta Bleeker for receiving this award and for providing the youth in Iowa's 3rd Congressional District the education that they will need to be successful in the future. I am proud to represent her, her fellow teachers and students in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Lynetta Bleeker and wishing her well and continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA RAWL SHEALY

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, September 10, 2016, a memorial service was conducted for Linda Rawl Shealy by Dr. Mark S. Bredholt. Eulogies were provided by former Columbia television news anchor Cheryl Irwin and myself I was honored to provide the following tribute:

Family and friends of Linda Rawl Shealy, this is a loving service honoring a dear lady, but, additionally, it is fitting for me to participate as this is also a reunion of former staff members of my predecessor, the late Congressman Floyd Spence, who was a Patriot, Statesman and Southern Gentleman.

Congressman Spence was a good judge of character and integrity, selecting talented young people for his staff. Especially extraordinary was Chief of Staff Craig Metz, along with District Director Sammy Hendrix. Sammy was perceptive enough to recommend his fellow Lexington High School classmate, Linda Rawl Shealy, to the Congressman.

In 1984, Congressman Spence was the Ranking Member of the House Ethics Committee and Linda Shealy was selected to be a Staff Assistant for the Committee—a tough job for a Committee which is Solomonically as issues were presented equivalent to counting the number of angels who danced on a pin.

She served with young attorneys Mark Elam and John Hoefler, who were counsels to the committee, fresh out of law school, and today are among the most highly respected attorneys of Charleston and Columbia, with Mark as Director of State and Local Relations for Boeing and John as a Partner in the law firm of Willoughby and Hoefler.

In 1995, Linda shifted to become Special Assistant to Floyd Spence as he was elected Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, where she faithfully served dependably and loyally until his death on August 16, 2016.

I was grateful that Linda led transition efforts for the Second Congressional District Office upon my election on December 18, 2001, and, in June 2002, she was selected as the second staff member of the House Office of Emergency Planning. This important office was established following the September 11th attacks by Islamic Terrorists.

Current Director Joe Lowry praised Linda as the "First Lady of the Emergency Planning Office," through her retirement in January 2014, as the longest serving employee of the Office.

Linda's achievements reflected well on her heritage with the Rawl Family being among the earliest German-Swiss families to settle here in the Saxe Gotha Region.

Welcoming attendees were other original families of Shealy, Addy, Meetze, and Price, who established a positive community where they are a tiny percentage of Lexington County, one of America's fastest growing, with transplants from the Northeast and Midwest along with worldwide residents. It was also fitting to be at the Caughman-Harman Funeral Home, established by original families Virl and Steve Caughman with Daisy Wilson and Harry Harman.

As we reflect on the dedicated life of Linda Rawl Shealy, it can clearly be established that she made a positive difference for a better community and nation.

IN HONOR OF THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF FANNIE TAYLOR

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Fannie Taylor.

Mrs. Taylor was born on January 11, 1926 in Lee County, Alabama.

She joined Ferguson Chapel C.M.E. Church at the age of nine years old. She has served

in several capacities throughout the years which included: President of the Stewardess Board, Treasurer of the Missionary Department, Chairperson of Circle Five.

She moved to Central Park, New York and lived there for 19 years. While living there, she attended Williams Chapel Institutional CME Church.

In 1996, she returned to Opelika, Alabama and to Ferguson Chapel CME Church.

She presently sings in the Senior Choir, is a member of Sunday School and Bible Study Group. She serves on the Opelika House Authority Resident Advisory Board and has for 19 years.

She has one son, Bobby Melton (Deceased), a daughter-in-law, Doris Melton, three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Her favorite song is "Precious Lord, Take My Hand."

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing Mrs. Taylor a happy 90th birthday.

HONORING DR. OLLYE SHIRLEY

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Olye Shirley who has touched the lives of many in Mississippi. She recently passed away on September 10, 2016.

Dr. Olye Shirley grew up the big sister to two brothers in the home of two teachers in Mound Bayou, MS. Ms. Olye Brown's parents taught at a one-room school and their home was situated on land that her family still owns. When Olye Brown graduated from high school, she went on to attend Tougaloo College. Fond Tougaloo memories conjure images of singing under the trees and playing baseball.

Olye also remembers Tougaloo as a college "small enough to make really good close friends—kind of like a family. If somebody needed something, alumni or other students would pitch in." While lettering in basketball and being an all-conference guard, Olye Brown maintained her status on the Dean's list.

Miss Brown met and was courted by her college sweetheart Aaron Shirley '55 at Tougaloo College.

This self-motivated honor student graduated from Tougaloo in 1953 with a Bachelor of Arts in English and gained employment at Burglund High School in McComb, MS. When her husband graduated from Tougaloo in 1955, the family moved to Nashville for his medical education at Meharry Medical College. Over those four years, Olye worked as a secretary for Tennessee State University and earned extra money typing theses for graduate students. She also worked for Davidson County as a welfare worker for their last two Nashville years.

Because the Civil Rights Movement did not receive much or very accurate coverage, several branches of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party published their own newsletters. Dr. Aaron Shirley graduated from Meharry, the family moved back to Mississippi, and Olye shared with Dilla E. Irwin the editor-

ship of the Vicksburg branch's newsletter, the Citizen's Appeal.

Dr. Olye Shirley later worked for the Children's Television Workshop; then served on the JPS school board from 1978–1993, the last four years as president.

In her years of education, Dr. Shirley has served the children of Mississippi admirably. She worked with PBS' CTW for almost 25 years, helping determine the direction of educational television by bringing programs such as "Sesame Street," "Electric Company" and "Ghostwriters." In her last position in the CTW, Dr. Shirley served as regional director, training teachers how to use these shows as educational tools.

Dr. Olye Brown Shirley's recent recognitions include Link of the Decade for Services to Youth from the Jackson Chapter of The Links. In addition, the story of her achievements is told on the 2010 documentary 'In Spite of it All' by Wilma Mosley Clopton. Dr. Olye Brown Shirley is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., initiated through Tougaloo's Gamma Psi Chapter.

Doctors Aaron and Olye Brown Shirley's marriage bore four children: Kevin, Terrence, Christal S. Porter, and Erin Shirley Orey and her five much loved grandchildren. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Olye Shirley.

TRIBUTE TO MARIE POOL

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mrs. Marie Pool on the occasion of her 101st birthday on March 15, 2016.

Marie was born on a farm near Williamson, Iowa and spent her youth helping on the farm and milking cows. She attended country school and Bridgewater High School. She married Virgil Pool in 1933 and they had three children, Donnie, Betty and Peggy. Marie quilted and loved to dance. Now, she lives at Greenfield Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Greenfield, Iowa and enjoys bingo and ice cream socials. She attributes clean living and hard work to her longevity.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Marie Pool in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 101st birthday. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Marie on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

HONORING JUSTIN-SIENA HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Justin-Siena High School upon the 50th Anniversary of the school's founding. While we honor five decades of aca-

dem achievement, we also celebrate the future of Justin-Siena High School in keeping with the school's motto *Sempre Avanti*, or "Always Forward."

The De La Salle Christian Brothers and the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael founded Justin-Siena in 1966 to educate and inspire young people to live the Lasallian values of scholarship, bravery, and faith. The school connects its students and our community to the Lasallian network of schools, which spans 82 countries around the world.

Located in Napa, California the school serves students from across the North Bay and from 15 countries around the world and maintains a commitment to academic excellence. Its 12:1 student-instructor ratio fosters close academic relationships, and an impressive 99 percent of the students receive college admission offers. In the tradition of Christian generosity espoused by its founders, Justin-Siena supports more than one-third of its students with tuition assistance to help families of all economic backgrounds.

The school's commitment to community service has offered students opportunities for service-based learning across our country from San Francisco, to Montana to Arizona. Students also participate in a variety of projects in our community. They work to address the needs of our local migrant farmworkers, contribute to environmental projects that restore ecosystems and help promote natural habitat growth.

Mr. Speaker, Justin-Siena has been a leading institution in our Napa Valley for five decades and has provided generations of students with a world-class education. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the school here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for some votes taken last Thursday, September 8, and all votes on Friday, September 9, due to attending my brother's wedding in Northern California. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote Number 492 (Motion to Recommit H.R. 2357): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 493 (Passage of H.R. 4909, the Accelerating Access to Capital Act of 2015): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 494 (Motion to Recommit H.R. 5424): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 495 (Passage of H.R. 5424, the Investment Advisers Modernization Act of 2016): NO.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA LYNCH

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge Linda Lynch for 29 years of service as the Brentwood City Community

Relations Director. Her hard work and dedication to excellence has helped our city grow exponentially. Through her position she was able to bring members of Brentwood, Tennessee, around special causes and efforts.

Linda Lynch was born in Leipers Fork, Tennessee, and was raised in Franklin, Tennessee. She taught in Memphis, Tennessee, and Oklahoma. She also supported her husband who ran a transportation company before she took on her role in Brentwood.

As a liaison, she was instrumental in building bridges between residents and government. This was accomplished by how she planned events for the city. By doing so, government officials could hear the needs and concerns of the people and the community was heard by their leaders. Linda also played a major role in the education of historical sites and advocated for preservation of historic places. Outside of her regular duties she took the initiative and founded the Brentwood Historic Commission. Linda was also involved with the Brentwood Tree Board, the Adopt a Mile Program, and the Brentwood Library. She is also a lifetime member of the Williamson County Heritage Foundation.

Linda Lynch has left the city of Brentwood, Tennessee, a better place than when she first started in her role. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her service and commitment to the city of Brentwood, Tennessee.

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TRIBUTE TO FRIEDA PORTER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mrs. Frieda Porter on the occasion of her 100th birthday on March 23, 2016.

Frieda was born near Fontanelle, Iowa and attended Fontanelle schools. She married Max Porter in 1938 and they had three children, Becky, Randy and Pat. Frieda was active in the community and was an Avon representative for many years. She also taught Sunday school at the Greenfield Lutheran Church. Frieda attributes a healthy life, attendance at church and her belief in God to her long and happy life.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Frieda in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Frieda on reaching this incredible milestone and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

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WILLIAM "BILL" SHERRILL—  
TEXAN

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this month William "Bill" Sherrill turns 90 years young. This energetic veteran still has the same passion for our country and our military that he had the day he enlisted into the Marines at 15

years of age in 1941. As a young teenager, Bill served during World War Two and participated in the island hopping campaign until he was wounded in Iwo Jima.

Born in the 1920s, Bill grew up in the Depression of the 1930s poor, in Houston, Texas. At the age of 15, two weeks after Pearl Harbor, Bill dropped out of Lanier Middle School and answered his country's call of duty to serve by joining the U.S. Marines. Bill said "he didn't lie about his age; I'm from Texas, I exaggerated my age."

During this time, the United States' major strategy was launched against Japan in a strategy called island hopping. This tactic was employed by the United States to gain military bases and secure small islands in the Pacific. Our military took control of the islands and quickly constructed landing strips and military bases. Then they proceeded to attack other islands from the bases they had established. Bill belonged to the 3rd Marines, 9th Battalion, and they participated in several campaigns along Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima.

In February 1945, his troop invaded Iwo Jima on the seventh day. It was a month long bloody battle against Imperial Japan that resulted in 7,000 Marines who were killed and over 20,000 were injured; mostly young Marines. Bill lasted seven days, before being shot through the left arm; he went out on the fourteenth day of the battle. Bill recalls seeing the flag "Old Glory" that was famously waved over Mount Suribachi. From that experience, Bill knew that the Marines go where others fear to tread, and the timid are not found. For his injuries, Bill was treated at Oakland Naval Hospital. The bullet severed the nerve in his left arm, leaving his arm paralyzed and causing Bill to spiral into depression. But, Bill's story is not over. For his service and bravery, Bill received the Purple Heart, American Campaign Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. While recovering at the Naval Hospital, Bill also earned his GED (General Education Diploma). This would set him on a new course of training—from the battlefield to the classroom.

After his discharge in 1946, he moved back to Texas and enrolled at the University of Houston. Four years later, he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and then his Master's at the Harvard School of Business. Bill never gave up. He was wounded, uneducated and paralyzed but he continued to press forward.

With his determination to never give in, Bill has had many successes. He has owned several businesses and even helped develop Tiki and Jamaica Island in Galveston. Banking and real estate were his main interests. He was employed by the City of Houston, served as president of a local bank, owned a financial consulting firm, and even served on the Federal Reserve's Board of Governors. With this diverse and fascinating career, it wasn't until 1990, that Bill discovered his true passion—teaching. He returned to his alma mater, the University of Houston, to teach at the Bauer College of Business Administration. Three years later, he founded the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at University of Houston.

Ronald Reagan best summed it up when he said, "Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference. The Marines don't have that problem." That's certainly true for Bill, a remarkable man who has cer-

tainly made a difference in our community and in the lives of many. Happy 90th, Oooh Rah. Semper Fi.

And that's just the way it is.

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GEORGIA AMBASSADOR ARCHIL  
GEGESHIDZE

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the Georgia Caucus, I would like to take a moment to thank Ambassador Archil Gegeshidze for his dedication to developing a deep and meaningful U.S.-Georgia partnership. His Excellency Gegeshidze was appointed as the Ambassador of Georgia to the United States in March 2013. Since that time, he has served his country faithfully and worked tirelessly to improve Tbilisi's relationship with Washington.

Georgia sits in a region full of dictators, but it remains a stalwart beacon of democracy. It is on the basis of democracy and freedom for all that Ambassador Gegeshidze has worked to strengthen Georgia's ties with the United States. While there is still work to be done, with the Ambassador's help, Georgia has made significant strides ensuring freedom of the press, preventing corruption, and pursuing a free market system.

Throughout Ambassador Gegeshidze's appointment in the U.S., he has shown time and time again that Georgians share the same values as Americans. Georgian soldiers forged a strong bond with American soldiers as they fought alongside each other on the battlefield in Afghanistan. Georgians have also helped facilitate the growth of American law firms, colleges, energy and IT companies in their country. Our peoples' mutual dedication to being forces for good in the international community shines through in all aspects of our relationship. I am proud of the way Ambassador Gegeshidze has represented the Georgian people here in America and worked to achieve our shared strategic goals.

Together Georgians and Americans alike must continue the good work of the Ambassador. Given Russia's aggression in the region, we must continue to press for Georgia's membership in NATO. Also, in light of the increased trade between our two countries, it would be a smart move to start negotiations on a U.S.-Georgia free trade agreement.

Thanks to the efforts of Ambassador Gegeshidze, the bond between Georgia and the United States is strong. He will be greatly missed, but he leaves Washington with a robust U.S.-Georgia partnership in place for his successor.

And that's just the way it is.

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TRIBUTE TO RICHARD BROOKS

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Richard Brooks, a High School teacher at Johnston

Community School District in Johnston, Iowa. On Thursday, September 8, 2016, Richard Brooks was a recipient of The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) are the highest honors bestowed upon K-12 mathematics and science teachers by the federal government. Established by Congress in 1983, the PAEMST program has been a benchmark that all teachers strive to achieve. Richard Brooks' dedication to his students and steadfastness in his commitment to excellence has not gone unnoticed. I am honored to recognize him as one of this year's recipients.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Richard Brooks for receiving this award and for providing the youth in Iowa's 3rd Congressional District the education that they will need to be successful in the future. I am proud to represent him, his fellow teachers and students in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Richard Brooks and wishing him well and continued success in the future.

COMMEMORATING THE OPENING  
OF CITRUS RIDGE: A CIVICS  
ACADEMY

**HON. DENNIS A. ROSS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the opening of Citrus Ridge: A Civics Academy, a new charter school for Kindergarten through eighth grade students, located in Florida's 15th Congressional District.

Citrus Ridge integrates Civics content and skills throughout all its students' curriculum. There, students will learn the skills and responsibilities associated with good citizenship by contributing to their school community.

Middle School students have the special opportunity to participate in the Civics Leadership Academy with a variety of civics electives, including Speech and Debate, Engaged Citizenship through Service Learning, and Law Studies.

By engaging in these courses, along with their regular curriculum, students will learn the importance of civic engagement and the valuable principles of self-government.

This great nation has a system of self-government in place, thoughtfully set forth by our Founding Fathers.

Self-government is the ability to govern one's self. Without this ability, individuals and politicians cease to vote for and promote policies contributing to the sustaining of our Republic.

We need to teach our children the principles of self-government at an early age and throughout their lives, so they may become well-informed and contributing citizens in our society.

I congratulate and thank all those who have been engaged in and helped with this amazing effort, and I offer my continued support to Citrus Ridge moving forward. It is my hope Citrus Ridge will be an example of civic learning and

engagement throughout the 15th District, the entire State of Florida, and the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER IS  
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS  
MONTH AND THE LIFE OF AMAN-  
DA CONROW

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to observe September as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. This year over 16,000 children and adolescents will be diagnosed with cancer. This horrifying disease does not know race, nationality, religion, gender, or socio-economic status. As a mother and a grandmother, one of my greatest hopes is that one day every person can live a healthy, long life without the fear of cancer. I'm especially proud that a bill I wrote, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA), is now playing a leading role in much of the cancer research being done across the country today, after a 14 year fight to get it signed into law.

Eliminating childhood cancer is one issue that I am grateful to see is bipartisan. As a member of the Congressional Childhood Cancer Caucus, I am proud to work with my friends on both sides of the aisle to advocate and support robust funding for research to prevent the suffering and long-term effects of childhood cancer.

With significant advances in medicine in the past 40 years, the mortality rate for childhood cancer has declined by more than 50 percent. Still, 1,250 children may lose their battle with cancer by the end of this year. We must continue to push for robust funding for institutions such as the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute. We must work to increase awareness for early detection and support those in our community who face this reality with our compassion and support.

Further, Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to the extraordinary life of Rochester's own Amanda Conrow. In 2012, when she was just three years old, Amanda was diagnosed with ependymoma, a cancer of the brain and central nervous system. Doctors told Amanda's parents she would maybe live another year. Amanda, like so many other courageous children, proved the doctors wrong. With the support and love of her mother Liz, her father Paul, and her amazing siblings Samantha, Michael, Jessica and Emily, Amanda lived to see her sixth birthday. Her determination and tenaciousness inspired many in the community and helped to bring awareness to childhood cancer in the Rochester area. Sadly, Amanda lost her battle in the early hours of February 8, 2015.

Mr. Speaker, let us all be inspired by Amanda's life and the courage and bravery of every child facing this disease. It is my deepest hope that we can support the work of doctors and researchers that are committed to working tirelessly so that one day we will achieve the ultimate goal of eliminating cancer as a threat to all.

TRIBUTE TO KAREN AND DONALD  
TYE

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Karen and Donald Tye of Macedonia, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on July 9, 2016.

Karen and Donald's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF JAMES  
G. PATTERSON

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize the life of James G. Patterson.

August 22nd marks the birthday of Mr. Patterson who served his country in Korea until the conflict ended on July 27, 1953. Mr. Patterson returned to Alabama in the late 1950s and joined the Alabama National Guard. He served at the integration of the University of Alabama in June of 1963 and during the third Civil Rights march from Selma to Montgomery in 1965.

His Army and National Guard experience were important to him and he shared his admiration and respect for Korea, education, religion and Civil Rights with his son, James E. Patterson, an Auburn University graduate, an Associate Member of the Korean War Veterans Association and a life member of the America Foreign Service Association.

Mr. Patterson's son honored his father, who passed away in 2003, by appearing as a reporter in the 2015 film "Selma." His son had his late father's military photo in his pocket as his scenes were filmed in Atlanta the week of Father's Day in 2014. James also wrote an article in the April 2015 issue of the National Guard Magazine titled, "Proud of My Father."

On August 22, the Patterson family remembers and celebrates the life of James G. Patterson by volunteering at libraries, churches and schools.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes on Monday,

September 12, 2016. Had I been present for roll call vote number 496, H. Res. 847, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives about a national strategy for the Internet of Things to promote economic growth and consumer empowerment, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 497, H. Res. 835, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should adopt a national policy for technology to promote consumers' access to financial tools and online commerce to promote economic growth and consumer empowerment, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING RABBI EMERITUS  
AMIEL WOHL

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend, Rabbi Emeritus Amiel Wohl, who will be honored this Friday during a special farewell Shabbat Dinner and Service at Temple Israel of New Rochelle in New Rochelle, New York.

Throughout his life, Rabbi Wohl has dedicated himself to his faith and his community. He has served as Rabbi at Temple Israel in New Rochelle since 1973. Previously, he served congregations in Waco, Texas; Baltimore, Maryland; and Sacramento, California, where he was the Chaplain of the California Senate. Since moving to Westchester, he has served as President of the Westchester Jewish Council, represented the Central Conference of American Rabbis on the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, and is a past President of the Westchester Board of Rabbis. He was also instrumental in creating the only Sabbath service radio broadcast in the New York Metropolitan Area.

As a local leader, Rabbi Wohl has worked to advance peaceful cooperation in our diverse community. He was a founder of the Interreligious Council of New Rochelle, and served on the Human Rights Commission of New Rochelle and the Westchester County Human Rights Commission. He also helped create the Coalition for Mutual Respect, an organization that supports dialogue and understanding between Black and Jewish members of the community.

Mr. Speaker, Rabbi Wohl's many accomplishments have left an indelible imprint on the communities he served. I congratulate my dear friend on a lifetime of commitment to the Jewish people and steadfast embodiment of, and devotion to, Jewish values.

TRIBUTE TO JEANETTE AND BILL  
CREES

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jeanette and Bill Crees of Casey, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anni-

versary. They celebrated their anniversary on June 12, 2016.

Jeanette and Bill's lifelong commitment to each other, and to their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, on roll call No. 496, had I been present, I would have voted YES.

HONORING JOANNE WHITE

**HON. CHARLES W. DENT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Committee on Ethics, and along with my colleague, Representative LINDA SÁNCHEZ, the Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics, we rise today so that we may recognize the long and dedicated service of Mattie Joanne White to the House of Representatives. Joanne is retiring from the Ethics Committee this year, after more than 25 years of service to the Committee, and over 41 years of service to the House of Representatives.

Joanne started her service with the Committee as a Staff Assistant, and through hard work and dedication, she rose to become the Committee's Administrative Staff Director. The Committee on Ethics is the only standing committee of the House whose membership is evenly divided between each political party. The Committee includes five members of each party. Also, unlike other committees, the day-to-day work of the Committee on Ethics is conducted by a staff that is nonpartisan by rule. Throughout that time, Joanne has been the model of the Committee's non-partisan, professional staff.

We congratulate Joanne on the completion of an exemplary career in public service. We will miss her knowledge and leadership, but we know that she will remain our friend.

TRIBUTE TO JEAN AND BOB  
BOOTS

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Jean and Bob

Boots of Atlantic, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 17, 1956 at the Congregational Church in Stuart, Iowa.

Jean and Bob's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Steve, Judy, and Linda, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF 45 YEARS OF  
CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS  
LEADERSHIP

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the continued service over the last 45 years of the members of the Congressional Black Caucus. Since its inception, the Congressional Black Caucus has been committed to advancing justice, fairness, and equal protection under the law. I am proud to work with Caucus Chair G. K. BUTTERFIELD, original founding member Representative JOHN CONYERS, Jr., and over forty other members of Congress who diligently highlight inequalities and advocate for solutions to some of our nation's most significant problems.

As an active member of the Caucus since its foundation, I am humbled to serve for a body that protects the most vulnerable, and serves as a mouthpiece for those who often find themselves without a voice. What began 45 years ago as a group of thirteen individuals who expressed their concerns to President Richard Nixon has grown nearly three times in size, and has become an institution in the fight for social, economic, educational, and judicial change.

In many Congressional districts, including the 13th district of New York, our constituents face challenges of discrimination and, if not for the Congressional Black Caucus, might not have representation on issues of significance. While we have come a long way from the marches for Civil Rights in the 1960s, we still have many miles to go. Until we get there, I am confident that the Congressional Black Caucus will continue its dedication to resolve critical issues that affect minority communities.

This week as we approach the annual Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Legislative Conference, we celebrate the achievements and advocacy of the Congressional Black Caucus, but realize there is more to be done. As we look to the future, the Congressional Black Caucus will remain the conscience of Congress and continue to improve the lives for all.

HONORING JOANNE WHITE

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Joanne White for her remarkable career and service to the House and the Committee on Ethics. To reach a milestone of 41 years in any field is an accomplishment. To do it in public service requires a

servant's heart—and Joanne truly has a servant's heart.

During more than 25 years at Ethics, Joanne has worked with 67 Members of the House; 13 Chairmen and 9 Ranking Members; and scores of House staff. Miss Joanne, as she is lovingly known, has been a sounding board and institutional memory for Members of the Committee. She has been a steady and stalwart colleague to all of her co-workers, and a mentor to younger staffers. To all of us, she has also been a valued friend.

Joanne will never really be gone from the Committee or the House. She will be with us

in the tone of collegiality and respect she helped to foster and in the example she set for so many staffers over the years. Since many of them have gone on to other positions of public service, her impact will be felt far beyond the Ethics Committee. That is a wonderful and fitting legacy for a true public servant.

We thank Joanne's family for sharing Joanne with the House for these many years, and for letting her become part of our family here. Most of all, we thank Joanne for her many years of service and wish her the best in her well-earned retirement.