IN RECOGNITION OF BROCK LIVELY

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT
OF ARIZONA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Brock Lively who served as an intern in my office from May 16 to July 27, 2017. I recently learned of Brock’s interest to explore military service after graduating from Loyola University in May 2018 with honors in history.

I speak to Brock’s character with enthusiasm for his commitment to service. In addition to accomplishing the leadership of an Eagle Scout, Brock has given of himself on many faith-based and humanitarian missions around the globe. He carried my appreciation for the time he takes to give back to his community and country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote for Roll Call votes 439 and 440 on September 5, 2017. Had I been present, my votes would have been the following: Aye on Roll Call votes 439 and 440.

MAY BRILL

HON. DONALD NORCROSS
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army and Coast Guard veteran, Mrs. May Brill of Camden in New Jersey’s First Congressional District.

May Brill was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1924. After her two brothers enlisted, wanting to show her patriotism Brill enlisted at the age of 20, she became a part of the supply core in a division of the U.S. Navy known as the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service.

Sent to Hunter College in the Bronx, New York for basic training where women were trained with the same Advanced Individual Training as men, Mrs. Brill was selected to receive additional training at the U.S. Naval Training School in Georgia State College for Women located in Milledgeville, GA. It was here May learned the specialized skills for her military duties in the supply core.

Mrs. Brill ended up stationed in Oakland, California. She started off ranked as a Seaman Third Class, the lowest rank in the Navy, but worked her way up five ranks to become a Storekeeper Second Class.

Her duties were to procure equipment, tools, medical supplies, and consumable goods to ship off to supply the ships and bases in the Pacific.

Currently, Mrs. Brill is very active as an advocate for Veterans and women in the military, she currently serves as: Senior vice Commander of the Jewish War Veterans Post 126, New Jersey Chairperson of “Women in the Military” Chairperson for the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home.

Additionally, she has four daughters, nine grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. She wishes for less war and more peaceful times for the future.

Mrs. Brill is an honorable American, having served our great nation in a time of war, and merits our collective appreciation.

I ask you to join me in saluting and thanking May Brill for her service to our country and her ongoing commitment to our nation’s veterans.

HONORING THE FAIRFIELD AMERICAN BASEBALL TEAM’S SUCCESSES AT THE 2017 LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

HON. JAMES A. HIMES
OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of the Fairfield American Little League baseball team following its participation in the 2017 Little League World Series.

For years, Southwest Connecticut has produced outstanding baseball clubs, and 2017 was no exception. After an undefeated run in which they captured district, state and regional titles, Fairfield American went on to represent New England in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA. The team finished the season as the number three team in the country, defeating Washington and New Jersey twice before falling to eventual United States champion Texas. They were welcomed back to Connecticut with a grand celebration, receiving the key to the town of Fairfield from First Selectman Mike Tetreau.

Fairfield American exemplified a spirit of hard work and commitment indicative of the motto they wore on the back of their t-shirts: Never Give Up. This group of exceptional young men shined on Little League’s biggest stage, finding unwavering strength in themselves and one another. They played every game until the final out and never quit, even when the odds were against them.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in recognizing everyone who made this season a reality; the coaches, Mike Randazzo, Jorge Rivera and Wayne Righter, who have spent countless hours instilling the value of hard work and sportsmanship; the parents, whose sacrifice and engagement ensured their children had an unforgettable summer; and the players—Andrew Cutler, Anthony Falletta, Anthony Pollack, Christian Smith, Ethan Righter, Griffin Dodder, Aidan Rivera, Leo Randazzo, Michael Iannazzo, Matthew Vivona, Owen Kalagher, Sean O’Neil, Troy Ashkinos and Tyler Bauer, who represented Connecticut proudly.

PEER-REVIEWED GULF WAR ILLNESS RESEARCH IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

HON. DARREN SOTO
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Soto amendment, Soto number 19 to Division A, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018, moved $1 million from the Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide account to the Defense Health Program’s Peer-Reviewed Gulf War Illness research program.

If we are going to spend money on medical research within the Department of Defense, the Department must adequately fund research on those diseases that originate in war and wholly affect our servicemen and women. Over a quarter of a million veterans display symptoms of this disease, and the time has come to find, and fund, a cure for it.

I support funding Gulf War Illness research and thank my colleagues for their support of my amendment.

HONORING DR. TERRY FENGER OF MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS
OF WEST VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work of Dr. Terry Fenger of Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. Dr. Fenger has played a key role in developing the university’s highly successful Forensic Science Center, which has repeatedly been named the nation’s best forensic science program.

Dr. Fenger has served as the center’s director since 1994, overseeing its Digital Forensics section, Forensics DNA Analysis laboratory, and FEPAC-accredited Forensic Science Graduate Program. His passion for teaching students how to succeed in the forensic science field and caring for his fellow West Virginians is on show for all to see. By overseeing the program’s role in West Virginia’s sexual assault test kit initiative, Dr. Fenger has proactively taken a leadership role in helping get criminals off our streets. His expertise in his field has helped create a new generation of forensic experts to solve crimes and keep our communities safe, and I join his friends, family and colleagues in wishing him well during his hard-earned retirement. He will always
be a part of the Marshall University family. I look forward to seeing the great things he achieves in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF PATROLMAN LINFORD RODWAY OF THE BLAKELY POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Patrolman Linford Rodway of the Blakely Police Department who fell in the line of duty 50 years ago this year. Patrolman Rodway was an outstanding police officer, son, father, husband, and friend who paid the ultimate sacrifice for the residents of Blakely Borough.

On June 24, 1967, the residents of Blakely Borough were celebrating their centennial year with a festive parade. Patrolman Rodway was one of several officers who were assigned to conduct traffic control during the parade and protect those attending the celebration.

That evening, Patrolman Rodway responded to a disturbance along the parade route. Patrolman Rodway along with other officers were able to resolve the conflict and returned to headquarters shortly thereafter. Once Patrolman Rodway was inside the station, he suddenly fell ill. His other officers caught him before he collapsed and quickly called an ambulance. Patrolman Rodway was rushed to MidValley Hospital. Medical staff did all they could, however the heart attack Patrolman Rodway suffered that day was fatal.

It is an honor to recognize Patrolman Linford Rodway’s service to the community of Blakely Borough all those years ago. I am grateful to him for his sacrifice, and I thank all of the first responders who tried their best to save his life that night. May his memory serve as a reminder of duty and loyalty to all members of law enforcement who protect and serve our communities.

HONORING TIMOTHY BRADFORD, JR. ON HIS RETIREMENT AS A WORLD BOXING CHAMPION AND HIS LEGACY IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY

HON. RAUL RUIZ
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate professional boxer Timothy Bradley, Jr., on his well-deserved retirement after 23 years and 37 fights in the boxing ring. His dedication, commitment, and passion for boxing are an inspiration. Timothy is a remarkable resident of Cathedral City, where he grew up and currently lives with his wife Monica and five children. As an incredible father, husband, and businessman, he is a role model for all the members of our community.

Timothy, who later earned the moniker “The Desert Storm,” attended Palm Springs High School and attended Cathedral City High School in my congressional district. His boxing career began when he became one of the favorite fighters on Showtime series “ShoBox.” In 2004, he won his first professional bout. As a stellar professional boxer, Timothy holds extraordinary wins against several of the world’s best fighters. In 2005, he became a World Boxing Council Youth World Welterweight champion. The following year, he beat Arturo Urena and became a World Boxing Council Youth World Welterweight champion. In 2008, he overcame boxer Junior Witter to win the World Boxing Council World Welterweight title. In 2009, Timothy defeated Kendall Holt in the IBF Boxing Organization World Light Welterweight title and would proceed to successfully defend it against boxer Manny Pacquiao in 2012.

In every fight, Timothy brought agility and resilience of mind, body, and spirit to the ring. Most importantly, he remained true to himself and always kept his family, friends, and fans in his heart. He was not only an outstanding boxer, but also a humble man who gave back to his community.

In 2014, Timothy was awarded with the 377th Star on the Palm Springs Walk of Stars for his contributions to the Coachella Valley. He supports the desert’s youth as an assistant coach for La Quinta High School varsity football team, assistant coach for All American Junior PeeWee Youth Football Association, and mentor for the Coachella Valley Boys & Girls Club.

In December 2016, Timothy and his wife Monica Bradley opened a Hawaiian-style restaurant located in Rancho Mirage. Additionally, the duo works with young boxers Edgar Martinez and Dominick Serna, providing them with mentorship and training. Said Bradley, “I hope to continue to allow boxing in my world through teaching, commenting and being a fan of a sport I love so dearly.”

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize and honor Timothy Bradley, Jr. On behalf of California’s 36th Congressional District, it is with the deepest respect that I commend him for a remarkable career dedicated to professional boxing and look forward to the significant contributions he will continue to make in service of others. I wish him, his wife Monica, and his children all my best in the years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF C. ARTHUR SOUCY

HON. TIM RYAN
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of C. Arthur Soucy who died on July 9, 2017. Born in Manchester, New Hampshire (NH) on September 24, 1935, he was the son of Adelard and Fabiola (LaSante) Soucy. He was educated in the local parochial school system and was a 1954 graduate of St. Marie High School. He served in the U.S. Army National Guard.

C. Arthur was a man who dedicated his life to making a difference in the lives of others; whether through elective office, his church, his businesses or through the many charitable organizations that he served on, C. Arthur lived to help others.

On April 16, 1966, C. Arthur married his most loyal supporter and the love of his life, Lillian (Provost) Soucy. C. Arthur and Lillian welcomed their daughter Donna the following year. C. Arthur and Lillian were especially proud that Donna would go on to follow in their footsteps serving as both an Alderman and State Representative. Donna currently serves as the NH State Committee. C. Arthur’s daughter Donna hold the distinction of being the only father and daughter to both serve as Aldermen for the City of Manchester.

C. Arthur owned and operated Youngsville Super Market in Manchester for nearly 20 years. C. Arthur was named NH Grocer of the Year in 1994. He served on the Wine Cellar in 1975 having obtained the first license to sell wine in the State of NH in his grocery store. He had also worked for several years as a successful Realtor and most recently had been employed by Brook Hollow Sand & Gravel in Londonderry.

C. Arthur’s involvement in politics began in the late 1950s when he volunteered and worked on various campaigns, most notably that of John F. Kennedy for President.

In 1961, C. Arthur was elected to his first term as Manchester’s Ward 12 Alderman; at age 26 he was one of the youngest to ever serve. He was reelected to a second term as Alderman and also served a term as Hillsborough County Commissioner. He went on to serve a record-breaking fifty years of continuous service as a member of city boards and commissions. C. Arthur served twenty years as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, sixteen as its chairman. He served on the Manchester Water Works Commission for twenty-five years, eventually serving as President.

C. Arthur served two terms on the Manchester Elderly Services Commission where he was known for gathering the most sponsorships and raffle prizes of any member. He was also elected a delegate to the NH state constitutional conventions in 1964 and 1984. He was three times elected Manchester Ward 6 moderator and was honored to serve as one of New Hampshire’s Presidential Electors in 1972 casting his ballot for the reelection of President Barack Obama. C. Arthur was presented a Key to the City of Manchester from six of Manchester’s mayors for his contributions to the betterment of the City of Manchester.

In 1963, C. Arthur founded the NH Young Democrats and was elected the organization’s first President. Today the NH Young Democrats honor him annually by presenting the C. Arthur Soucy Award. He served for many years as the chairman of the Manchester Democrats, which presents an annual C. Arthur Soucy Award to honor their legacy. C. Arthur served on the NH Democratic State Committee and its executive committee through the years. In 2009, Governor John Lynch presented him the prestigious NH Democratic Party Dunfey-Kanteres Award.

He was honored by the NH Home Builders Association in 2002 for his service, and by the New England Water Works Association in 2008. From 1992 to 1996, he served on the board of the New Horizons Manchester Soup Kitchen including serving for a time as its president. In March of 2015, C. Arthur was presented with a distinguished achievement award by the International Association of Firefighters for his work on behalf of Manchester’s firefighters. C. Arthur was a member of the American Legion Henry J. Sweeney Post 2.
He was a longtime active communicant of St. Pius X Church, serving on the parish council and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He had the distinction of being inducted to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in 2005. He was also a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Soucy was a legend in New Hampshire politics. Always working, always helping other, always in service. In short, New Hampshire is a much better place because of the life and career of Mr. Soucy. I extend my deepest condolences to his family and friends. He will be dearly missed.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ARPA–E REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2017

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I am very pleased to introduce the bipartisan ARPA–E Reauthorization Act of 2017.

Even though the agency is still relatively young, ARPA–E has already demonstrated incredible success in advancing high-risk, high-reward energy technology solutions that neither the public nor the private sector had been willing or able to support in the past. This was highlighted in a Congressional Research Service National Academies review of the agency released in June. Bipartisan industry leaders like Norm Augustine and Bill Gates have repeatedly called for tripling this agency’s budget given the unique role that it is now playing in our energy innovation pipeline.

ARPA–E’s impressive track record includes over $1.16 billion in private sector follow-on funding for a group of 74 ARPA–E projects since the agency’s founding in 2009. Equally notable, 56 projects have formed new companies and 68 projects have shown enough promise to result in partnerships with other government agencies for further development.

And I’d be remiss if I didn’t refer my colleagues to DOE Secretary Perry’s March 8th tweet which states, and I quote, “Innovators like the ones supported by our ARPA–E program are key to advancing America’s energy economy.” I couldn’t have said this better myself.

The ARPA–E Reauthorization Act of 2017 authorizes reasonable growth in funding for ARPA–E through 2022. Increased funding for ARPA–E is consistent with the strong and sustained recommendations of many respected industrial and academic institutions and organizations in recent years. The bill also includes a provision which ensures that sensitive proprietary business information collected by ARPA–E remains protected, which will enable even greater private sector engagement in its programs.

I would like to thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, including Mr. COSTELLO, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mrs. LOVE, for joining me in introducing this bill, and I hope that all Members will consider supporting this critical investment in our nation’s clean energy future.

SUPPORT FOR H. RES. 502
HON. DARRELL E. ISSA
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, today, the House of Representatives rightfully took action to respond to the impact of Hurricane Harvey, by approving disaster relief through a supplemental appropriations resolution. Unfortunately, I was unable to be present during the earlier vote, but I voted in favor of H. Res. 502. I am pleased to see the measure passed the House with overwhelming bipartisan support and look forward to the Senate taking similar action to bring much-needed aid to the victims that continue to face the devastating effects of this momentous storm.

RECOGNIZING BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN CONGRATULATORY MANNER
HON. TOM RICE
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bethel United Methodist Church in Marion, South Carolina, for 150 years of service and fellowship. As stated in the first verse of Psalm 133, “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” Despite what may be heard in the media, faith and God are alive and well in our country. Evil tries to shatter our communities and sow seeds of despair, but to the Devil’s dismay our faith in God is resilient.

Thank you for all you do to advance God’s message in our community. Through fellowship, community programs, and outreach, Bethel United Methodist Church is doing God’s work right here in Marion.

We, people of faith, must ensure that God’s message of salvation is heard in every city, state, and country in the world. In faith, hope, and love, we cannot fail. May God continue to bless Bethel United Methodist Church and all those who worship there.

HONORING UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LIBRARIES
HON. KEITH ELLISON
OF MINNESOTA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the University of Minnesota Libraries, which has been awarded the 2017 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. Their devotion to innovative and accessible library service has made them one of the nation’s standout public research libraries.

Every year, the Institute of Museum and Library Services selects ten institutions that best represent the stewardship of public knowledge. Through the 23-year history, the IMLS has only selected three academic libraries for the recognition. This is a fitting recognition of the amount of community-driven work the UMN Libraries undertake. As a public research library, their work expands far beyond the University walls to our state’s 5.5 million residents and beyond.

As I wrote in my letter of nomination for the University of Minnesota Libraries: I have been moved by the deep commitment the Libraries have to their community. Their mission is realized every day through the dedication, creativity, and human kindness represented in the programs and services it provides. It is a shining example of how a public institution can make a great difference in the lives of people within its walls and beyond. I am proud to be associated with the University Libraries and believe it to be an exemplary candidate for this honor.

I am thrilled to congratulate the UMN Libraries for receiving the U.S. government’s top honor for library service to the community. I look forward to seeing the way they expand the pursuit of knowledge in coming decades.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETER SCARAFILE
HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING
OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in sincere recognition of Peter Scarafile on the occasion of his retirement from Cape Cod Healthcare. Peter is retiring as the Director of Pharmacy after more than 44 years as an integral part of the Cape Cod Healthcare family.

Peter was born in Union City, New Jersey and raised in Newburgh, New York by his first-generation Italian American father, Danny, and his Italian mother, Maria. His parents met when his father was stationed as a military policemman in Italy right after World War II. Peter is one of three brothers and learned to speak Italian before he spoke English at home.

Peter’s incredible work ethic began at a young age when stocked shelves at the dairy department of a local grocery store in high school. Though originally recruited by Brown University, he decided to attend Northeastern University’s School of Pharmacy to participate in Northeastern University’s renowned Co-Op program. It was during his work at Karas Pharmacy during his Co-Op program in 1972 that Peter met the love of his life, Judy. They were married in 1974 at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Barnstable, MA.

After graduating in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy, Peter enrolled immediately to complete his Master’s in Hospital Administration. Peter and Judy then moved to Cape Cod to begin their careers.

In 1975 Peter began his first job at a hospital when was hired as a Staff Pharmacist at Cape Cod Hospital. He quickly rose the ranks to become the Manager of Pharmacy Operations for the parent company, Cape Cod Healthcare, before being appointed the Director of Pharmacy in 2009. In this role he oversaw eight pharmacies and 40 pharmacists who assist thousands of sick patients to get the attention and care they need.

They quickly became very involved in local organizations, including the Cape Cod Baseball League. As friends and family joke, when Peter married Judy, he also married the Cape Cod League. Peter joined the then-Hyannis
Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating Donald C. Siegel for his service and his devotion to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

HONORING HOLTec

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important South Jersey business. Holtect International creates and manufactures custom-engineered equipment for energy companies and nuclear reactors. Holtect has been based in South Jersey for more than 30 years and has a world-class manufacturing facility on the banks of the Delaware River.

Recently, Holtect opened up a new facility in Camden, New Jersey, pledging to hire hundreds of people from the surrounding community. Holtect has shown it is invested in the future of the South Jersey community and its people by working with Camden County College to train welders and grow a highly-skilled workforce from the local area.

Holtect’s investment in Camden brings hope to a struggling city. South Jersey is better off because of Holtect’s pledge to the community. One local laborer even said he had been waiting his whole life for this.

I’d also like to recognize the leadership of Holtect’s President and CEO Dr. Kris Singh. None of this would be possible without him. Dr. Singh has led this company from its inception and helped it grow into the powerhouse it is today. Because of him, many South Jersey residents will have the opportunity to better their lives.

Mr. Speaker, companies like Holtect that are dedicated to their community should be commended. They help expand our economy, create jobs and improve the lives of so many Americans. I am grateful for the impact Holtect has on South Jersey. And I know many of my constituents feel the same way.

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR CLARENCE SEXTON

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR. OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, one of my constituents, Pastor Clarence Sexton, has provided years of exceptional service through his devotion to helping others grow in faith.

I want to extend congratulations to Pastor Sexton for reaching the 50th anniversary of his Christian ministry.

Since 1967, he has served others through his work as a pastor with several churches in Tennessee and even one in New Jersey. He and his wife Evelyn married the same year that he began preaching. They have two sons, Shannon and Matt, and six grandchildren.

Pastor Sexton and his family have devoted the last 25 years of their lives to service at Temple Baptist Church, in my district, in Powell, Tennessee.

When the Sextons arrived at Temple Baptist, the church was averaging fewer than 500 people in attendance. Now, thousands attend weekly.

Using the principles and teachings of the Bible, Pastor Sexton also leads as the President and founder of Crown College, across from Temple Baptist.

His sacrifice, leadership, and Godly ways have helped make his community, state, and Nation better places.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you and my colleagues will join me in recognizing this milestone of service and dedication Pastor Sexton has reached.

PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 61ST REGIONAL SUPPORT COMMAND

HON. TREY GOWDY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. GOWDY. Mr. Speaker, I included in the RECORD the following Proclamation in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the 61st Regional Support Command located at Fort Jackson, South Carolina:

Whereas, the 81st Division, National Army, was organized at Camp Jackson, South Carolina on August 25, 1917, comprised principally of drafted men from Tennessee and the Carolinas; and

Whereas, the men of the 81st Division served with distinction in the Lorraine and Meuse-Argonne campaigns of World War I, and demobilized in June 1919; and

Whereas, the 81st Infantry Division reactivated in 1942 at Camp Rucker, Alabama for World War II service, with drafted men from every state in the United States, serving with distinction in the Palau and Philippine campaigns before inactivation in 1946; and

Whereas, the 81st Infantry Division formed part of the Army Reserve from 1941 to 1965, part of the strategic reserve which deterred the aggression of the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact; and

Whereas, from 1967 to 1995, the 81st Army Reserve Command (ARCOM) was command headquarters for 9,000 Army Reserve Soldiers in portions of six states, whose soldiers trained and served with merit in Vietnam, Desert Storm, Bosnia and Kosovo; and

Whereas, from 1995 to 2008, the 81st Regional Readiness Command and Support Command was command headquarters for all Army Reserve units in the southeastern United States, successfully mobilizing more than 28,000 Soldiers in the Global War on Terror; and

Whereas, in 2008 the 81st Regional Support Command returned to its birthplace of Fort Jackson, where it today provides facilities and services to Soldiers, Families and Civilians in the southeastern United States. Be it

Resolved, That we hereby recognize by this resolution the 100th Anniversary of the 81st Regional Support Command of the United States Army Reserve, and the selfless service of...
and sacrifices made by the citizen-soldiers within its ranks in the defense of our nation and our cherished freedoms and liberties, and pay homage to those citizen-soldiers upon this memorable occasion. Be it further

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Major General Arlan M. DeBlieck, Commanding General of the 81st Regional Support Command, at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

CONGRATULATING BOB HENDERSON

HON. RODNEY DAVIS OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bob Henderson on being elected Commander of the Illinois American Legion, the nation’s largest wartime veteran’s service organization.

Mr. Henderson grew up in Central Illinois and served in the United States Navy from 1961–1965. He has been a member of the American Legion since 1967. He became Post Commander in his hometown of Homer in 1977, and later Adjutant and Finance Officer in Urbana in 1989.

Having completed electrician training in the Navy, Mr. Henderson continued to work in the profession after his discharge until his retirement in 2005, when he became further involved in the American Legion. He served as Department Historian before being elected as District Commander in 2010 and was elected as Senior Vice Commander for the Illinois Department in 2016. Last year, he was elected to serve as the Commander for the Illinois Department for 2017–2018.

Mr. Henderson is a remarkable example of a dedicated public servant. I am proud of his accomplishments and thankful for his service to our country. It is an honor to represent him in the 13th District of Illinois.

Mr. Henderson will be a strong leader for the American Legion and I wish him the best in serving his fellow servicemembers.

CONGRATULATING THE ARBOR CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

HON. KENNY MARCHANT OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Arbor Creek Middle School Band of Lewisville Independent School District on being selected to perform in the 71st Annual Midwest Clinic International Band and Orchestra Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

The Arbor Creek Band, directed by Mr. Rylon, has been recognized as one of the premiere middle school band programs in the state of Texas. Among their numerous honors, Arbor Creek’s band has won the Foundation for Music Education’s Mark of Excellence: National Wind Band Honors Contest on three occasions, was first runner-up in the 2016–2017 Texas Music Educators Association’s Honor Band State Contest, and receives the University Interscholastic League Sweepstakes Award on a yearly basis.

This December, the Arbor Creek Band will perform at the Midwest Clinic in Chicago as one of only four middle school bands across the world chosen as an official performance group. This incredible honor is a testament to the hard work and dedication of these students.

The following musicians will represent Arbor Creek Middle School this December at the 71st Annual Midwest Clinic: Bailey Arrington, Ana Jones, Veronica Juarez, Larissa Kim, Nanidta Kumar, Nancy Liu, Kaithin Lutz, Hannah Mathai, Suhani Rana, Phil Tran, D’Marco DeLeon, Lillian Mulki, Makayla Newell, Reagan Reasonover, Skylar Bohman, Caroline Burrow, Tatum Gray, Olivia McClennen, Tessa Boyce, George Cardozo.


Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize these outstanding young musicians and congratulate them on this monumental achievement. I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the Arbor Creek Middle School Band on its selection to perform in the 71st Annual Midwest Clinic International Band and Orchestra Conference.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BATTALION CHIEF GARY HELMING

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Los Padres National Forest Santa Lucia Ranger District Battalion Chief Gary Helming. Chief Helming lost his life on August 31, 2017 while returning home from fighting a wildfire in the Sierra National Forest in Mariposa County.

I am deeply saddened to have learned of Chief Helming’s death. After courageously serving as a firefighter for more than 20 years with the United States Forest Service, this is a heavy loss for our community and the many lives he touched.

His valor, leadership and as an emergency first responder in Santa Barbara County is among the finest in the county and he was recognized as the Santa Maria Elks Lodge Firefighter of the Year.

Firefighters, like Gary Helming, are selfless heroes who put their lives on the front lines to protect our communities.

I had the honor of meeting Chief Helming this past July when he loaned me his boots and we toured the damage done by the Alamo and Whittier fires in the Central Coast. It was a true privilege to see firsthand Chief Helming’s service and dedication to his community.

In addition to his service with the U.S. Forest Service, Gary Helming was a devoted father, husband and friend. At 47 years old, he is survived by his wife, Andrea, and their three children, Riley, Walker, and Nalani. His service and sacrifice to his community will not be forgotten.

ASSISTANT CHIEF TIMOTHY W. TOMPKINS RETIRES FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

HON. PAUL COOK OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding law enforcement career of Timothy W. Tompkins, who will retire from his position as the Assistant Chief of Protective Services Division for the California Highway Patrol on September 30, 2017. Born and raised in Minnesota, Assistant Chief Tompkins graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy in 1989.

Assistant Chief Tompkins served in a variety of capacities during his career, including Field Training Officer, Drug Recognition Expert, Special Response Team Commander, and member of the Governor’s Protective Detail. Most notable for me was the time he spent as the Area Commander for the Morongo Basin, a region that I call home. Assistant Chief Tompkins was an integral part of our community and represented the highest values of the California Highway Patrol.

On behalf of all Members of the House of Representatives, I would like to thank Assistant Chief Tompkins for his 29 years of service to the citizens of California. His professionalism and dedication to the profession of law enforcement reflects great credit upon himself and the California Highway Patrol.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call votes 439 and 440.

HONORING JENNIFER LOUISE STENGER MARINACE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jennifer Louise Stenger...
Marinace, upon the occasion of receiving her award of Napa County Teacher of the Year for 2018.

Ms. Marinace was born in Oakland, California and raised in Santa Rosa, California by her parents George and Patricia. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies with an emphasis in Teaching from Humboldt State University. She continued her education at Boston College, where she received her Masters of Arts degree in Curriculum, Instruction and Administration. Ms. Marinace lives in Santa Rosa with her husband, Bruce, and her children, Katherine and John.

Ms. Marinace began her teaching career in 2003 at Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School in St. Helena, California, where she continues to teach today. She has taught classes in English, Drama and Journalism. She also coordinates the Advanced Via Individual Determination (AVID) Program, which prepares first generation college applicants to transition into higher education. Ms. Marinace brings art and community service into her classroom with the ArtSpring program.

In addition to being an excellent teacher, Ms. Marinace is a dedicated leader and compassionate mentor. She is a member of the Napa County Reads Committee, the Superintendent’s Cross-Cultural Committee, and the School Site Council. She is a founding advisor for the Unity Club, which works toward a more accepting educational environment for all people. Ms. Marinace fundraises for and leads the school’s annual Washington, D.C. trip for eighth graders. She was honored as the St. Helena Public Schools Foundation Teacher of the Year in 2006 and received the American Literacy Corporation’s Outstanding Contributions to Literacy in 2008.

Mr. Speaker, Napa County Schools has awarded Jennifer Louise Stenger Marinace with the Napa County Teacher of the Year Award for 2018. She is Napa County’s Nominee for California State Teacher of the Year. I am proud to have such an educator in our District. It is therefore fitting and proper that I ask you to join me honoring the memory of Earl Wardlow for his service to our country and his remarkable commitment to the community of Lainside, New Jersey.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 439, and Yea on Roll Call No. 440.

IN RECOGNITION OF SPECIALIST DALE KRIDLO

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT
OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Specialist Dale Kridlo, who gave his life in defense of his county in Afghanistan. On September 24, 2017, the Fort Jenkins Bridge in Pittston, Pennsylvania will be renamed in honor of Dale.

Dale was born on March 27, 1977 to Albert Kridlo and Michelle Shymanski Dale in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He was a graduate of Pittston Area High School and a former member of Holy Rosary Church in Duryea. Before enlisting in the Army, he worked as a local painting contractor. Specialist Kridlo was assigned to the 27th Engineer Battalion, 20th Engineer Brigade, 18th Airborne Corps in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

On November 7, 2010, Specialist Kridlo died serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Specialist Kridlo sustained wounds from small arms fire when his unit was attacked in Afghanistan’s Kunar Province. For his military service, Specialist Kridlo was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart. Today, he rests in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

It is an honor to recognize Specialist Dale Kridlo. I am deeply grateful to him and all our brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. May we never forget the cost Dale bore on our behalf.

HONORING DR. PAMELA STATON
OF MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS
OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work of Dr. Pamela Staton of Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. Dr. Staton has played a major role in the success of Marshall University’s Forensic Science Center, which has repeatedly been named the nation’s best Forensic Science Program.

Dr. Pamela Staton joined the Forensic Science Program in 2002, and leads the Bacterial Source Tracking Research Project at the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Center. Her invaluable experience as the Forensic Science Program’s program administrator and chief academic advisor for its graduate students has contributed greatly to the program’s reputation and plays a central role in its success. Dr. Staton’s contributions to the Huntington community and West Virginia are invaluable, and I wish her the best of luck on her retirement. I know she will always be a part of the Marshall University family and look forward to seeing all the great things she achieves in the future.

PEER-REVIEWED PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

HON. DARREN SOTO
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Soto amendment, Soto number 20 to Division A, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018, moved $10 million from the Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide account to the Defense Health Program’s Peer-Reviewed Prostate Cancer Research Program.

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in men and is the second most common cause of male death. In 2017, approximately 161,960 men in the U.S. will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and an estimated 26,730 will die from it. The Prostate Cancer Research Program is a unique research program in that it prioritizes research that will lead to the elimination of death from prostate cancer while enhancing the well-being of men experiencing the impact of the disease. I support funding prostate cancer research and thank my colleagues for their support of my amendment.

HONORING DR. JAMES KRUDOP FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA

HON. MARTHA ROBY
OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James D. Krudop, an exceptional
Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the 90th birthday of Mr. Neil Koon.

Mr. Koon was born August 08, 1927 in Salem, Alabama and has lived there his whole life. He graduated from Smith Station High School in 1944. He was raised on a dairy farm and continued in the dairy business until the 1950s. He later went in to the timber business and started the Phenix City Realty Business in 1962 and still works there today.

He married Grace 67 years ago and was blessed with three children. He and his wife have been members of the Concord Baptist Church in Salem for 57 years. He was ordained a deacon in 1962 and still serves in that role presently.

Mr. Koon is a charter member of the Smith Station Rutian Community Organization and the Bleeker Rutian Club when it was organized in 1982. He is a member emeritus of the State of Alabama Board of Realtors and Phenix City Board of Realtors.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 90th birthday of Mr. Neil Koon.
Select Committee on Intelligence
To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters. SH–219

SEPTEMBER 13
10 a.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine transportation innovation, focusing on automated trucks and our Nation’s highways. SR–253
Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine expanding and accelerating the deployment and use of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration. SD–406
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management
To hold hearings to examine the Office of Management and Budget’s memorandum on the Federal workforce, focusing on OMB’s ongoing government-wide reorganization. SD–632

SEPTEMBER 14
9:30 a.m.
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine nutrition programs, focusing on perspectives for the 2018 Farm Bill. SH–216
10 a.m.
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine stabilizing premiums and helping individuals in the individual insurance market for 2018, focusing on health care stakeholders. SD–430
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine Federal Communication Commission’s Lifeline Program, focusing on a case study of government waste and mismanagement. SD–342