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## House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MEADOWS).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 21, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK MEADOWS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Reverend Gary Studniewski, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, we praise You, we thank You—You, who not only govern human affairs, but who extend infinite compassion to the human family. We remember the mercy You have often granted to the sons and daughters of the United States of America, and we acknowledge how dependent we are on that mercy. We ask for Your mercy once again as You look upon so many who suffer in our land, devastated by storms of life, some natural and others of human origin.

Lord, may Your saving hand be extended through people of goodwill across America, and may that goodwill begin here in the Chambers of this House, that our elected officials be filled with wisdom and compassion and work together to provide care and governance for all Your sons and daughters.

Bless all who work and assemble in this House, and bless this session with Your Spirit, that it may result in much good fruit and lasting peace.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution

513, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE HAKEEM JEFFRIES, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable Hakeem Jeffries, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, September 13, 2017.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives that I have been served with a third party subpoena for documents, issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. The United States Attorney's Office has explained that while my office is not involved in this matter, it may possess documents that could assist the investigation.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,  
*Member of Congress.*

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, September 19, 2017.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 19, 2017, at 10:21 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 188.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, September 20, 2017.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 20, 2017, at 9:50 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3110.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 513, the House stands adjourned until Monday, September 25, 2017, at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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House adjourned until Monday, September 25, 2017, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,  
ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2579. A letter from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Importation of Orchids in Growing Media From the Republic of Korea Into the Continental United States [Docket No.: APHIS-2015-0091] (RIN: 0579-AE24) received September 20, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2580. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Richard P. Breckenridge, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2581. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General David J. Buck, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2582. A letter from the Chief of Negotiations and Restructuring, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting notification that the Corporation has issued an order partitioning the United Furniture Workers Pension Fund A, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 1413(b)(4); Public Law 93-406, title IV, Sec. 4233(b)(4) (as amended by Public Law 113-235, div. O, title I, Sec. 122(a)(1)); (128 Stat. 2795); and Public Law 93-406, title IV, Sec. 4233(f) (as amended by Public Law 113-235, div. O, title I, Sec. 122(a)(1)); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2583. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a Declaration of a Public Health Emergency and Waiver and/or Modification of Certain HIPAA, and Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program Requirements (Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands), pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 247d(a); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, Sec. 319(a) (as amended by Public Law 107-188, Sec. 144(a)); (116 Stat. 630) and 42 U.S.C. 1320b-5(d); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XI, Sec. 1135(d) (as added by Public Law 107-188, Sec. 143(a)); (116 Stat. 628); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2584. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a Declaration of a Public Health Emergency and Waiver and/or Modification of Certain HIPAA, and Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program Requirements (Georgia), pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 247d(a); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, Sec. 319(a) (as amended by Public Law 107-188, Sec. 144(a)); (116 Stat. 630) and 42 U.S.C. 1320b-5(d); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XI, Sec. 1135(d) (as added by Public Law 107-188, Sec. 143(a)); (116 Stat. 628); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2585. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, trans-

mitting a Declaration of a Public Health Emergency and Waiver and/or Modification of Certain HIPAA, and Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program Requirements (Florida), pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 247d(a); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, Sec. 319(a) (as amended by Public Law 107-188, Sec. 144(a)); (116 Stat. 630) and 42 U.S.C. 1320b-5(d); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XI, Sec. 1135(d) (as added by Public Law 107-188, Sec. 143(a)); (116 Stat. 628); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2586. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Approval of Nebraska Air Quality Implementation Plans; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide and Sulfur Dioxide and the 2012 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards [EPA-R07-OAR-2017-0477; FRL-9967-95-Region 7] received September 14, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2587. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations Consistency Update for California [OAR-2004-0091; FRL-9962-56-Region 9] received September 14, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2588. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Approval of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa; Elements of the Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) [EPA-R07-OAR-2017-0208; FRL-9967-93-Region 7] received September 14, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2589. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, South Coast Air Quality Management District [EPA-R09-OAR-2016-0215; FRL-9967-45-Region 9] received September 14, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2590. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; United States Virgin Islands; Other Solid Waste Incineration Units [EPA-R02-OAR-2017-0338; FRL-9967-42-Region 2] received September 14, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2591. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Amendment to Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquires Under CERCLA [EPA-HQ-OLEM-2016-0786; FRL-9967-47-OLEM] (RIN: 2050-AG94) received September 14, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2592. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Amendment to Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquires

Under CERCLA [EPA-HQ-OLEM-2016-0786; FRL-9967-46-OLEM] (RIN: 2050-AG94) received September 14, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2593. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Maine; Regional Haze 5-Year Progress Report [EPA-R01-OAR-2016-0110; FRL-9967-88-Region 1] received September 14, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2594. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; KY; Removal of Stage II Gasoline Vapor Recovery Program [EPA-R04-OAR-2017-0014; FRL-9967-83-Region 4] received September 14, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2595. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Alabama; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2012 PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R04-OAR-2016-0208; FRL-9967-84-Region 4] received September 14, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2596. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2017 [MD Docket No.: 17-134] received September 18, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2597. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Venezuela that was declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2598. A letter from the Chairman, Commission on International Religious Freedom, transmitting the Commission's 2017 Annual Report covering the period January 2016 through February 2017, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6432(a)(2); Public Law 105-292, title Sec. 202(a); (112 Stat. 2798); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2599. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting reports concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-458, Sec. 7121(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2600. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Office of the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. 14-17, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 27(f) of the Arms Export Control Act and Executive Order 13637; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2601. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal

No. DDTC 17-049, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2602. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 17-49, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2603. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. 13-17, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 27(f) of the Arms Export Control Act and Executive Order 13637; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2604. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. 07-17, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 27(f) of the Arms Export Control Act and Executive Order 13637; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2605. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. RSAT-16-5383, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2606. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 16-117, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2607. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 17-039, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2608. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Determination pursuant to Sec. 451 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for the use of funds to support South Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2609. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of The President, transmitting the Office's first report on Other U.S. Contributions to the United Nations, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 287b-1(a); Public Law 114-323, Sec. 312(a); (130 Stat. 1925); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2610. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFIS, Office of Protected Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Species; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Endangered New York Bight, Chesapeake Bay, Carolina and South Atlantic Distinct Population Segments of Atlantic Sturgeon and the Threatened Gulf of Maine Distinct Population Segment of Atlantic Sturgeon [Docket No.: 150818735-7452-02] (RIN: 0648-BF28) received September 18, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2611. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting a report regarding settlements and consent decrees/orders, approved by an officer of the Department of Justice (Third Quarter 2016), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 530D(a)(1); Public Law 107-

273, Sec. 202(a); (116 Stat. 1771); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2612. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting a report regarding settlements and consent decrees/orders, approved by an officer of the Department of Justice (First Quarter 2017), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 530D(a)(1); Public Law 107-273, Sec. 202(a); (116 Stat. 1771); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2613. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting a report regarding settlements and consent decrees/orders, approved by an officer of the Department of Justice (Fourth Quarter 2016), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 530D(a)(1); Public Law 107-273, Sec. 202(a); (116 Stat. 1771); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2614. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Vessel Documentation Regulations — Technical Amendments [USCG-2016-0531] received September 20, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2615. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Postponement of Certain Compliance Dates for the Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category [EPA-HQ-OW-2009-0819; FRL-9967-90-OW] (RIN: 2040-AF76) received September 14, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2616. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule and withdrawal of final rule — Small Business Investment Companies: Passive Business Expansion and Technical Clarifications (RIN: 3245-AG67) received September 18, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Small Business.

2617. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Miscellaneous Amendments to Business Loan Programs and Surety Bond Guarantee Program (RIN: 3245-AF85) received September 18, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Small Business.

2618. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "2016 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor", pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2464; Public Law 93-618, Sec. 504 (as amended by Public Law 99-514, Sec. 1887(a)(6)) (100 Stat. 2923); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2619. A letter from the Acting Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Semiannual Report to Congress for First and Second Quarters, FY 2017 (October 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017); jointly to the Committees on Homeland Security and the Judiciary.

2620. A letter from the Labor Member and Management Member, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's budget request for fiscal year 2019, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f(f); Aug. 29, 1935, ch. 812, Sec. 7(f) (as amended by Public Law 93-445, Sec. 416);

(97 Stat. 436); jointly to the Committees on Appropriations, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means.

2621. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's FY 2019 budget request, pursuant to 52 U.S.C. 30107(d)(1); Public Law 92-225, Sec. 307 (as added by Public Law 93-443, Sec. 208(a)); (88 Stat. 1283); jointly to the Committees on House Administration, Appropriations, and Oversight and Government Reform.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BRADY of Texas: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 2824. A bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to extend the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program; with an amendment (Rept. 115-315, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BRADY of Texas: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 2792. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to make certain revisions to provisions limiting payment of benefits to fugitive felons under titles II, VIII, and XVI of the Social Security Act; with an amendment (Rept. 115-316). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCCAUL: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 2142. A bill to improve the ability of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to interdict fentanyl, other synthetic opioids, and other narcotics and psychoactive substances that are illegally imported into the United States, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 115-317). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GOWDY: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 24. A bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-318). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1491. A bill to reaffirm the action of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for the benefit of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 115-319). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 289. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to issue permits for recreation services on lands managed by Federal agencies, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 115-320, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 825. A bill to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 115-321, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Agriculture discharged from further consideration. H.R. 289 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Agriculture discharged from further consideration. H.R. 825 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 2824 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. FASO:

H.R. 3808. A bill to preclude absolute liability in any action against a property owner or contractor for projects receiving Federal financial assistance for infrastructure and transportation development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER:

H.R. 3809. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to improve conservation compliance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself and Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida):

H.R. 3810. A bill to establish the Commission to Verify Iranian Nuclear Compliance; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. DEUTCH (for himself and Mr. CONYERS):

H.R. 3811. A bill to establish the National Center for the Right to Counsel; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DOGGETT (for himself, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. VELA, Mr. O'ROURKE, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. VEASEY, Mrs. DEMINGS, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. SOTO, Mr. CRIST, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. DEUTCH, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. NEAL, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. LEE, and Ms. DELBENE):

H.R. 3812. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the determination of earned income for purposes of the earned income credit and the child tax credit for individuals in the Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma disaster areas; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. ESTY of Connecticut (for herself and Mr. KATKO):

H.R. 3813. A bill to designate a human trafficking prevention coordinator and to expand the scope of activities authorized under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's outreach and education program to include human trafficking prevention activities, and for other purposes; to the Com-

mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. KATKO (for himself, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mr. TURNER, and Ms. ESTY of Connecticut):

H.R. 3814. A bill to disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for life an individual who uses a commercial motor vehicle in committing a felony involving human trafficking; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LAWSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. DEUTCH, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ):

H.R. 3815. A bill to amend of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to carry out gleaning projects; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 3816. A bill to require notification following a breach of security of a system containing personal information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. YOUNG of Iowa (for himself, Mr. KIND, Mr. BLUM, Mr. DUFFY, Mr. LOEBACK, Mr. POCAN, and Mr. GALLAGHER):

H.R. 3817. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the accuracy of geographic adjustment factors under the Medicare program and to permanently extend certain adjustments to such factors for certain localities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RENACCI (for himself, Mr. MARINO, and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio):

H. Res. 530. A resolution supporting initiatives by President Trump to create a new age of American prosperity by reducing the crushing tax burden on American families and American companies; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. BASS (for herself, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. MARINO, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. RICHMOND, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. LEE, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MOORE, Ms. NORTON, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. RUSH, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. KEATING, Mr. CORREA, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. EVANS, Mr. CRIST, Ms. ADAMS, and Mr. KHANNA):

H. Res. 531. A resolution expressing support for the designation of September 2017 as "National Kinship Care Month"; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

123. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, relative to Assembly Resolution No. 202, urging the Federal Government to in-

crease appropriations for impact aid payments to eligible school districts; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

#### PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

Ms. LEE introduced A bill (H.R. 3818) for the relief of Maria Guadalupe Mendoza Sanchez, Eusebio Sanchez Mejia, and Vianney Esbeydi Sanchez Mendoza; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. FASO:

H.R. 3808.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER:

H.R. 3809.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. CONNOLLY:

H.R. 3810.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8: Congress shall have power to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States or in any department or officer thereof.

By Mr. DEUTCH:

H.R. 3811.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the U.S. Constitution and Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article I of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. DOGGETT:

H.R. 3812.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. ESTY of Connecticut:

H.R. 3813.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3.

By Mr. KATKO:

H.R. 3814.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clauses 18 of the United States Constitution which states, "To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Mr. LAWSON of Florida:

H.R. 3815.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers,

and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof

By Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 3816.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: "The Congress shall have Power . . . To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;" and

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: "The Congress shall have Power . . . To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Mr. YOUNG of Iowa:

H.R. 3817.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. LEE:

H.R. 3818.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I of the United States Constitution and its subsequent amendments, and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 24: Mr. ESTES of Kansas and Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 44: Mr. GALLEGRO and Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts.

H.R. 113: Mr. MCEACHIN, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. CORREA, and Mr. HECK.

H.R. 367: Mr. GIANFORTE.

H.R. 535: Mr. BISHOP of Utah and Mr. LANCE.

H.R. 644: Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee.

H.R. 849: Mr. DENT.

H.R. 866: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 1017: Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, and Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1111: Mr. CLAY.

H.R. 1144: Mr. SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 1155: Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 1204: Mr. BOST.

H.R. 1225: Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.

H.R. 1298: Mr. MCKINLEY.

H.R. 1456: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. NUNES, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.

H.R. 1494: Mr. CRIST, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. MCEACHIN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. CORREA, and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.

H.R. 1496: Ms. ESHOO, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. VARGAS, and Ms. SÁNCHEZ.

H.R. 1554: Mr. KHANNA and Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 1566: Mr. POCAN and Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 1651: Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia, Mr. RUIZ, Mrs. DINGELL, and Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1697: Ms. TENNEY, Mr. FERGUSON, and Mr. MESSER.

H.R. 1727: Mr. AGUILAR.

H.R. 1731: Mr. ROE of Tennessee.

H.R. 1742: Mr. POLIS.

H.R. 1847: Mr. TIPTON and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.

H.R. 2092: Mr. CHABOT and Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS.

H.R. 2142: Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 2158: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 2198: Mr. STIVERS.

H.R. 2267: Mr. AGUILAR and Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 2394: Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

H.R. 2405: Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. BRADY of Texas, and Mr. BABIN.

H.R. 2408: Ms. LEE.

H.R. 2418: Mr. CICILLINE and Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 2482: Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. CRIST, Mr. NEAL, Mr. KEATING, Mr. RUSH, Mr. BEYER, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. DEUTCH, and Mr. COSTA.

H.R. 2519: Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. BASS, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. DEMINGS.

H.R. 2556: Mr. LOEBSACK.

H.R. 2589: Mr. PEARCE and Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 2740: Mr. LYNCH.

H.R. 2790: Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. KILMER, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. COHEN, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. GALLEGRO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. CRIST, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. LEE, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. CORREA, and Mr. CLAY.

H.R. 2926: Mr. LANCE and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.

H.R. 3030: Ms. BROWNLEY of California.

H.R. 3222: Mr. RYAN of Ohio and Mr. CICILLINE.

H.R. 3317: Mrs. DINGELL.

H.R. 3324: Mrs. WALORSKI.

H.R. 3329: Mr. DELANEY, Mr. POSEY, Mr. GOHMERT, and Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee.

H.R. 3347: Mr. COOPER.

H.R. 3395: Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia.

H.R. 3403: Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 3447: Mr. PASCRELL.

H.R. 3459: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 3497: Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. OLSON, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. HUDSON.

H.R. 3530: Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 3550: Mr. SWALWELL of California.

H.R. 3591: Ms. TSONGAS.

H.R. 3766: Mr. MEEKS, Mr. VARGAS, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CRIST, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. CLAY, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, and Ms. SINEMA.

H.R. 3770: Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. HURD, Mr. RUSH, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. FASO, Mr. TONKO, Ms. LOF-

GREN, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. KING of Iowa, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. KIHUEN, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. SIRES, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. GOMEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. NADLER, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mrs. TORRES, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. HECK, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. STIVERS, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. CLAY, and Mr. VEASEY.

H.R. 3773: Mr. KILMER, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. MCEACHIN, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. SOTO, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. SIRES, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. NADLER, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. TONKO, and Mr. PALLONE.

H.R. 3784: Mr. RUSH, Mrs. BUSTOS, Ms. MOORE, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. RICHMOND, and Mr. HIGGINS of New York.

H.R. 3797: Mr. WILLIAMS.

H.J. Res. 48: Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Mr. KENNEDY.

H.J. Res. 113: Ms. TSONGAS.

H. Con. Res. 61: Mr. PERRY and Ms. ROSEN.

H. Res. 31: Mr. CONYERS.

H. Res. 220: Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, and Mr. GUTIÉRREZ.

H. Res. 257: Mr. PALLONE and Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H. Res. 318: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H. Res. 464: Ms. NORTON.

H. Res. 523: Mr. GOMEZ and Mr. NADLER.

H. Res. 524: Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Ms. LEE, and Mr. GUTIÉRREZ.

H. Res. 529: Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. DONOVAN, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. MOORE, and Mrs. DEMINGS.

#### PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

63. The SPEAKER presented a petition of Mr. Gregory D. Watson, a citizen of Austin, Texas, relative to urging Congress to enact legislation which would clarify that henceforth any change to the appearance, imagery, size, composition or anti-counterfeiting features of United States coinage and paper currency, including the addition or subtraction of any denomination thereof, would itself require the future enactment of legislation by Congress; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services.



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## Senate

The Senate met at 8:31 and 1 second a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable ROY BLUNT, a Senator from the State of Missouri.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

The assistant bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, September 21, 2017.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROY BLUNT, a Senator from the State of Missouri, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. BLUNT thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2017, AT 4 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 4 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2017.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 8:31 and 26 seconds a.m., adjourned until Monday, September 25, 2017, at 4 p.m.

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## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING FIRST SELECTMAN  
PATRICIA MECHARE

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor First Selectman Patricia Mechare, a tireless public servant for the town of Falls Village, Connecticut. First Selectman Mechare is retiring after 12 years as First Selectman, but her service to the town will continue, and her contributions to the community will be felt for years to come.

Pat comes from a long line of public service. Her father, Rolland, served on the Boards of Finance, Education, and Selectmen for the Town of Canaan. Pat followed his example and began her career in public service, joining Falls Village's Planning and Zoning Commission in 1977. As a public school teacher and a member of numerous town departments, including the Board of Education and the Day Care Building Committee, Pat quickly made her mark on the community.

In 2005, Pat was elected First Selectman of Falls Village. Her commitment to the role led to substantial community development for one of Connecticut's smallest towns. By working with all levels of government, Pat was a strong advocate for Falls Village, securing public grants to develop Main Street and kick start public works throughout the town. Even in her retirement, Pat plans to remain heavily involved in her community.

Mr. Speaker, First Selectman Pat Mechare is an exemplary role model for our community and for public servants everywhere. Falls Village and the entire State of Connecticut are better places because of her efforts. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

RECOGNIZING MASTER HA HUYEN  
THANH

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important figure in the Vietnamese martial arts community, Master Ha Huyen Thanh and his significant contributions to the General Association for the Development of World Martial Arts for over 20 years.

Master Ha Huyen Thanh was born as Ha Cong Huyen in Ninh Binh, Vietnam. He developed a passion for martial arts at an early age and pursued his passion through Shaolin, Judo, and self-defense martial arts when his family and he moved to the South of Vietnam in 1954.

Upon receiving his Black Belt, Master Thanh became a Judo instructor and continued his training to become a Master. During this time,

he became the Finance Commissioner for the "Vietnam Judo Association" and joined the Republic of Vietnam Air Force.

Master Thanh was invited to instruct Judo at various places including Ngo Quyen training center, Tinh Nghiem Temple, and Bien Hoa Orphanage. His great talents granted him the opportunity to become the committee member for Mekong Judo Competition—a competition which was organized in Saigon, Vietnam and had eleven countries worldwide participate.

When Master Ha Huyen Thanh came to the United States, he became a journalist and worked for various broadcasting stations in Orange County, California.

In 1993, Master Ha Huyen Thanh's continuous passion for martial arts urged him to establish the General Association for the Development of World Martial Arts. The association has been hosting the World Martial Arts festival every two years to gather over 500 martial arts Masters, instructors, and students to showcase various types of martial arts. The association has also made great efforts to help their members open more training centers. Master Thanh is currently the General Secretary for the Association.

On September 1, 2017, Master Thanh passed away, but his dedication to preserve and promote martial arts, and his impact on the Vietnamese martial arts community will remain a legacy.

RECOGNIZING DR. ANTHONY  
LOCKHART, FLORIDA'S 2017 PRIN-  
CIPAL OF THE YEAR

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Anthony Lockhart, Principal at Lake Shore Middle School and Florida's 2017 Principal of the Year. Mr. Lockhart has shown outstanding merit and dedication to his profession. He has been a source of inspiration and courage for hundreds of students for more than 20 years with the Palm Beach County School District. He has gained well-earned accolades for his ability to connect with his students and has gone above and beyond his call of duty to improve the performance of a struggling school. Dr. Lockhart was named the Legacy Magazine 2015 Top High School Educators of the Year and was also named one of the top 50 most influential black professionals.

After graduating from Jackson State University, Dr. Lockhart worked as a counselor to young people—it is this critically important work that would eventually lead him to become a school guidance counselor and work his way up to principal. Dr. Lockhart believes that education is the great equalizer—that no matter what socioeconomic or racial background an individual comes from, they can accomplish anything if they obtain an education.

Lake Shore Middle School faced many challenges when Dr. Lockhart became Principal. Not shy about rolling up his sleeves and getting to work, he started interviewing teachers and community members to ascertain what needed to be done to make the school as successful as he knew it could be. Dr. Lockhart, armed with this information, then worked with teachers and community members alike to change the school culture. This diligent work resulted in the school going from being graded at a F– to a C rated school and being recognized by Florida Governor Rick Scott for being in the top ten percent of middle schools in five categories. Dr. Lockhart has no doubt that this achievement could not have been possible without the efforts from a supportive community, a focused group of educators, and a dedicated administrative staff. Instead of seeing students that embraced a failing attitude, he saw children that had not been given an opportunity to succeed; he saw teachers that needed encouragement, training and support; and a community that could be convinced that success was possible.

Mr. Speaker, as we recognize and honor Dr. Anthony Lockhart today for his accomplishments and his dedication, may we also recognize the hope and light educators like Dr. Lockhart bring to the future of this country.

HONORING CHARLIE MAE DAVIS

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary mother, grandmother, activist, and public servant, Charlie Mae Davis. With her passing on September 9, 2017 the East Bay lost a champion for justice, and many of us lost a life-long friend.

Charlie Mae was a Texas transplant to California. She was born in Rockdale, and graduated from high school in Waco. In 1950, she moved to California where she met her future husband, Arthur Lee Davis. Charlie Mae and Arthur Lee were married in 1964, and raised a wonderful family together.

During this period when she was raising her family, Charlie Mae was very active in her community, and eventually went to work at Brookfield Elementary, where she would later retire after working as an assistant to the principal.

Charlie Mae gave selflessly of her time to help improve her community, and was passionate about improving the lives of her neighbors in Oakland. In 1992, she, along with a core group of activists, worked to establish the Martin Luther King, Jr. March and Rally, which is the longest continuously held celebration in Oakland to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King. I was grateful to participate in this past year's Oakland MLK Day rally, marking the event's 25th anniversary. This wonderful event's continuation for future generations is a great legacy for Charlie Mae.

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Charlie Mae was also instrumental in the establishment of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Center in Oakland, an organization that I helped found and am particularly proud of. In the mid-1990's, we had this idea to create a leadership academy for students, inspired by the teachings of Dr. King.

I was in the state legislature in California at the time, and I proposed a bill to establish a memorandum of understanding between the City of Oakland, the East Bay Park District and several other local agencies in order to provide the resources for the MLK Freedom Center to exist. Charlie Mae, who was one of the principal founders of the center, helped organize busloads of my constituents from Oakland up to Sacramento to testify on the importance of the project, and why the bill was so important.

That effort was essential to the passage of the bill and the formal creation of the center, which now has taught hundreds of young people from the East Bay about leadership, conflict resolution, violence prevention and civic engagement and is really helping to create the next generation of social activist leaders.

On a personal note, I was proud to call Charlie Mae my friend for decades, and am indebted to her for her leadership in empowering Oakland residents to work together to create a better city and world for themselves, their neighbors, and future generations. It was such an honor this past May to present Charlie Mae with the first Mildred Parish Massey Legacy Award, named after my late mother. It was a happy moment for Charlie Mae, and inspiring for me to know that I had the chance to say thank you to her for her service, her friendship, her leadership and her love.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District honors Charlie Mae Davis' memory, and her lifetime of service working on behalf of social justice and equality. I join her loved ones in celebrating her incredible life with a promise to honor her tremendous legacy.

#### HONORING STEVE MCKERNAN

#### HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great honor to recognize Steve McKernan, Chief Executive Officer of University of New Mexico Hospitals, as he prepares for his retirement after 37 years of service to the people of Bernalillo County and the State of New Mexico.

In 1980, Mr McKernan began his career at the University of New Mexico Hospital. Mr. McKernan began as a staff accountant and worked his way up through the organization, becoming CEO in 1996. During his 21 years as CEO, Mr. McKernan was an integral part of a team relentlessly focused on improving the care of the people of New Mexico.

Thanks to Mr McKernan's vision and leadership, UNM Hospitals provide the level and specialties of care that are only available in the largest teaching hospitals in the country. During Mr. McKernan's tenure, the Barbara and Bill Richardson Pavilion opened in 2008 and a network of community-based clinics was established, providing healthcare throughout the City of Albuquerque.

In addition to his achievements in growing the mission and reach of UNM Hospitals, Mr. McKernan has gained national prominence in the hospital community, serving on the Board of the America's Essential Hospitals. He has also been involved in a variety of local community and business groups, including the Rotary Club, the New Mexico Hospital Association and the Boy Scouts of America.

It is with great honor and privilege that I take this moment to thank Steve for his service and commitment to our community, the lives of New Mexicans are forever changed because of his work. I wish him and his wife Becky an enjoyable and well-deserved retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING PETER HARVELL

#### HON. KATHERINE M. CLARK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, today, I recognize Peter Harvell, who will retire as Director of Veterans Benefits and Services of Framingham, Massachusetts on September 28, 2017. Peter's lifetime of service shows us how one person's undeterrable mission to help others can positively impact his broader community.

Peter has dedicated the past 13 years to helping veterans by connecting them with state and federal benefits, partnering with community organizations, and ensuring the stability and growth of their mental and financial health.

Peter has been one of our veterans' strongest advocates in the towns of Sudbury and Framingham. He partnered with local food banks, jail diversion task forces, and legal aid services to help veterans and service members who fell on hard times. He worked with the VFW, the American Legion, and local National Guard units to host welcome home ceremonies. He paid our veterans their due respect on national holidays. Above all, Peter maintains relationships and provides support to our Gold Star families.

Prior to his service to the towns of Sudbury and Framingham, Peter spent 23 years in the U.S. Army serving in the U.S. Special Operations Command. After preparing OPERATION EAGER ANVIL in DESERT STORM and coordinating NATO missions in Bosnia, he returned home to continue service as a congressional liaison at USSOCOM for two years.

Peter's dedication and leadership honor our Commonwealth and our country. We thank him for his years of service and wish him a happy and successful retirement.

#### CELEBRATING EL AVISO MAGAZINE'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute El Aviso Magazine, an award-winning Spanish-language weekly publication based in my 40th Congressional District, as it begins its 30th anniversary celebration.

Since its establishment in 1988, El Aviso Magazine has focused its reporting on local areas with the highest populations of Latinos. The publication offers a unique blend of topics ranging from social and political, to health and welfare, to family, culture, and entertainment.

At its inception, El Aviso Magazine shared an office with a travel agency in the City of Huntington Park, and only had two employees and five distributors. At that time, the magazine's weekly circulation reached an audience of 70,000, and its method of distribution was door-to-door. Today, an average issue reaches an audience of more than 600,000, and it can be found at over 10,000 points of distribution in 136 cities and neighborhoods in the greater Los Angeles area, Orange County, the San Fernando Valley, and the Inland Empire.

El Aviso Magazine has received countless awards from the National Association of Hispanic Publications, and has also received national recognition for its editorial content and covers. In 2004, it received an award for being the fastest-growing publication in the United States. At the 2014 National Association of Hispanic Publications Convention, El Aviso Magazine received the Gold Award for the Most Outstanding Newsprint Magazine.

Over the past 30 years, Jessica Maes Zepeda and Jose Ramiro Zepeda, along with their family, have operated this family-owned magazine. Mr. Zepeda was born in Mexico, and immigrated to the United States in the mid-1980s in search of the American Dream. As he was searching for the right business, he witnessed the passage and implementation of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. Mr. Zepeda saw the need to inform the Spanish-speaking community in a language they could read and understand. This led him to produce a Spanish publication that would serve the Latino community across Southern California—El Aviso Magazine. Mr. Zepeda has worked diligently for the past three decades and has made El Aviso Magazine a success story.

Mrs. Zepeda, the magazine's co-owner and its director of public relations and community affairs, was raised in Southeast Los Angeles, where she attended local parochial schools and decided to pursue a career in real estate. In the early 1980s, she joined the Downey Board of Realtors and served as vice president. She then became the president of the Women's Council of Realtors, and the director of the California Association of Realtors.

In 1994, Mrs. Zepeda became politically active and was elected to the Huntington Park City Council. Through her accomplishments, she became the first woman to hold the position of Mayor for the City of Huntington Park three years later.

Mrs. Zepeda has received numerous accolades for her community service from elected officials in the State of California and Congress, and from non-profit organizations. The California Chamber of Commerce recently recognized Mrs. Zepeda with the 2017 Pioneer Empresaria Award.

Mr. and Mrs. Zepeda believe in assisting the less fortunate and those in need. Their dedication to the community and their philanthropic activities are reflected through El Aviso Magazine's involvement with various non-profits, including the YMCA, Salvation Army, Boys & Girls Club of America, Human Services Association, Southeast Relay for Life, faith-based groups, and local schools.



For the past ten years, the magazine has published a special edition bilingual magazine dedicated to the fight against cancer, titled "El Aviso Relay for Life." In addition, through hard work, perseverance, and dedication to the communities it serves, the magazine has raised more than \$120,000 for the American Cancer Society's Southeast Cities Relay for Life over the past ten years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in sending best wishes and congratulations to Jose Zepeda, Jessica Maes Zepeda, and their El Aviso Magazine team on the celebration of their 30th anniversary. They have played a vital role in informing Latino communities across Southern California over the past 30 years.

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#### INTRODUCTION OF THE SUSTAINABLE FARMLAND FOR THE FUTURE ACT

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### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the Farm Bill is one of the most important bills that most Americans have never heard of. It impacts our economy, environment, and what we eat. It is important that Congress gets the upcoming reauthorization right.

Today, I am introducing the Sustainable Farmland for the Future Act. This bill builds upon the progress we made in the 2014 Farm Bill to promote the long-term sustainability of farmland and better protect the environment.

In 1985, Congress enacted conservation compliance in the Farm Bill, codifying the compact between taxpayers, farmers, and landowners to provide stability through subsidies in return for responsible stewardship of farmland and the surrounding environment. The 1985 Farm Bill simply required most farm subsidy recipients to implement basic conservation practices on vulnerable farmland and wetlands. The 2014 Farm Bill improved this measure by expanding the conservation compact to recipients of crop insurance premium subsidies. While the USDA has found that the current conservation compact has successfully reduced runoff and soil erosion, Congress must do more.

The Sustainable Farmland for the Future Act would strengthen the conservation compact by requiring farmers who receive taxpayer assistance to abide by basic, common-sense conservation standards on all of their land, not just "highly erodible land" and converted wetland. By complying with these expanded standards and acting as good stewards, farmers will be honoring the commitment made to the taxpayers who provide for their farm subsidies.

I believe that the Sustainable Farmland for the Future Act is one of the 115th Congress's most important pieces of environmental legislation and should be considered for inclusion in the 2018 Farm Bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF BARBARA NIESS-MAY FOR 15 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE AT SAFEHOUSE CENTER

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Barbara Niess-May for her 15 years of service at SafeHouse Center in Washtenaw County. As Executive Director of SafeHouse Center, Mrs. Niess-May's leadership and expertise have impacted countless lives and greatly enhanced the Center's programming capabilities.

SafeHouse Center first opened its doors in 1978 with the hope of providing leadership and support for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence in Washtenaw County. The organization's founding mission has endured throughout the years, and SafeHouse has been able to expand its services through popular public support and a 1992 millage that funded a new facility with increased boarding capacity. Today, due to the Center's new location, over 5,500 women and children are served out of the shelter every year.

Since joining SafeHouse as Executive Director in 2002, Mrs. Niess-May has overseen the agency's daily operations and is critical to the continued growth and success of the organization. She has advocated for survivors and implemented programs to help both women and children get back on their feet by finding safe and affordable housing, employment, and childcare. Successful SafeHouse programs include a children's playroom, Teen Voice Peer Education at local schools, and four different onsite support groups. Additionally, Mrs. Niess-May works as an adjunct faculty member at Eastern Michigan University's School of Social Work and Graduate School of Criminology, bringing her real world experience to the classroom and educating the next generation of social workers. She has saved many lives, been a shelter for those desperate for a hand, and is a leader in changing the dialogue on domestic abuse. It is my hope that Mrs. Niess-May continues to advocate on behalf of domestic violence survivors and build on her lifetime of distinguished work supporting women and children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Barbara Niess-May for 15 years of outstanding service at SafeHouse Center. Her tenure at SafeHouse has greatly contributed to the organization's ability to provide important services and support to women in need.

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#### RECOGNIZING HAZEL THOMPSON

### HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent, Hazel Thompson, who is celebrating her 100th birthday this month.

Ms. Thompson has spent her life serving our country and local community. Born and raised in Vermont, she has dedicated her life to helping and advocating for others. She started her career as a nurse and devoted

thousands of hours volunteering with the Red Cross where she received several awards for her selfless service. In 1972, after our area was devastated by flooding from Hurricane Agnes, Ms. Thompson once again answered the call and devoted her time to helping her community and neighbors in Elmira, New York.

Ms. Thompson has been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary at the American Legion Post 443 in Elmira, New York for seventy years. She is a true patriot and has volunteered at other veterans' organizations. Ms. Thompson has been a member of the AARP for decades and has served as a Board Member for Chapter 246 and as editor for its Spotlight newsletter for years. She has also volunteered with the Girl Scouts, Food Bank and at Westminster Presbyterian Church of which she is a member.

Ms. Thompson has been a recipient of several honors and awards in recognition of her generous spirit and endless dedication to helping others. As the team captain for the AARP's annual Alzheimer's Walk team, she was awarded the Grand Champion medal in honor of her fundraising. She was awarded the Chemung County Senior Citizen of the Year in 1988, and in 2010, Ms. Thompson was awarded the prestigious Jefferson Award in recognition for her lifelong commitment to community service. She is truly an inspiration to us all.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Hazel Thompson's 100th birthday and recognizing her life-long commitment to service.

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#### HONORING BETTY OLDS

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Betty Olds. She passionately served on the Berkeley City Council for 16 years and advocated for the environment, women, and animal rights until her passing at the age of 96 on July 16, 2017.

Ms. Olds was born Betty Marion Milne in St. Joseph, Missouri on October 19, 1920, and grew up in Holt County. She attended Iowa State University, where she graduated in 1942 with a degree in Home Economics and met her future husband, Walter Olds. Together they had three children.

In 1950, Ms. Olds and her family moved to the Bay Area. While her husband was away in Okinawa for several years, Ms. Olds planted her roots in the city of Berkeley to raise her family, and became a substitute teacher at Garfield Middle School. She eventually became the Dean of Students at Willard Middle School, and was instrumental in evacuating the school and ensuring student safety when UC Berkeley protestors were tear-gassed in the Bloody Thursday riot of 1969.

After committing her time to several city commissions, Ms. Olds was elected to the Berkeley City Council in 1992 where she made an immediate impact in the creation of a new fire station in the Berkeley Hills, following the devastating Oakland Hills fire of 1991.

Ms. Olds was also a founding member of Save the Bay, a group that fights to protect

and restore the environment of the San Francisco Bay.

In 2007, Ms. Olds made national news when she protested the destruction of a grove of oak trees to construct a sports training facility next to UC Berkeley's Memorial Stadium. Although she was 87 years old, Ms. Olds, along with former Mayor Shirley Dean and Save the Bay founder Sylvia McLaughlin, climbed into an 80-foot-high tree to prevent it from being cut down.

Ms. Olds was known for her humor and lively spirit. She often made jokes to her colleagues that they referred to as "Bettyisms." She was an outspoken Council member, unafraid to take on opposing views, and was known for her pragmatic approach to local policymaking. Ms. Olds was adored by many and was greeted by a cheering crowd when she walked into the Council Chambers on the day of her retirement in 2008.

That same year, Ms. Olds was voted "Best Politician" by East Bay Express readers; and in 2014, a path in the Berkeley hills, connecting Sterling Avenue and Whitaker Avenue was named in her honor.

Today, on behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, it is my honor to commend the life and achievements of Ms. Betty Olds. I offer my sincere gratitude to Ms. Olds for her activism and civic leadership, and for the profound legacy she has left in the East Bay community. I also offer my condolences to Ms. Olds' family and friends as they cope with this immeasurable loss and join together to celebrate Ms. Olds' life.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 10TH ANNUAL OUT OF THE DARKNESS COMMUNITY WALK

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, last weekend we recognized National Suicide Prevention Week in Northern Virginia.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention National Capital Area chapter hosted their 10th annual signature fundraising event, Out of the Darkness on Saturday, September 16th in Fairfax County, Virginia. Over the past ten years, Out of the Darkness has been vital to the rehabilitation of the human spirit here in Northern Virginia, and has been an integral part of the changing attitude towards suicide prevention and mental health awareness, allowing individuals from all backgrounds and stages of grief to come together in support of each other. The success of this year's walk, bringing together over 860 attendees and raising over \$90,000, attests to the meaningful impact of this chapter in support of Northern Virginian neighbors and their families.

We have lost 1,122 precious lives, perhaps more, due to suicide in the last 12 months in Virginia, including children and veterans. The National Capital Area chapter's extensive work in providing community resources, including crisis numbers for the Veteran Combat Call Center, Veteran's Crisis Line, Suicide Prevention Line, and a texting option, have im-

mensely benefited those who are seeking immediate assistance and support. These services are crucial, and especially helpful to those who are fearful in seeking assistance, and I thank you for all your efforts in supporting these programs.

Out of the Darkness was supported by a variety of partners in prevention from across Fairfax County that shared resources to people and their families in various stages of grief, including the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue, Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey A. Kincaid and the Department, INOVA Fairfax Hospital, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Virginia Professional Firefighters & Paramedics—IAFF Local 2068, IAFF Financial Corporation, Fairfax County Employee Advisory Council, Fairfax County Live Well Program, Interstate Van Lines, Shirley Contracting, 29 Diner Restaurants, JV's Restaurant, Austin Grill, Everymind.org, Trevor Project, Divine Elements Healing Home, Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychological Services, Abiding Hope Counseling Services, Yava Yoga, David J. Cobb Foundation, Youth for Tomorrow and many other local community businesses and elected officials.

I thank them again for working to support the lives of Fairfax County families as well as those in the surrounding region. I am pleased to represent the National Capital Area chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and its partners in the 10th District, and I wish them the best as they continue to bring awareness to suicide prevention and behavioral health.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Virginia's Tenth Congressional District, I ask that you join me in recognizing the positive impact of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention National Capital Area chapter Out of the Darkness Community Walk these past ten years.

HONORING MR. JOE PICARD

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Joe Picard for his service in the 65th Infantry Regiment, the "Borinqueneers." The 65th Infantry Regiment was the largest and longest-standing segregated Latino military unit in our country's history, and the Borinqueneers service in the face of discrimination led Congress to award these veterans the well-deserved Congressional Gold Medal in 2014.

The Borinqueneers trace their history to 1898, when Congress authorized the creation of a military unit in Puerto Rico. For more than a century, members of the 65th Infantry Regiment served honorably in our Armed Services, displaying valor and distinction in World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. In fact, the Borinqueneers are credited with firing the first American shots in the First World War after stopping a German supply ship from leaving San Juan Bay in 1915.

Throughout both World Wars, the Borinqueneers defended the Panama Canal

Zone, and some members of the regiment served in North Africa and Central Europe during World War II. The regiment became a key force during the Korean War after distinguishing itself during the Operation PORTREX military exercise. Over 2,700 Borinqueneers earned Purple Hearts during the Korean War, and some Borinqueneers led the last regimental bayonet assault in U.S. military history.

Despite their honorable service by thousands, the Borinqueneers faced segregation and regular discrimination in the Armed Forces. Our country owes these veterans our thanks, and we must remember the story of the Borinqueneers as role models for national service.

Mr. Speaker, Joe Picard served our country in the 65th Infantry Regiment during the Korean War despite the danger and discrimination that the Borinqueneers faced. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING KEMAL PASAMEHMETOGLU FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AT THE IDAHO NATIONAL LABORATORY

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Kemal Pasamehmetoglu for his leadership at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). For the past five and a half years, Dr. Pasamehmetoglu has served as the Associate Laboratory Director for Nuclear Science & Technology at INL.

Dr. Pasamehmetoglu has been instrumental in supporting the Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy in developing the roadmap and setting national research and development priorities. His vision and passion for nuclear energy has been a huge asset to INL, the Office of Nuclear Energy, and the nation.

During his tenure, Kemal traveled the globe serving in leadership positions in multi-national collaborative efforts. He enhanced INL's reputation nationally and internationally as a groundbreaking laboratory for nuclear energy research and development.

Most recently, Kemal led the national effort to develop the Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear (GAIN) initiative and served as its first National Director. The GAIN initiative provides the nuclear community with access to the technical, regulatory, and financial support necessary to move innovative nuclear energy technologies toward commercialization while ensuring the continued safe, reliable, and economic operation of the existing nuclear fleet.

Kemal has accepted a new position at INL as the Executive Director of the Versatile Fast Neutron Source Research and Development Initiative. A fast reactor would be groundbreaking in providing next generation nuclear fuel testing capabilities.

Kemal holds a doctorate in mechanical engineering from the University of Central Florida and has more than 30 years of research engineering experience within the national laboratory system.

16TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL  
FIRE AND RESCUE AND EMS  
AWARDS

**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize fire and rescue and EMS personnel who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

As first responders, fire departments and emergency medical service teams are summoned on short notice to serve their respective communities. Oftentimes, they arrive at scenes of great adversity and trauma, to which they reliably bring strength and composure. These brave men and women spend hundreds of hours in training so that they are prepared when they get "the call."

In 2012, I established the 16th District Congressional Fire and Rescue and EMS Awards to honor officers, departments, and units for outstanding achievement.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District, it is my privilege to congratulate the following winners, who were selected this year by an independent committee comprised of a cross section of current and retired fire and rescue personnel living in the district.

Manatee County Community Paramedicine Program was chosen to receive the Congressional Unit Citation Award.

Training Officer Christopher Stark of the Hillsborough County Fire Rescue was chosen to receive the Congressional Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Chief Dennis Jones of the Hillsborough County Fire Rescue was chosen to receive the Congressional Career Service Award.

Division Chief-Fire Marshal Tammy Zurla was chosen to receive the Congressional Dedication and Professionalism Award.

CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF  
THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED  
MANUFACTURING AT CLINTON  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the opening of the Institute for Advanced Manufacturing at Clinton Community College.

Clinton Community College serves as a member unit of the State University of New York system (SUNY), which allows students of diverse backgrounds across the state to access educational programs and services. Since its founding in 1966, Clinton Community College has promoted educational opportunities that enrich minds, strengthen the economy, and improve the quality of life in the North Country.

Clinton Community College is approaching completion of a 30,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility for its technology programs, which was made possible by a \$12.7 million award through the SUNY 2020 grant program. This new facility will feature flexible teaching

and learning spaces, as well as a variety of courses in transportation and manufacturing. These fields play an important role in local economic development, and the addition of this facility will continue Clinton Community College's legacy of bringing education and opportunity to the North Country.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate Clinton Community College on the opening of the Institute for Advanced Manufacturing. We are grateful for the College's commitment to educating our community, and hope that this addition serves it well for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE USS THE SULLIVANS DD-537/DDG-68 ASSOCIATION'S 27TH REUNION

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and welcome the USS The Sullivans DD-537/DDG-68 Association to my hometown of Buffalo, New York on September 20th, 2017 as they celebrate their 27th reunion at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park.

On November 13, 1943, following the First Naval Battle of Guadalcanal during the Second World War, five brothers tragically lost their lives at sea when a Japanese torpedo struck and sunk the USS *Juneau* while sailing the Solomon Sea. Upon learning that George, Francis, Joseph, Madison, and Albert Sullivan had all perished, President Roosevelt honored their memory by renaming DD-537 in their namesake as USS *The Sullivans*.

Since the Second World War, two ships, DD-537 and DDG-68 have proudly shared the name USS *The Sullivans* and the motto of "We Stick Together" in order to exemplify the courageous and enduring spirit of the Sullivan brothers. For over 70 years a USS *The Sullivans* has patrolled the world's waterways, thus preserving the peace and promoting international stability.

In the years since it was decommissioned, DD-537 has called the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park home. Located in Buffalo's Canalside district, USS *The Sullivans* DD-537 has served as a floating monument to the Sullivan brothers' enduring legacy as well as to the countless men and women who have served aboard a USS *The Sullivans* since 1943.

Mr. Speaker, it is again with great pride that I welcome the 27th reunion of the USS The Sullivans DD-537/DDG-68 Association to Buffalo, New York as they celebrate the storied legacy of their vessels in the company of fellow veterans and current service members.

IN RECOGNITION OF DELAWARE  
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**HON. PATRICK MEEHAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Delaware County Community College on its 50th Anniversary.

Since its establishment in 1967, Delaware County Community College has educated thousands of students from southeastern Pennsylvania, giving them the skills they need for good-paying middle-class jobs in the modern economy. The college awards degrees in fields as diverse as accounting, carpentry, computer-aided drafting and nursing—and its distinguished faculty has always provided a first-class education to its students.

Mr. Speaker, as Delaware County Community College celebrates the 50th anniversary of its founding, it's also celebrating a transition: Dr. Jerry Parker will retire after 40 years of service to the college, including 14 as President. He'll be succeeded by Dr. L. Joy Gates Black, who will be the first woman and the first African-American to lead the college.

I congratulate Dr. Gates Black on her appointment, I thank Board Chairman Michael L. Ranck for his service to our community, I wish Dr. Parker the best in his retirement and I hope Delaware County Community College enjoys another prosperous 50 years of educating hardworking Pennsylvanians.

RECOGNIZING PROFESSOR BETTY  
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**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Betty Tsai, a retired Bucks County Community College professor who started the Salute to Mothers Scholarship. The scholarship allocates funds for women who are attending Bucks County Community College while raising at least one child. This year is the tenth anniversary of the creation of the Salute to Mothers Scholarship, and it has raised over 120,000 dollars to date.

This scholarship is vital to providing mothers with greater career opportunities, and encouraging women to participate in our workforce. It is only available to mothers who possess a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better, and are enrolled in at least six credits for the upcoming semester. I appreciate the philanthropy that recognizes the struggles of balancing family and school, and thank Betty Tsai for her work to that end.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF  
BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON TOAST-  
MASTERS POTOMAC CLUB

**HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Booz Allen Hamilton Toastmasters Potomac Club, a ten year Arlington, Virginia communications and leadership club, achieving significant success in its club and membership. Toastmasters International is a global, international communication community founded in 1904 by Dr. Ralph Chester Smedley.

Dr. Smedley, the director of a local YMCA, observed several young men who were not getting jobs. He took it upon himself to form a

speaking club, in which he mentored young members on how to shake hands, answer two to three minute table topics, improve nose to nose communication, practice skills of vocal variety, mitigate use of filler words, use their hands to maintain audience attention, and take constructive recommendations from peers. He also taught the young men how to “step away from the podium” and “dance your words”.

Today, the Crystal City chapter of the club is a healthy, vibrant community of communicators in Virginia’s 8th Congressional District.

In a record 4 months, the club grew from near critical to President’s Distinguished, the Toastmasters International’s highest club ranking.

I salute the Toastmasters Potomac Club for their dedication to living out the values of Toastmasters International’s founder Dr. Ralph Chester Smedley.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN C. COUGHLIN ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM A SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. JOHN K. DELANEY**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize Mr. John C. Coughlin on his retirement after an accomplished career, having served as a federal employee for 28 years.

Mr. Coughlin was born and raised in Bethesda, Maryland. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the United States Naval Academy, was commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy, and served in the Navy’s Aviation and Intelligence Office Program as a Command Pilot and Program Manager. After serving his country, Mr. Coughlin joined the Department of Energy in 1989, where he began an impressive career working with the Department’s radiological emergency response assets. He served in various prestigious capacities, including the Director of the Office of Emergency Operations and Response, the Special Assistant to the Office of Self-Assessment and Emergency Management, the Director of the Threat Assessment Division for the Department’s Programmatic and Nuclear Threat Programs, the first Director of the Office of Emergency Planning Preparedness and Operations here, within the U.S. House of Representatives, and most recently, the Assistant Sergeant at Arms for the U.S. House of Representatives. His work over the past 28 years has greatly benefitted our nation’s security and preparedness in the event of an emergency, and we are grateful for all he’s done to ensure the safety and readiness of our country.

Mr. Coughlin has had an outstanding career in public service, and I am pleased to recognize him both as an upstanding citizen and an exemplary resident of Maryland’s 6th District. I congratulate Mr. Coughlin on a successful and impactful career and wish him all the best during his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING LANCE CORPORAL JEDH COLBY BARKER

**HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a decorated veteran and a true American hero from New Jersey’s Fifth District, Lance Corporal Jedh Colby Barker. Corporal Barker grew up in Bergen County in New Jersey, and graduated from Park Ridge High School. In 1967, Corporal Barker was assigned to Fox Company in the Marine Corps, where he heroically defended his comrades in the line of fire during Operation Kingfisher. Corporal Barker’s actions on this day earned him the most prestigious military decoration, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

I am including the Congressional Medal of Honor citation to highlight Corporal Barker’s actions:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a machine gunner with Company F. During a reconnaissance operation L/Cpl. Barker’s squad was suddenly hit by enemy sniper fire. The squad immediately deployed to a combat formation and advanced to a strongly fortified enemy position, when it was again struck by small arms and automatic weapons fire, sustaining numerous casualties. Although wounded by the initial burst of fire, L/Cpl. Barker boldly remained in the open, delivering a devastating volume of accurate fire on the numerically superior force. The enemy was intent upon annihilating the small marine force and, realizing that L/Cpl. Barker was a threat to their position, directed the preponderance of their fire on his position. He was again wounded, this time in the right hand, which prevented him from operating his vitally needed machine gun. Suddenly and without warning, an enemy grenade landed in the midst of the few surviving marines. Unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his personal safety, L/Cpl. Barker threw himself upon the deadly grenade, absorbing with his body the full and tremendous force of the explosion. In a final act of bravery, he crawled to the side of a wounded comrade and administered first aid before succumbing to his grievous wounds. His bold initiative, intrepid fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of almost certain death undoubtedly saved his comrades from further injury or possible death and reflected great credit upon himself, the Marine Corps, and the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

September 21, 2017 will mark the 50th anniversary of Corporal Barker’s remarkable patriotism and valor on the battlefield during the Vietnam War. The Marine Corps motto is, “Semper Fidelis”, meaning, “always faithful”. Corporal Barker lived and embodied that to the fullest. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lance Corporal Jedh Colby Barker, a true American hero. His family, the Fifth District, and all Americans should be proud of Lance Corporal Jedh Colby Barker. His memory and heroism in the line of duty will never be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO OREGON HONOR FLIGHT

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize 26 Oregon veterans who traveled here today to visit Washington, D.C. These brave men and women risked their lives to protect and defend the United States and have now come to our nation’s capital to visit the monuments and memorials they helped inspire. The veterans on this flight from Oregon are: Archie Brown, Richard “Dick” Burling, Robert “Bob” Burness, Louis “Caldonia” Caldarelli, Francis Charriere, Harold Engelen, Donald “Red” Eudaly, Wilhelm “Bill” Guttormsen, Jack Hartung, Vidus “Vince” Klune, Robert “Bob” Jewitt, James “Jay” Majors, Glen McCall, Andrew “Andy” McDermaid, Larry D. Miller, Barbara “Jeanne” Moss, Hal Pally, Robert “Bob” Petchell, Robert “Bob” Schug, Sylvester “Pat” Smith Jr, Martin Spellman, Patricia “Patty” Sprigg, John Steigleder, Ralph Thompson, William “Bill” Walker, and Alan Lertzman.

RECOGNIZING B3CG INTERCONNECT IN PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate B3CG Interconnect on the opening of their new plant in Plattsburgh, New York.

B3CG is a world leader in the manufacturing of cable, harnessing and electrical mechanical assembly. In 2009, the owners of B3CG decided to expand their business from its headquarters in Saint-Eustache, Quebec, and open a second plant in Plattsburgh, New York. This move has allowed B3CG to expand their business within the United States, contributing greatly to the North Country economy in the process.

With B3CG now moving into a new facility in Plattsburgh, we can reflect on all of the company’s important work in the transportation, medical and industrial sectors, as well as their contributions to the upstate community. By employing state of the art manufacturing technology and a dedicated local workforce, B3CG has built a strong relationship with the people of New York’s 21st District, one which we are excited to continue.

On behalf of New York’s 21st District, I want to thank B3CG Interconnect for its contributions to the North Country and wish it the best of luck in its new location.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate South Central Community Action Partnership for making extensive positive impacts on the lives of low-income families in South-Central Idaho and on the occasion of their organization's 50th anniversary.

South Central Community Action Partnership is a highly valued local, charitable, non-profit corporation in Idaho's 2nd Congressional District. Although it began in the 1960s to oversee area Head Start programs, in fifty years it has changed thousands of lives.

Since 1967, SCCAP has developed important Idaho programs such as the Family Development and Families in Transition Program, the Valley House Coalition, a Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, the Supportive Services for Veteran Families, the Twin Falls-based Weatherization Program, and the Boy's & Girl's Club of Magic Valley. Of special note, the Partnership has led efforts to build seniors' centers in the cities of Twin Falls, Buhl, Burley, Jerome, and Kimberly.

In addition, many of SCCAP's projects have been so successful that they have become independent organizations themselves or even parts of Idaho government programs. These include their Regional Housing Council (now the Region IV Housing Coalition), their Youth Challenge Project (which evolved into the Jerome Youth Center), their Family Planning Project (which became part of the District Health Department), their summer Migrant Head Start Programs (now the Idaho Migrant Council), and their invaluable Guardian ad Litem Program (now the Fifth Judicial CASA Guardian ad Litem).

As a small example of their impact, Mr. Speaker, over the past 5 years alone, SCCAP has assisted an average of more than 6,800 families and represented more than 20,000 individuals, helping with weatherization, veteran services, food, transportation, affordable housing, and many other valuable fields in our Idaho communities.

The SCCAP's hardworking administrators have consistently earned the trust of the people of Idaho, from Betty L. Wooten's leadership of the organization in 1967, all the way to Ken J. Robinette's and Joe Herring's leadership today.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely thank South Central Community Action Partnership for their service and commitment to the residents of South-Central Idaho.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF OAKLAND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Oakland Community Organizations (OCO) as

it celebrates 40 years of organizing the people of Oakland into powerful leaders for social change. Founded on May 14, 1977, OCO has united people across diverse communities in order to create positive and permanent change in Oakland neighborhoods, schools, and throughout the city. After forty years of work, OCO continues to be at the forefront of coalition building and organizing to bring about systemic change and improve the quality of life for all families.

Since its founding, OCO has consistently exhibited their steadfast support for underserved communities and tackled the obstacles that impede individuals from achieving a greater living standard. During its first 10 years, OCO created Housing Rehab programs to renovate 400 once-vacant houses, developed over 100 affordable housing units for first time homeowners, helped establish the Port of Oakland's minority hiring program, and aided in the implementation of Oakland's "Hire Oakland First Program," which is still in existence today.

In 1985, OCO transitioned from their traditional neighborhood-organizing model to a congregation-based model of organizing, which brought together congregations of all religious denominations. Under its new model, OCO launched a campaign to address Oakland's drug epidemic during the 1980s. Thanks to OCO, the City of Oakland, Alameda County, and the State of California adopted new enforcement, treatment, and prevention measures to address the drug epidemic. In addition, the White House formally recognized OCO for its anti-drug campaign.

In the 1990s, OCO shifted their focus to the root causes of poverty. As a result, they brought a new grocery store to West Oakland, secured \$6.6 million in new street lighting, implemented truancy reductions program, and formed Aviation High School, a pilot school-to-work transition program that prepared high school student for jobs in the transportation field.

At the beginning of 2000, OCO researched and developed one of the only community-driven school reform efforts in the United States, which resulted in the creations of dozens of new schools. Since then, OCO has also been dedicated to defending the rights of immigrant community by organizing legal support forums for thousands of immigrant families seeking citizenship, pushing for family-oriented immigration reform legislation, and connecting at-risk immigrants with emergency deportation defense services.

On behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I want to extend my sincere congratulations on this important milestone. I thank Oakland Community Organizations for all that they do. I wish them continued success in training and organizing future generations of leaders to address the challenges facing the City of Oakland and its neighboring communities.

RECOGNIZING MASTER SERGEANT SEAN SARGEANT

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Master Sergeant Sean Sargeant on

the occasion of his retirement from the Marine Corps after 30 years of dedicated service to our country.

Master Sergeant Sargeant's time with the United States Marine Corps first began in 1988. As a trained infantryman, security guard and civil affairs specialist, he served in Somalia, Iraq and Afghanistan, and was also part of the last crew to serve on the Battleship *New Jersey* from World War II.

In 1996, Master Sergeant Sargeant transitioned from active duty to the Marine Corps Reserve, where he began his career as a probation officer with the county. Working with a wide range of clients and families, Master Sergeant Sargeant's efforts with inter-agency coordination and focused mentoring has changed many lives by helping them reintegrate into the community.

Alongside his work with at risk adults and youth, Master Sergeant Sargeant continued to remain heavily involved with organizations that served veterans. Serving as an Operations Chief for Wounded Warriors, Master Sergeant Sargeant coordinated care for injured Marines and Sailors at Camp Pendleton and managed transitions for veteran families. He also served as a Civil Affairs Operations Chief with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, assisting with G9 operations. In his community, Master Sergeant Sargeant co-organized the very first Orange County Stand Down event, providing temporary relief to homeless veterans and offering medical and hygienic services.

MSgt Sargeant's sense of duty is truly commendable, and he is an example to us all of what it means to be a public servant.

Mr. Speaker and Members, please join me in congratulating Master Sergeant Sargeant on his retirement, and honoring him for his many contributions to the Marine Corps and to our nation. As he embarks on this new chapter, I wish Master Sergeant Sargeant all the best and thank him for his patriotism.

HONORING MR. CELESTINO CORDOVA

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2017*

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Celestino Cordova for his service in the 65th Infantry Regiment, the "Borinqueneers." The 65th Infantry Regiment was the largest and longest-standing segregated Latino military unit in our country's history, and the Borinqueneers service in the face of discrimination led Congress to award these veterans the well-deserved Congressional Gold Medal in 2014.

The Borinqueneers trace their history to 1898, when Congress authorized the creation of a military unit in Puerto Rico. For more than a century, members of the 65th Infantry Regiment served honorably in our Armed Forces, displaying valor and distinction in World War I, World War II, and the Korean war. In fact, the Borinqueneers are credited with firing the first American shots in the First World War after stopping a German supply ship from leaving San Juan Bay in 1915.

Throughout both World Wars, the Borinqueneers defended the Panama Canal Zone, and some members of the regiment

served in North Africa and Central Europe during World War II. The regiment became a key force during the Korean war after distinguishing itself during the Operation PORTREX military exercise. Over 2,700 Borinqueneers earned Purple Hearts during the Korean war, and some Borinqueneers led the last regimental bayonet assault in U.S. military history.

Despite their honorable service by thousands, the Borinqueneers faced segregation and regular discrimination in the Armed Forces. Our country owes these veterans our thanks, and we must remember the story of the Borinqueneers as role models for national service.

Mr. Speaker, Celestino Cordova served our country in the 65th Infantry Regiment during the Korean war despite the danger and discrimination that the Borinqueneers faced. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.



Thursday, September 21, 2017

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate met at 8:31:01 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 8:31:26 a.m. until 4 p.m., on Monday, September 25, 2017.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 3808–3817; 2 resolutions, H. Res. 530–531 were introduced. **Page H7434**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H7435**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2824, to amend title V of the Social Security Act to extend the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–315, Part 1);

H.R. 2792, to amend the Social Security Act to make certain revisions to provisions limiting payment of benefits to fugitive felons under titles II, VIII, and XVI of the Social Security Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–316);

H.R. 2142, to improve the ability of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to interdict fentanyl, other synthetic opioids, and other narcotics and psychoactive substances that are illegally imported into the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–317);

H.R. 24, to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–318);

H.R. 1491, to reaffirm the action of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for the benefit of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–319);

H.R. 289, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to issue permits

for recreation services on lands managed by Federal agencies, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–320, Part 1); and

H.R. 825, to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–321, Part 1).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Meadows to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7431**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Gary Studniewski, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, DC. **Page H7431**

**Senate Referral:** S. 188 was held at the desk.

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H7431.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

### Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal, 10 a.m., SD-215.

**House**

*Committee on Rules,* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2824, the “Increasing Opportunity through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act”; and H.R. 2792, the “Control Unlawful Fugitive Felons Act of 2017”, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
4 p.m., Monday, September 25

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
12 p.m., Monday, September 25

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Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of William J. Emanuel, of California, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m.

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House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** To be announced.

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