

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO LERON GUBLER

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Leron Gubler, who is retiring as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Gubler is the longest tenured President in the 97-year history of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and is largely credited for the revitalization of Hollywood's flourishing economy.

Since 1992, Leron has transformed the organization to ensure it not only supports local businesses but is committed to serving all residents of the Hollywood community.

During his tenure as President, Leron fostered the development of four successful business improvement districts, and families and businesses from all over the world are moving to Hollywood.

With over ten thousand housing units in the development pipeline and three hotels under construction, Hollywood is flourishing, and Leron has played a significant role in this renaissance.

Leron founded the Hollywood Chamber Community Foundation, which has raised over \$900,000 for non-profit organizations in Hollywood, and helped create the Hollywood Chamber Political Action Committee, which initiated the State of the Entertainment Industry Conference.

In 2008, Leron became the master of ceremonies for the Hollywood Walk of Fame following the passing of longtime Hollywood Honorary Mayor Johnny Grant. In his ten years as emcee for the Walk of Fame, Mr. Gubler has announced over three hundred Walk of Fame ceremonies.

Leron Gubler has worked to ensure that Hollywood remains safe, relevant, and economically vital, and I ask all Members of Congress to join me in congratulating him for twenty-six years of dedicated service.

IN HONOR OF ANNE GETCHELL

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anne Getchell who is retiring with 39 years of federal service to the Farmers Home Administration and Rural Development.

Anne started her career at the Farmers Home Administration in 1979 as a Student Trainee in Concord. When she graduated from University of New Hampshire in 1980, she was hired on as a full time employee in Bennington, VT.

In June of 1981 she was transferred to the Conway, NH office—where she is finishing out her career. When she arrived in Conway, she was an Assistant County Supervisor. She then took over for the retiring County Supervisor in 1982. During her time with the Farmers Home Administration, Anne has provided so many folks with single family housing assistance and business and community program loans and grants.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Anne for her many years of service, and for being a part of what makes the Granite State so great. I am honored to recognize and congratulate Anne on her retirement and wish her the best of luck in the years ahead.

HONORING FIRE DIVISION CHIEF RICHARD HANNA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Fire Division Chief Richard Hanna, on his retirement after forty-five years of service as a Volunteer Firefighter for Sonoma Valley Fire and Rescue Authority.

Mr. Hanna was born in 1933 in New York City to Irish immigrant parents and earned his Bachelor's degree on an ROTC scholarship. He served as a United States Marine Fighter Pilot for seven years before becoming a commercial airline pilot for United Airlines for over thirty years.

After he moved to the Diamond A area of the Sonoma Valley with his wife and five children, Mr. Hanna became a Volunteer Firefighter. He was instrumental in establishing a Fire Station in Diamond A—he agreed to become a Volunteer Firefighter at the age of forty if the Valley of the Moon Fire District built a fire station in Diamond A. As a Volunteer Firefighter, Mr. Hanna participated in weekly drills and put his training into practice as emergencies arose. After several years he was promoted to Captain. Mr. Hanna was heavily involved with training and training development for Valley of the Moon Fire District and all of Sonoma Valley. He was then promoted to the rank of Division Chief. When Valley of the Moon Fire District and the City of Sonoma Fire Department merged to form the Sonoma Valley Fire and Rescue Authority, Mr. Hanna was crucial to the successful transition and stayed on as Division Chief.

Additionally, Mr. Hanna trained for and volunteered as a CalFire Volunteer in Prevention and staffed local lookout towers. He is also active with the local Amateur Radio Operator Club, which is used when disasters arise. Mr. Hanna is knowledgeable about his work and willing to share his knowledge with trainees and other people in the Sonoma Valley.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Hanna is a committed Firefighter who is dedicated to serving our

community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Fire Division Chief Richard Hanna here today.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL CRYPTOLOGIC MUSEUM

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the 25th Anniversary of the National Cryptologic Museum (NCM) at the National Security Agency at Fort Meade, Maryland. As one of its first public museums, the NCM became the intelligence community's gateway to the American people when it opened its doors in December 1993 and its collection of stories and artifacts continue to tell the intriguing and exciting history of American cryptology.

The NCM's first curator, Earl "Jerry" Coates, laid the framework for what would become the nation's primary educational facility in cryptology. Stocked with artifacts once stored in offices, warehouses and private collections in garages and attics, the museum tells the little-known history of code-making and code-breaking. It brings to life the people who made that history and the state-of-the-art tools and technologies they created. Over the last two-and-a-half decades, the museum's research library holdings have grown into one of the nation's richest cryptologic resources.

The museum, under the current leadership of Robert Simpson, continues to grow and modernize, demonstrating the amazing evolution of technology from the American Revolution to present day. Artifacts include the German Enigma machines, the never-compromised Sigaba machine and one of the first super computers.

Today, the museum averages 70,000 students, educators, researchers, scholars, historians, and other visitors annually. During special events, Civil War and World War II reenactors bring to life accounts of signal intelligence and American cryptology. The NCM hosts festivals and celebrations that bring people of all ages to the museum to experience cryptologic challenges, learn the value of language skills, and gain a greater appreciation for the military men and women who have served throughout our history, protecting us and our way of life through cryptology.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me today in honoring the 25th Anniversary of the National Cryptologic Museum. I am proud that my district—the Second Congressional District of Maryland—is home to this impressive resource that has served my constituency well over the years. I congratulate all of the museum's staff on this milestone and wish them another 25 years of success and stewardship.

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TRIBUTE TO LEONID “LULU”
SAHAROVICI

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent and friend, Leonid “Lulu” Saharovici, a longtime member of the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, who worked in a Nazi-backed Romanian labor camp in his youth and passed away last month at age 91.

Mr. Saharovici was educated at the University of Bucharest Law School and pursued a career in administrative law and teaching at his alma mater before he and his wife of 62 years, Frida, and their children Alex (Debra), then 12, Livio (Heidi), then 8, emigrated to the U.S. Mr. Saharovici was hired by National Mortgage in Memphis in 1972 and worked there until his retirement in 1994. He also taught Romanian and Romanian Culture classes at Rhodes College.

After attending a Jewish Holocaust survivors gathering in Washington, D.C., in 1983, Mr. Saharovici wrote to Tennessee lawmakers with the idea of creating a Tennessee Holocaust Commission, which became a reality two years later. I’m proud to have been a sponsor of that effort as a Tennessee state senator. Mr. Saharovici was named as a Tennessee Holocaust commissioner and served in that capacity for 33 years. In that position, he devoted his time to educating high school students about the horrors of the Holocaust in an effort to ensure something like it could never happen again.

Mr. Saharovici was an active member of the Baron Hirsch Synagogue congregation and was a life member of its Board of Directors. Mr. Saharovici also co-founded the Jewish Historical Society and served as its second president. He also collected Passover Haggadahs. As Chairman of the Belz Museum of Asian and Judaic Art, he gave guided tours of the museum through the years.

An avid fan of the Memphis Symphony and opera in Memphis, he served as Chairman of the Belz/Parker Ascending Concerts series and invited musicians visiting Memphis to stage concerts at LeBonheur Children’s Hospital, the West Clinic, Stax Museum and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

In 2010, Mr. Saharovici received the Jefferson Award for his efforts to improve society, his work educating the public about the Holocaust and his work bringing cultural and historical events to the city.

Mr. Saharovici lived a storied life and contributed in important ways to the adopted community he loved so well. I wish his friends and family my best.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
JERRY FORRESTER

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing of a distinguished leader from Gainesville, Georgia, retired Police Chief Jerry Forrester.

After serving 13 months in Vietnam as a United States Marine, Jerry Forrester returned to the states and joined the Gainesville police department in 1968. He became Chief of Police in 1985 and is credited with updating the department with modern policing standards.

While leading 65 officers in the police department, Chief Forrester worked hard to get ballistic vests and ammunition for officers as well as to increase their salaries. At the time, officers in Gainesville had to furnish their own weapons and ammunition, and it would have cost nearly \$900 per officer to outfit each member of the department with the necessary equipment.

Prior to his retirement in 1991, Chief Forrester successfully reorganized the department into three divisions, each with a separate commander. This restructuring laid a foundation for others to follow.

Chief Forrester will be remembered as a leader others tried to emulate. His dedication and integrity will ensure his legacy is never forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEW RA-
LEIGH, N.C. HEADQUARTERS OF
ADVANCED AUTO PARTS, INC.

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Advanced Auto Parts, Inc. on the recent relocation of its headquarters to Raleigh, N.C.

I am proud that for the second straight year in a row North Carolina has topped Forbes’ “Best States for Business” list. Our well-educated workforce and low taxes continue to attract valuable businesses to the region from all over the world. North Carolina has cultivated one of the strongest business climates in the country and we are proud to open our doors to a wide variety of industries from retail to biotechnology.

I applaud Advanced Auto Parts for its decision to expand operations in our thriving Raleigh community and am excited for the future growth opportunities companies like these bring to North Carolina every day.

IN HONOR OF CAMERON TRAVIS
GOOCH

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize the life of a brave young constituent, Cameron Travis Gooch, who recently lost his two-year battle with a rare pediatric cancer.

Born in July of 2008, Cameron was a thoughtful and determined individual who positively affected everyone he met. He is remembered by his friends and family for his “old soul” and unrelenting kindness and courage.

One of Cameron’s great loves was the game of baseball, our true American pastime. Cameron fell in love with the game at a young age, participating in Little League from the age

of 4 until he turned 9—even playing games when he was undertaking cancer treatment.

His love for baseball didn’t stop when Cameron left the field. He treasured learning about baseball’s rich history, complex rules, and following different stats on the game’s players and teams. On August 17, 2017, Cameron accomplished a remarkable feat when he officially became the youngest player to ever join the Houston Astros. When the Astros won the 2017 World Series, Cameron celebrated the organization’s first ever World Series win with the team.

Cameron also cherished having personal conversations with those he knew best, often teaching those much older than him a thing or two about how to live. He was wise beyond his years. One of Cameron’s most pressing wishes is for people to honor him by always choosing kindness—a fitting sentiment from an individual who always exemplified this often-times under practiced quality.

His parents, Aaron and Emmie Gooch; sister, Audrey Gooch; grandparents, Ron and Sharron Gooch, Ron Schmotzer, and Carol Gooch; paternal great grandmother, Mary Gooch; maternal great grandmother, Doris Taylor; and maternal grandmother, Sandy Williamson and many others all deeply loved and supported Cameron.

While we mourn with Cameron’s family, we also celebrate his incredible life and indelible legacy. He was a joy to all who had the privilege of meeting him. I join his family, friends, peers and the entire Eighth District of Texas in honoring his extraordinary life and his steadfast devotion to his friends and family. Cameron will be greatly missed.

CONGRATULATING JUDGE/
EXECUTIVE JOHNNY HOBDY

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Judge/Executive Johnny Hobdy of Allen County in the 1st District of Kentucky on his retirement after 14 years of public service. I am grateful for Judge Hobdy’s contributions to Allen County and admire his leadership and vast influence in communities throughout the 1st Congressional District.

A true public servant, he served in state government under Kentucky Governor Wallace Wilkinson. During this time, he developed a network of connections and an understanding of politics that would aid him throughout his career.

Judge Hobdy has also devoted his time to improving the lives of disabled youth through his involvement with the Center for Courageous Kids in Scottsville, Kentucky. This non-profit organization provides children with serious illnesses like cancer, sickle cell anemia, and muscular dystrophy the opportunity to experience summer camp at no cost.

Throughout his tenure, Judge Hobdy has also served as a Director on several local and regional boards, including the Chamber of Commerce, the Allen County Health Department, and the Barren River Area Development District.

I am honored to call Judge Hobdy a friend and constituent. I join with all those he has

served in congratulating him on pursuing a lifetime of passion and service and wish him continued personal success in his retirement.

HONORING DANNY HUSTON

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Danny Huston for his contribution to our state.

Danny is an institution in our state who has been dedicated to creating jobs in our community and around the county for years. He serves as the President of North American Midway Entertainment LLC, which is headquartered in Randolph County—within the 6th Congressional District. They operate the world's largest traveling outdoor amusement park, serving 15 million fairgoers every year.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Danny personally over the past few years. To me, Danny has been a close friend and trusted advisor during my tenure in Congress.

I want to thank Danny for his friendship and loyalty to me. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his family.

RECOGNIZING TERRAN RENEE TYLER FOR HER POEM ENTITLED, DADDY, I LOVE YOU, WELCOME HOME

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Terran Renee Tyler for her poem entitled, *Daddy, I Love You, Welcome Home*. Terran is from Grants Pass, Oregon, and wrote this poem after joining an Oregon Honor Flight to the nation's capital with a group of World War II and Korean War veterans. She wrote this poem in honor of her father, SPC Tony Ryan Tyler, United States Army, and all veterans who lost their lives in service to our country in uniform. I'd like to include in the the RECORD the text of the poem.

Dear Stranger, I look around and take a deep breath staring up at the sky at another sunset. The band starts to play as another flag is raised over a fallen hero's grave. Nameless, faceless His story remains untold—Who is this stranger who died for me at just 28 years old? What were his hopes, his dreams? What did he have to go through so I could be free? So I could make my dreams a reality?

Dear Stranger, I may never know who you are, But I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. For every trial that tested your strength, And for every time you've lost your way, Thank you for all your tears and strife, Now here I sit at the end of a very hard life, I know there are many others out there like you, And for each one this word rings true, *Hero*, For no two stories are ever the same, And you don't even know many of these people's names, Like you, they are strangers just the same, Nameless, faceless, Yet driven by the fear in their eyes, You chose to stand and fight, It didn't mat-

ter that you too were afraid; It only mattered what was right, A false hero wouldn't have stayed, He wouldn't have willingly welcomed the grave, Thank you all heroes young and old, The men and the women, The living and the dead, For every one of your stories untold. For each hero, a million tears could be shed, But my dear stranger, I would rather celebrate you instead.

I finish my letter and tear it up, Then I toss it to the ground, as the wind picks up, Scattering the pieces. The sky's grown dark, And the stars are out, My dear stranger, are you up there now? Are you looking down on me, laughing, crying, smiling? Gazing out over the cemetery, I suddenly see, A million buried heroes, standing in uniform by their beds. They're each smiling, and one by one bowing their heads. As soon as I blink though, they all fade away, Leaving one lone hero standing by a grave. He salutes and looks me hard in the eye, I run to hug him, then start to cry, The wind whispers his name in my ear, The one etched in my heart, that I've longed to hear. Though I know I'm really standing there alone, I can't help but whisper, "Daddy I love you, welcome home".

In memory of SPC Tony Ryan Tyler, United States Army.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in thanking Terran for her thoughtful words recognizing the sacrifice of America's brave service members and their families. We owe them a profound debt of gratitude for their heroism in the defense of the freedoms and liberties we cherish as Americans.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD WATTENBARGER

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Donald "Don" Wattenbarger. This October, Don celebrated his 50th year of service as a member of Oildale Mutual Water Company's Board of Directors, marking a significant milestone in a lifelong career of distinguished service to his community.

Born in the City of Tulare in California's Central Valley, when he was five, Don's family moved to Bakersfield where he established roots that have lasted a lifetime. It was in Bakersfield where Don attended school, met and married his beloved wife, Connie, raised his four children, and made a name for himself in our local business community as a general contractor.

However, Don's most lasting impression on the Kern County community has been his longstanding role on the Oildale Mutual Water Company (OMWC) Board of Directors. First elected in 1968, Don applied his personal character and integrity, as well as the skills and talents accrued over his career as a general contractor, to revolutionize the way OMWC conducted business, starting with constructing a new building for the company. When he was first elected to the Board of Directors, OMWC struggled to pay its employees, who helped service the company's 5,000 customers. Today, OMWC employees receive lifetime company healthcare coverage and the company's customer base has more than doubled to 11,000 today. This is in no small part because of Don's leadership, and his constituency agrees: as an OMWC Board member,

Don has successfully been re-elected every year for half of a century.

Don Wattenbarger is a shining example of exemplary public service, and it has been an inspiration to watch his leadership at OMWC over his many years of service. I recall a time when it was suggested that OMWC raise its rates to solve a \$4.5 million short fall. Don refused to pass the buck on to his customers and resolved to work with his colleagues on the Board to solve the problem in a manner that was fair to the community. For me, this story best exemplifies the type of man Don is: responsible, ethical, and determined. It is my hope that the career Don has built these past 50 years on the board serves as an example for those seeking to serve their community, and Judy and I wish him all the best as he continues his work for many more years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEFF GEE

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Jeff Gee who is leaving the city council of Redwood City, a community he has served as a councilmember since 2009. He has also served twice as Mayor, in 2014 and 2015. However, the beginning of his public service was 20 years ago when he served on the Architectural Review Board and later on the Planning Commission. He was particularly well prepared for the city council when he entered office during that difficult year of 2009.

Redwood City is growing rapidly under global influences. It is also composed of young and old, many families and newly-arrived singles. According to the Census Bureau, its population has increased 15% since Jeff Gee joined the council. Box.com, Google, dozens of pharmaceutical and biotechnology startups, two major hospitals, a shipping port, and a regional transportation hub now fuel the city's growth.

In the downtown area, thousands of new apartments dot the landscape. During the Great Recession, the city council adopted a downtown plan that offered 20 years of planning certainty to potential investors. When the economy took off, developers created 20 years of growth in less than a decade. Jeff and his colleagues on the council played a major role in shaping the modern downtown of Redwood City.

On the east side of Highway 101 is a road lined with trailer parks. During his time on the council, Jeff was a strong advocate for residents whose trailer parks became filled with floodwaters during severe winter storms. His advocacy led to an effort by multiple agencies to construct the Bayfront Canal project which will allow water to be accepted by the existing canal and to be funneled to an adjacent salt pond to prevent flooding of the residents. These parks, which I have personally toured, are filled with children and hardworking heads of households. They owe Jeff Gee a major vote of thanks for his efforts to normalize their lives.

In addition to local advocacy, Jeff represented Redwood City and San Mateo County on numerous multi-jurisdictional and regional boards. Among his thousands of hours

of public service, he can count his time on the SamTrans Board of Directors, Director and Past-Chairman of the board of the Caltrain Joint Powers Authority, and Past President of the San Francisco Airport Community Roundtable. He is also a statewide leader where he currently serves as President of the League of California Cities Asian Pacific Islander Caucus, and on the League's Public Safety Policy Committee.

Jeff Gee is a sincere and intelligent person who can wax poetic about transit. Jeff is a transit nerd's best friend, and I think that he's probably never met a wheelchair lift mechanism that didn't fascinate him. One could easily imagine a much younger Jeff Gee running up to a neighborhood ice cream truck, ordering an ice cream, and then closely examining the truck's tires to determine if the depth of tread remained safe for operation of the vehicle.

His reliability as a leader is evidenced by numerous volunteer positions that he's held in his community over many years. He was an officer in several homeowner associations, serves on a community college advisory board, and is a board member and/or trustee for a local nonprofit and a local university. His role in the Chamber of Commerce led to him being named Citizen of the Year in 2006. During all of this time, he's been a senior manager/architect at a major construction company.

Redwood City's official slogan is "Climate Best By Government Test." There is also a test of dedication to a community's future, and Jeff Gee scores an A+ on that test. I will miss him as an articulate and talented leader who went about his tasks as a community leader with little fanfare or interest in personal aggrandizement. As he leaves the public realm to rejoin his wife, Judie, and his children Christopher and Elizabeth as a private resident, he can leave office knowing that his community is thriving because he guided its evolution toward a healthy and dynamic future.

HONORING PAUL GOLDBERG OF
PENNSYLVANIA FOR ACHIEVING
THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate my constituent, Paul Goldberg, for his accomplishment in earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in scouting; only a small number of Boy Scouts earn this auspicious title. The Eagle Scout is performance-based and has high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century. To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by myriad requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Scout project to benefit the community.

Paul has been recognized as a valued member of Troop 105 in Hanover, PA. He has served in various leadership positions such as Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Historian, and Librarian. His Eagle Scout project was to build a 24ft. x 24ft. paver patio with chapel wall

seating and a fire pit for the Harvest Chapel in Abbotstown, Pennsylvania.

I've long appreciated the commitment of people who demonstrate hard work and selfless devotion to serving our communities and fellow citizens. On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I recognize and congratulate Eagle Scout Paul Goldberg on his great accomplishment and community service. I wish Paul continued success and Godspeed in his future adventures.

HONORING AND REMEMBERING
THE LIFE OF WAYNE R. OSTE

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Wayne R. Oste.

Wayne Oste was highly dedicated to the Falconer area. A devoted family man and a man of faith, he spent his life serving the community where he grew up and raised his family.

At the heart of his volunteerism, was his 41-year service to the Falconer Fire Department. Wayne's dedication and experience led him to honorably serve as its chief. He was also recognized as fire fighter of the year by his brethren. Not only was he a leader, but he stood with them and worked beside them during his tenure.

Wayne will be remembered as a hero, a husband, a father, a grandfather and a friend to many. He left behind a legacy of service, leadership and community-mindedness that is a rare gift. We salute him now, and stand with his family in somber remembrance of his life, his love and his passions. I thank him for his service and pray he will rest in peace.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to remember the life of Wayne Oste.

IN RECOGNITION OF GARY
POLLARD

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Gary Pollard who is leaving the city council of Foster City and the governing board of the Estero Municipal Improvement District after four years, and after serving six years on the city's Parks and Recreation Committee.

Serving on a city council means being serious about quality of life issues. Gary Pollard's service illustrates his commitment to the quality of life of every resident. For example, he served as the council's liaison to the transportation committee, the Chamber of Commerce, the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority and the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance, and the countywide library board, just to name a few. Foster City was an early adopter of the use of 100 percent renewable energy from the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority, and Gary was the one who led the city down this path to sustainability.

Serving in local government also means being active in statewide associations. Gary was Foster City's representative to the League of California Cities and he made substantial contributions as a member of the League's Public Works Policy Committee for the past two years, ensuring that policy and legislative recommendations reflect the priorities of city residents.

As an avid bicyclist, Gary focuses on mobility. He participates in the community bike ride every year and has encouraged bike safety. He served on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee as a part of a local agency composed of cities, and was involved in the bicycle, pedestrian, and intersection evaluation study.

Gary served twice as the city's Vice-Mayor from 2014 to 2015 and from 2017 to 2018. Foster City's finances are now enviable, but there was a time in his earlier years of service that difficult choices had to be made. He served on the city's audit committee and used that position to ensure that city operations were as efficient as possible. He participated vigorously in goalsetting during budget sessions and explained difficult choices to residents. One of those difficult choices was the need to upgrade the city's vulnerable levee. Gary supported the bond measure and city voters rewarded his decision and that of his colleagues with a vote of 81 percent to fix the levee.

Gary also took time from his busy life to coach youth sports. For twelve years he coached Little League and Pony/Colt Leagues and was President of the Foster City Youth Baseball Association. His name was added to the city's Sports Wall of Fame in 2010.

Mr. Speaker, Foster City is a planned community dedicated to families and to residents who love its bayside location and ample recreational opportunities. Gary Pollard is a great representative of residents because, like them, he values the city's quality of life and the tenor of the community, which is to seek a good outcome for everyone. I want to thank Gary's wife, Christine (Chris), and his children Bryan and Marcus for their patience as Gary served the community through countless hours of council debate and volunteer efforts.

As a professional, he operates his own travel agency. It's been a long journey for Gary after ten years in the public spotlight. Hopefully, the tour was as remarkable for him as it was beneficial to the residents of Foster City. He leaves the council with the goodwill of his fellow residents and our thanks for a job well done.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CORPORAL
DAVID HYRUM HIATT

HON. JOHN R. CURTIS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the life and service of Corporal David Hyrum Hiatt. David has lived in Provo, Utah for several years and has longstanding ties to the original pioneer settlers in Utah. He enlisted in June 1955 after graduating from Brigham Young University. He was assigned to Fort Ord in Monterey, California and was discharged on July 21, 1960. During his time

in the military, Fort Ord was used as a staging location for the Korean War and other military activities in Japan, and South Pacific locations.

David was an outstanding example to his family, community, and country. As we mourn the passing of David, we honor the sacrifice of all who have served, and those who continue to serve, in our Armed Forces. I am grateful for the many generations of men and women who have served our country and sacrificed more than we can imagine. We should all live our lives in a way that is worthy of their service.

May God bless the Hiatt Family and others who grieve, and may God bless America.

HONORING DR. THEODORE
STRANGE

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Theodore Strange for his actions during the New York City Marathon.

On November 4, 2018, Dr. Strange was running his 25th New York City Marathon. Crossing the 14-mile mark, he stopped to eat some orange slices given to him by a friend on the sidelines. Resuming the race shortly after, he crossed the Queensboro Bridge and passed the 16-mile marker. It was just then when Dr. Strange heard cries for help. Kristin Elfering, an engineer from North Oaks, Minnesota, had bent over to tie her shoelaces and couldn't get up from the ground.

With his medical instincts kicking in, Theodore noticed that Ms. Elfering was unwell. Blue in the face, foaming at the mouth, and without a pulse, Dr. Strange immediately started performing CPR and then called for a police officer to bring him a defibrillator. Unresponsive after the first shock, he tried three more times until Kristin luckily responded with a pulse. She eventually was taken to the hospital with a blood clot in her artery. Not to be outdone, after saving Ms. Elfering's life, Theodore actually finished the marathon in five hours and 16 minutes. For his selfless actions, Dr. Strange was honored by the New York Knicks as a community hero.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Dr. Theodore Strange for his noble actions in saving another life without a moment's hesitation. I am proud to not only have Dr. Strange as my personal physician, but my constituent, as well. He is a true and selfless hero.

HONORING WYATT DAVID-GRIFFIN
JONES OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate my constituent, Wyatt David-Griffin Jones, for his accomplishment in earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in scouting; only a small number of

Boy Scouts earn this auspicious title. The Eagle Scout is performance-based and has high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century. To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by myriad requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Scout project to benefit the community.

Wyatt has been recognized as a valued member of Troop 174 in Newville, Pennsylvania. He has served in various leadership positions like Senior Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, and Troop Chaplain and has achieved over 55 merit badges during his career. His Eagle Scout project was to interview, record, and create biographies of veterans who attended his local church, honoring and maintaining their lives for us all to remember.

I've long appreciated the commitment of people who demonstrate hard work and selfless devotion to serving our communities and fellow citizens. On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I recognize and congratulate Eagle Scout Wyatt David-Griffin Jones on his great accomplishment and community service. I wish Wyatt continued success and Godspeed in his future adventures.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF
JOHN CHRISTOPHER 'JACK'
LUCIER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jack Lucier and to extend my condolences to his wife, Judy, his children and his grandchildren.

Jack Lucier was born in Millbrae, California, on April 19, 1928, and died on November 14, 2018, in Menlo Park, California, having reached the age of 90.

Jack was fondly known to all those who knew him as 'First Class Jack', a fitting sobriquet for a kind and gracious man. A graduate of Bellarmine Prep and Santa Clara University, he joined Levi Straus in 1952. It was at Levi Straus that he met his future wife, Judy Roche, and they married in 1961. Jack and Judy soon created an interior design company which they ran for more than a quarter century. They also created a beautiful family of two daughters and two sons.

Jack gave generously of his time and considerable talents to his community, including Sacred Heart Schools, the Menlo Park Library and Church of the Nativity. He was a golfer, a cook, a great reader, and he loved world travel.

He leaves his beloved wife of 57 years, Judy; his son Daniel Lucier and wife Moira; Mary Askins and husband Mark; Anne Ashendorf and husband Michael; and Christopher Lucier. He also leaves his six grandchildren whom he adored: John and Michael Lucier, Julia and Emily Askins, and Charlie and Molly Ashendorf.

I've been blessed by the friendship of Jack and Judy Lucier and their family for over four decades. They are respected throughout our community as a family of deep faith, of community engagement, and as contributors to the betterment of our community and our country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Jack Lucier and in extending our most sincere condolences to his entire family. He will be missed by all who had the good fortune to know him, and we are a grateful nation for all Jack Lucier did to strengthen our country by living a life of values.

HONORING EMMETT MICHAEL
BULLA

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Emmett Bulla. Emmett is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Emmett has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Emmett has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Emmett has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Emmett Michael Bulla for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN DANA R.
GORDON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American and native South Carolinian Dana R. Gordon upon his retirement after a long and distinguished service to this nation. Captain Gordon will retire this month after 29 years of service in the United States Navy.

A native of Columbia, South Carolina, Captain Gordon graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Georgia Tech University in 1989. He was commissioned in the United States Navy through the school's Naval Reserve Officer's Training Corps (NROTC) program. He received designation as a Naval Aviator in 1991. Captain Gordon later earned an MBA from Embry-Riddle University and has completed in-residence coursework at the Harvard Business School.

Captain Gordon completed his flight training in the SH-60B Seahawk Helicopter and has accumulated over 3,500 flight hours, including numerous deployments onboard CRUDES ships while serving multiple tours with Helicopter Squadrons at HSL-40, 42, and 44 in Mayport, Florida.

He has served as both Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of the HSL-42 Proud Warriors, as well as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of the USS *Iwo*

Jima. Under his leadership, both commands won multiple Battle Efficiency Awards, as well as the Secretary of the Navy Safety Award as the Navy's safest operational fleet Squadron and Big Deck Amphibious ship.

Captain Gordon was most recently assigned to Navy Region Southeast where his Emergency Management team has been responsible for the evacuation, recovery and safe return of thousands of sailors and civilians after Hurricanes Matthew, Harvey, Irma and Maria. He has served as fleet pilot, flight instructor, weapons and tactics instructor and had shore duty in Millington, Tennessee, San Diego, California and on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon.

Captain Gordon was nominated by the Navy and was selected to Diversity Magazine's top 100 Diverse Executive Leaders. He is proudest of the many unit, campaign, and service awards that he shares with his fellow service members and civilian counterparts throughout his many tours of duty both at sea and ashore.

He will be joined at the ceremony by his mother, Mrs. Delores M. Gordon, his wife the former Rolanda Ogletree; their daughters Danielle Lauren and Reese Catharine, his siblings; Jule McDuffie and Valerie Hearn; and several of his close friends, among them, his college mate and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity brother Walter A. Reed and his wife Dr. Jennifer C. Reed. Captain Gordon's late father, Mr. Bobby L. Gordon, played football in college and for several teams in the National Football League.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in thanking Captain Dana R. Gordon for his many years of exemplary service and congratulating him on his well-earned retirement.

HONORING DOUG ROSE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Doug Rose for his contribution to our state.

Doug is the President of Irwin R. Rose & Company, which owns and manages thousands of housing rental properties across the country. Doug is an extraordinary man who, in addition to being a successful businessman, has continually invested his time and resources into our state. It has been an honor to work with him in advancing our shared Republican principles.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Doug for nearly two decades. To me, Doug has been a friend, supporter and trusted advisor during my entire tenure in Congress. We have worked particularly closely over the past year and a half. Doug is smart, hardworking and full of integrity. Simply put, Doug is a leader and person who I greatly admire.

I want to thank Doug for his friendship and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his family.

HONORING DANIEL J. COWLEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Daniel Cowley. Daniel is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Daniel has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Daniel has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Daniel has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Daniel Cowley for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

EDWIN D. HILL

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a proud and lifelong IBEW member to honor the life and legacy of IBEW International President Emeritus Edwin D. Hill. I join with President Hill's family and friends in mourning his loss. Mr. Hill dedicated his life to the labor movement and spent nearly six decades in service to working families through the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. It is fitting that we recognize the late Edwin D. Hill, on the floor of the House of Representatives, as someone who was a true leader in the organized labor movement.

Mr. Hill was originally from Center Township, Pennsylvania. He was a Journeyman Wireman by trade, and from a young age he made the IBEW his calling. He was a second-generation member and began his labor career in 1956 as a construction wireman, and he later became the Business Manager of Beaver County's International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 712.

Mr. Hill continued his career serving as the International Vice President for the union's 3rd District, covering Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Delaware. In 1997, Hill became the International Secretary and shortly after became International Secretary-Treasurer when the two positions were combined. He then became President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in 2001, a position which he held until 2015.

During his tenure as President of the IBEW, Hill implemented and pioneered new programs such as the Code of Excellence, as well as an alternate job classification program to help contractors successfully bid on projects. Furthermore, he pioneered business development initiatives and oversaw an expanded investment in membership development, which ensured that the IBEW could not only survive through the toughest of times but expand and grow.

Mr. Hill's dedication and hard work affirmed the legacy of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and now the dreams of its founders are being realized by new generations of electrical workers. Through his leadership, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is one of the strongest and most influential unions in North America.

Mr. Speaker, the late Mr. Edwin D. Hill dedicated his life to the organized labor movement and he ably led the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers with vision and integrity. I hope that you will all join me in honoring his life and legacy.

HONORING DAVE TURNER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dave Turner, who is retiring on December 10, 2018, after eighteen years of service to the City of Fort Bragg.

Born in Fort Bragg at the old Coast Hospital in 1951, Dave and his family relocated to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1960. He went on to attend Stanford University where he majored in "Social Thought and Institutions," a political science honors program. While at Stanford, Dave opened a specialty sleep shop to help pay his way through college. The sleep shop, FloBeds, was so successful that in 1992, Dave and his wife Anne moved their family and business to Fort Bragg. They wanted to raise their four children in a town "where the community watches out for kids."

Dave's love of community drew him to public service where he proceeded to dedicate many hours as a public servant. He served two years as planning commissioner before being elected to the Fort Bragg City Council in 2002. He was re-elected in 2006, 2010, and 2014, serving sixteen years on the City Council. He served as Mayor of Fort Bragg for eight years, from 2004 to 2006 and again from 2010 to 2016.

As a Fort Bragg City Councilmember, Dave served on the City's Finance and Administration Committee as well as the Public Works and Facilities Committee. He was an active member of numerous Ad Hoc Committees on the following topics: Inflow and Infiltration, Mill Site, Technology, and Town Hall Dais. Dave also served as the City's representative to the Fort Bragg Fire Protection Authority and the Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority.

After eighteen years of public service, this day marks Dave Turner's last Fort Bragg City Council meeting and his 67th Birthday. I hope you will join me in recognizing his dedicated years of service and send him best wishes on his birthday and retirement from the City Council.

HONORING HARRISON CULTON
FRAWLEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Harrison Frawley.

Harrison is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Harrison has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Harrison has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Harrison has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Harrison Frawley for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF BOB
GRASSILLI

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great friend and leader, Bob Grassilli, who is departing the San Carlos City Council after serving from 2005 to 2018 and three times as Mayor. Bob's leadership during his years in city life has left an indelible imprint on San Carlos.

From 1994 to 2000, Bob served on the planning commission and struggled with some of the most vexing problems of the community. Bob served on the Railroad Land Use Committee, a temporary entity that left a lasting impact in the form of an extensive grade separation project that now saves lives throughout the year.

During his time on the council, San Carlos created a new budget process, contracted for police and fire with other agencies to save taxpayer money, ended its chronic budget deficits, and started new communications efforts with citizens. A major medical practice building was built and a hospital remains in the city's future. New hotels have been constructed, including one that required the city to aggregate land and to solicit an investor. Many claimed the hotel effort would fail. Bob and his colleagues knew better and it's been a major success.

After years of planning, major housing developments are now dotting the landscape of San Carlos. These units, and others that are planned, give people a chance to live near work, to improve the environment by reducing their emissions related to commutes, and add vibrancy to the city's thriving downtown area. Bob Grassilli supported these new units and, as a developer, had a keen eye for the balance between aesthetics and the critical need to house a growing population.

Bob has a conciliatory personality, but he's not afraid to make hard choices. He voted for the controversial Holly Street restriping project which opened up an additional lane to burgeoning traffic during commute hours. He voted to adopt a climate action plan despite the skepticism of some about whether humans play a meaningful role in global climate change. No one likes to be the one who votes to eliminate trees from a city that cherishes its landscape, but the trees were dangerous and

Bob stood up for public safety. He also made countless other choices about individual housing proposals, traffic lights and crosswalks, and the city's master plan that never pleased everyone. This is leadership—the willingness to take the hits because in the long run the public deserves the choice you believe is in its best interests.

One anecdote illustrates Bob's dedication to public service. As mayor, he was alerted to a dangerous road condition that had been inadvertently created by a city road contractor. He drove to the scene and confirmed that the intersection was dangerous. He contacted the city manager and then waited about 90 minutes for a crew to show up to fix the problem.

At the time, Bob was wearing his signature lime-green polo shirt. It served the dual purpose of alerting oncoming traffic—from 1000 feet away—to a road hazard and it protected Bob from being hit. Unfortunately, it also created its own hazardous road condition. Bob knows so many people in San Carlos that motorists and pedestrians would honk or shout out and wave to him, sometimes even congratulating him on his fashion choice, but they also sometimes lost track of where they were in the dangerous intersection. Thankfully no one got hurt. The insight from this anecdote is clear: Bob Grassilli dresses for success and never leaves until the job is done.

In his private life, Bob is one of the Peninsula's consistent philanthropists. He sits on the board of one foundation and personally contributes thousands to some of our most important safety net nonprofits in San Mateo County. He also participates in countywide and regional bodies focused on good governance. He's a leader who is dedicated to ensuring that others receive a fair shake in life through better public services and assistance when times are difficult.

Bob will be challenged in retirement from public life because he will have to be satisfied by what newcomers may do. These choices may be different from his own. However, Bob is a true product of American democracy. He may disagree with any given choice and yet celebrate the outcome because it is created by the people of his community through an elected city council. A man who is satisfied with a dissatisfying result because it was fairly determined is an uncommonly wise individual and a too-rare public official in modern America. However, this is the man who we know as Mayor Bob Grassilli, the wise man with the gavel and the model for those who cherish local government in all its glory.

HONORING ENDERCIO CHAPA, JR.

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge Endercio Chapa, Jr., a Justice of the Peace in Live Oak County. For 28 years, Judge Chapa prioritized the needs of Precinct 4 and approached every circumstance with a fair and open mind.

Born in San Diego, Texas, and raised in Live Oak County, Judge Chapa has deep ties to South Texas. He earned his Associates degree in 1978 from Texas Christian University then attended Alfred Edge Real Estate School

in 1980 where he earned his real estate license. Finally, in 1993, Judge Chapa attended Bee County College to receive law enforcement training.

Before becoming a Justice of the Peace, Judge Chapa worked for a time as a rancher and auctioneer. Once elected, he still made time to offer his expertise to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and started his own successful security company. It is my hope that Judge Chapa will look back on his years of service and take pride in all he has achieved for our community. I wish Judge Chapa all the best and hope his time is well spent with his wife, Margie, and their three daughters, Claudia, Salina, and Isabella.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to represent Judge Endercio Chapa, Jr. This hardworking entrepreneur and public servant is a shining example of what the 15th District has to offer.

HONORING HUNTER GAGE
GOODWIN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Hunter Goodwin. Hunter is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Hunter has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Hunter has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Hunter has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Hunter Gage Goodwin for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

ONE TEAM, ONE HEARTBEAT—
KINGWOOD PARK HIGH SCHOOL
VOLLEYBALL TEAM—2018 5A
TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for the first time in Kingwood Park High School history, the Lady Panthers Volleyball team is the Texas UIL State Class 5A Volleyball Champions. Last Saturday afternoon, they defeated the number one ranked Lovejoy Lady Leopards in Garland in three straight sets. This was their first State appearance and first State title. Congratulations to the Kingwood Park High School volleyball team and to Kingwood.

According to the team's head coach, Kelly Miser, the girls had one goal in mind this season—to win a State championship. Coach Miser is in her third season at Kingwood Park. She started her volleyball career at Humble High School. She was a 4 year Varsity letterman, team captain, and received All-Star,

and All-Area recognition. Some say her roots run purple. She finished her degree and volleyball career at Texas A&M playing on the Aggie Volleyball team. The Aggies would say her blood runs maroon.

Her team's record is impressive. In an interview earlier this month, Coach Miser said, "these groups of girls play for each other; they are friends on and off the court." Coach Miser's passion along with Assistant Coaches Cameron Shoffner and Kasey Price will continue to guide the girls far beyond a State title. The leadership of a coach works to instill values of hard work and discipline on and off the court. The community is proud of these coaches for all their accomplishments.

Congratulations to the seven seniors on this State championship team: Katey Searcy, Sydney Kolar, Tori Marquez, Andie Unwin, Julia Hadley, Emma Joy Omenson, and Yates Barker. Thanks for working hard and being model students in and out of the classroom for all students to follow.

Congratulations to Kingwood Park's State Championship team who will return next year to defend the title: Emma Garcia, Libby Overmyer, Avery Hill, Hallie Ryan, Citaly Paz, Ericka Williams, Alia Williams, and Anya Arrington.

Shout out to the trainers, managers, teachers, family and fans for the outpouring of support. It was in true Panther Pride.

Way to go Panthers.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING THE LAO VETERANS OF AMERICA

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to honor the Wisconsin Lao Veterans of America, Inc. (WLVA), an organization founded in 1991 to serve the Lao Veteran community in Wisconsin by advancing the opportunities and recognition for those who fought in the CIA's secret war in Laos.

This organization has been instrumental in helping the Hmong-Lao veterans to adjust to life in the United States, and has shaped their experience here in Wisconsin through assistance in assimilation, recognition, and societal advancement.

WLVA was founded in 1991 by General Vang Pao, who was the commander of the "Secret Army" which was conscripted by the CIA to fight against the People's Army of Vietnam. He was the only ethnic Hmong to be elevated to the position of General in the Royal Lao Army.

Currently, Captain Nao Shoua Xiong of Wausau, WI leads the WLVA as their president, and has been at the forefront of assisting the Hmong community in all aspects of life in Wisconsin.

On behalf of the residents of Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District, I would like to thank the Wisconsin Lao Veterans of America for their service to our country and our community.

HONORING GARET ROSS HOLCOMB

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Garett Ross Holcomb. Garett is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Garett has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Garett has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Garett has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Garett for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CELEBRATING PAT FREEMAN'S LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the guidance and outstanding leadership Mrs. Pat Freeman has brought to senior adults in 13 Northeast Georgia counties.

Recently, the Legacy Link board recognized Mrs. Freeman for her outstanding work and dedication, as founder and Chief Executive Officer, for over 20 years. She received a Lifetime Achievement Award on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, at the agency's Thanksgiving luncheon.

In 1997, Mrs. Freeman created the nonprofit Legacy Link Area Agency on Aging with four employees. Since then she has been assisting the aging population of our region by offering wellness programs, employment training, Medicare counseling, grant applications, and counseling for grandparents who are primary caregivers for their grandchildren. Mrs. Freeman's team has grown to include more than 100 employees.

Legacy Link serves roughly 1,300 people, and its overarching goal is to allow seniors to live comfortably in their own homes as long as possible. In addition, Legacy Link also advocates for quality care for seniors who live in nursing care facilities.

My mother worked for Legacy Link, so I share in understanding the hard work, dedication, and the importance of their mission. I celebrate Mrs. Freeman's devotion to our senior adults and wish her the best as she transitions to working part-time.

HONORING DOUG MENORCA

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a longtime friend and member of my staff, Doug Menorca, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

Doug has served as my Chief of Staff throughout my entire time in Congress. His dedication to our team has been unmatched, and there's no doubt I could not have done this job without him. As the leader of our staff, he was the glue that held our team together. Doug has also been a trusted adviser and incredible friend to my family and me.

On a personal note, words cannot express my gratitude to Doug for his help in this journey. Generations ago, Harry Truman famously said, "if you want a friend in Washington, get a dog." That's a funny line, but Truman was wrong. I believe that if you want a friend in Washington, you better find a partner. And, I am proud and grateful that Doug Menorca was my loyal partner in this effort.

The Messer family thanks the Menorca family for all their help through the years. We wish Doug, Diane and Sam continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

HONORING COUNCILWOMAN AND FORMER MAYOR DEBBIE LONG

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Councilwoman and Former Mayor Debbie Long on her retirement after serving on the Pinole City Council for the past ten years.

Ms. Long has been a resident of Pinole for more than thirty years. Prior to her time on the City Council, Ms. Long demonstrated her commitment to public service. She was on the City of Pinole Design Review Board from 1994 to 1996, was a Pinole Planning Commissioner from 1996 to 2007 and served on the Pinole Assisted Living Board for many years.

Ms. Long was first elected to the Pinole City Council in 2008. During her tenure she has served as mayor three times—from 2009 to 2010, from 2012 to 2013 and from 2016 to 2017. While on the Pinole City Council, Ms. Long helped accomplish numerous significant development projects for our community, including the Gateway Shopping Center, the Kaiser Medical Center, and the Pinole Valley Skate Park. She has also been heavily involved with the construction of the Pinole Wastewater Pollution Control Plant Upgrade project. Additionally, Ms. Long worked on the 2010 City of Pinole General Plan Update when she was on the Planning Commission and on the City Council.

Ms. Long is known among her colleagues for being hard-working and well prepared. She makes sure she has done her homework and closely reviews all staff reports.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Long has been an admirable public servant throughout her time on the City Council. It is therefore fitting and

proper that we honor Councilwoman and Former Mayor Debbie Long here today.

HONORING BRYCE PATRICK
JOHNSEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Bryce Johnsen. Bryce is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Bryce has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Bryce has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Bryce has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Bryce Patrick Johnsen for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING THE BLAIR
OAKS FALCONS FOOTBALL TEAM
FOR WINNING THE 2018 MISSOURI
CLASS 2 STATE FOOTBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Blair Oaks Falcons Football team for winning the 2018 Missouri Class 2 State Football Championship.

With a perfect record of 15–0, the Blair Oaks Falcons Football team and Coach Ted LePage should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the Blair Oaks Falcons Football team for a job well done.

PROCLAMATION OF GRATITUDE
FOR DR. LARRY MASON'S SERV-
ICE TO HIS COMMUNITY

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Dr. Larry Mason for his devotion and service to his community. Dr. Mason began his medical practice in 1972 in Albany, Kentucky, later moving to Byrdstown Medical Center (BMC) in Tennessee where he has practiced since 1982. His many professional accomplishments include, being named Chair-

man of Board of Directors Livingston Regional Hospital (LRH) as well as serving for many years as Medical Director of Pickett Care and Rehabilitation.

Dr. Mason made many significant contributions to his community and will be greatly missed. He and his wife, Gina, reside in Livingston where they attend First Baptist Church, and together have three children, Luke, Lance, and Lindy, along with several grandchildren. We honor Dr. Mason today with his family, friends, and neighbors with deep gratitude for his service.

HONORING MAYOR NORM YODER

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Norm Yoder of Auburn, Indiana who announced his intent to retire next year. A native of DeKalb County, Mayor Yoder graduated from DeKalb High School in 1967 and received a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Purdue University in 1972. Mayor Yoder then returned to his beloved DeKalb County and started several businesses, including Yoder & Yoder Concrete & Construction and Auburn Skatin' Station. He joined the Auburn Board of Public Works in 1990 and served on the Eckhart Public Library Board from 1992 to 1999.

In 2000, Norm Yoder was elected by the people of Auburn to serve as mayor and has since been reelected five times. During his time in office, Mayor Yoder enacted several policies that positively impacted his fellow citizens. He led the revitalization of downtown into a thriving small-town commerce center and oversaw the development of Rieke Park. Mayor Yoder created Auburn Essential Services, a local provider of telecommunication services, so that the citizens of Auburn could join the information revolution. Mayor Yoder will leave Auburn a more prosperous community, and his leadership will long be remembered.

I wish Mayor Yoder, his wife Peg and his family the very best as he moves on to the next chapter of his life. Our community will miss his leadership and dedication.

HONORING BRYANT WILDER UPON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honor of the retirement of a longtime public servant for the Social Security Administration, Deputy Regional Commissioner Bryant Wilder. On January 3, 2019, Mr. Wilder will retire from the Social Security Administration after a career spanning thirty-eight years.

Mr. Wilder began his career in 1980 as a Clerk Typist in the New York Regional Office, Disability Programs Center. Over the years, Mr. Wilder has risen through the Social Security Administration, holding many important po-

sitions. In 2009, he was selected for the highly competitive Senior Executive Service Candidates Development Program. After completing the program, Mr. Wilder was promoted to Deputy Assistant Regional Commissioner for Management and Operations Support. In December 2015, he was promoted to his current position.

Throughout his career, Mr. Wilder has been an impeccable leader. He led the national workgroup that helped enhance office safety throughout the country. And during an active shooter incident, Mr. Wilder courageously took action to protect his staff in the East New York Field Office. Because of his quick thinking, all of the employees were safely evacuated.

I ask that my colleagues join me in honor of Deputy Regional Commissioner Bryant Wilder for his decades of service to our country. His advice and counsel will be missed. I wish him the best in his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF MATT
GROCOTT

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the departure from public service of San Carlos City Councilman Matt Grocott. Councilman Grocott has served from 2001 to 2018, twice as mayor.

During his tenure, the city has undergone enormous change. Although a small community, the city has many distinct neighborhoods and groups of residents. Through all of the changes impacting these constituencies, Matt Grocott contributed mightily to the effort to improve communication between the city and its residents. He regularly provided opinion pieces in local newspapers, wrote online and spoke directly with residents on their doorsteps and at civic events. Everyone could count on Councilman Grocott to offer them information about the public services and initiatives being undertaken in San Carlos.

The city has a new budget process that makes it much easier for residents to figure out what the city is accomplishing. Matt Grocott has supported this process and used it to explain what the city does well and where it needs to improve.

During his tenure, he served on multiple joint power authorities and committees. This is not glamorous work, but these appointments help cities work together to create the greatest value for residents. Councilman Grocott served on the Airport Land Use committee, the SFO Roundtable, the governing board of the library, the Grand Boulevard Initiative to re-imagine our El Camino Real, the South County Fire Authority, the Belmont San Carlos Fire Board, several subcommittees of the City/County Association of Governments, and multiple other boards, committees and commissions intended to answer many quality of life issues that vex any community.

Councilman Grocott has been a staunch advocate for persons on fixed incomes and for taxpayers. He has often persuaded residents as to the wisdom of his viewpoint, and they rewarded him with repeated re-election and, at times, by voting as he recommended on measures on the ballot.

San Carlos is known as the City of Good Living. Its streets are more bike friendly because Councilman Grocott is an avid supporter of bike riding for the entire family. Its trails, playing fields and parks are more enjoyable because Matt Grocott insisted that parks have facilities as accessible as possible to all residents. His advocacy for small business is heartfelt and longstanding. He is a trusted advocate for many merchants throughout the city.

After many years in public service, Councilman Grocott has decided to move on to different challenges and will also have more time to spend with his wife, Vivian, and step-son, Daniel. He will be remembered as a man who believed passionately in local government. While a community may ultimately speak with a single voice about a given subject, it takes many voices to create this result. Through long nights and difficult deliberations, Councilman Grocott contributed to governing San Carlos towards a better future. I join the community in thanking him for his service and wishing him well in his future endeavors.

HONORING CRAIG DUNN

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Craig Dunn for his contribution to our state.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Craig for more than a decade. Craig served Howard County as the GOP Chairman for nearly my entire tenure in Congress. Although Howard County is not in my district, we have grown to become close friends and he remains a trusted advisor to me. Craig served the County with honor and distinction for years, and I have no doubt that our state is better off today due to his extraordinary leadership and service.

I want to thank Craig for his friendship and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his family.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT
COMMANDER PETER FLYNN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize those men and women who continue to serve this great Nation with honor—men such as Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Peter Flynn, United States Navy.

For the past year, LCDR Flynn served on my staff as a Congressional Defense Fellow. A 2004 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, LCDR Flynn is a proud Surface Warfare Officer who served onboard USS *Port Royal* (CG-73), USS *George Washington* (CVN-73), USS *Thach* (FFG-43), and USS *Mobile Bay* (CG-53). During his assignment in my office, LCDR Flynn provided senior-level input for defense, veterans, foreign affairs and

intelligence matters. Additionally, he executed his work as a liaison to the constituents of Virginia's First Congressional District with distinction.

Furthermore, LCDR Flynn provided exceptional support to me as a staff liaison to the House Armed Services Committee in my role as the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee Chairman. LCDR Flynn dutifully provided me with guidance on what the Navy's path forward should be in critical areas such as training, readiness, and manning. His recent experience in the surface community was invaluable to my work in Congress.

As the Co-Chair of the Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus, the Co-Chair of the Navy-Marine Corps Caucus, and the Chairman of the United States Naval Academy's Board of Visitors, I relied on LCDR Flynn to organize quarterly events with government, military, and private sector leaders. These events allowed key decisionmakers to work together for the advancement of our future Naval Officers as well as the construction and repair of the ships on which they will serve.

LCDR Flynn also directly contributed to my goal of providing excellent constituent service to the people of the First District. He was responsible for bringing numerous constituent inquiries to a successful conclusion, and he leveraged his personal and operational experience in the Navy to respond to the most challenging inquiries. In addition to his efforts locally, LCDR Flynn took on projects with regional, state, and national implications, demonstrating his ability to view a challenge from many angles and develop innovative solutions.

LCDR Flynn's work ethic, duty to mission, and commitment to servant leadership is without equal. I believe that his personal drive to achieve excellence in his work has and will set a very high standard for his peers. I would also like to thank LCDR Flynn for the service and sacrifice he has made, and continues to make, both for our Nation and our great Navy. His impeccable integrity, boundless work ethic, and loyal devotion to duty earned him the respect and admiration of my staff and the First District of Virginia. I have no doubt that LCDR Flynn will continue to serve the Navy honorably and with distinction.

I wish Pete and his wife Lucy the best of luck as they continue their journey together as a Navy family. It was an honor and a pleasure having Pete serve on my staff. We all can sleep soundly at night knowing that members of our all-volunteer force like Pete stand ready to defend our country and take the fight to our enemies; far away from their families and the comforts of the United States of America.

LCDR Peter Flynn has done a fantastic job. Best of luck and may God bless him, his family, and all the Sailors he is charged with leading.

CELEBRATING THE CASPER
MOBILE LITERACY PROGRAM

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of North Georgia faculty, students, and community volunteers who have been working with Gaines-

ville students to improve their reading skills through the Casper Mobile Literacy Program.

This program was initiated by Dr. Annmarie Jackson, an assistant professor of education at the University of North Georgia. Dr. Jackson noticed her department had a component focused on reading but lacked a component focusing on literacy.

In the spring of 2018, the program began serving around 30 students in kindergarten through fifth grade who attend Riverbend Elementary School. Many of the children in the program are reading below their grade level and would not be able to attend a literacy clinic or obtain a tutor aside from access to the Casper Mobile Literacy Program.

The program welcomes students after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays to receive support in reading and writing. Dr. Jackson and her volunteers lead the students through an engagement activity, guided reading, vocabulary review, and extension activities related to the reading selections.

I commend Dr. Jackson and the University of North Georgia faculty members, students, and community members who volunteer their time each week to help the children in our community become stronger readers.

HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE
150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ITHACA YMCA

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Ithaca Young Men's Christian Association for 150 years of service to the community.

On November 23, 1868, a group of young men in Ithaca held a meeting in the Cornell Library. The basement of that library would become the first home of the Ithaca YMCA, consisting of a gymnasium, baths, parlor, reading room, and offices.

Since that day 150 years ago, the Ithaca YMCA has remained dedicated to their mission to foster youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. The Ithaca YMCA has a record of inclusivity, serving all young people in its community. In earlier years when other parts of the country lacked diversity, the Ithaca YMCA was able to boast that one out of every five members was a girl as compared to the national average of one in 15.

Their engagement in the Ithaca community has been stalwart in developing character in local youths. The YMCA has been faced with adversity over its record of 150 years, confronted with low membership during war time and not one, but two devastating fires. Each time the YMCA has rebuilt and regrown membership, bringing the community of Ithaca and Tompkins County together.

We applaud the longevity of the Ithaca YMCA and wish them future success as they continue to serve our local youth.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me in celebrating the YMCA for 150 years of dedicated service to the City of Ithaca and Tompkins County.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MRS. GEORGIA M. GAINES

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Georgia M. Gaines, a native of Litcher, Louisiana and retired school teacher. Mrs. Gaines passed away Thursday, November 29, 2018 at the age of 96.

Mrs. Gaines was born in 1922. Her parents were the late Mr. George Chriswell, an entrepreneur and insurance agent, and Mrs. Alma Berry Chriswell, an elementary school principal and education pioneer. She attended McDonald #35 High School in New Orleans, Louisiana because there were no local high schools in St. James Parish for African-Americans.

In 1944, Mrs. Gaines earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics from Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. While a student at Southern University, she was a proud member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and a student assistant to the wife of Southern University President Dr. Felton G. Clark.

Upon graduation, Mrs. Gaines taught in the Lake Charles public schools. She later returned to St. James Parish and began teaching locally. In 1949, she married Mr. Leroy Gaines, a Texas transplant to the Litcher area.

After thirty years of teaching at St. James High School, Mrs. Gaines retired from the St. James Parish School System. She also worked for the State of Louisiana as an Assistant Director of the Litcher Day Care Center.

Mrs. Gaines was an individual of vision, integrity, pride in family and an endearing asset to her community. Her legacy will forever be a part of the city and her dedication to community embodies the spirit of Louisiana. We cannot match the sacrifices made by Mrs. Gaines, but surely, we can try to match her sense of service. We cannot match her courage, but we can strive to match her devotion.

Mrs. Gaines's survivors include daughters: Debora Gaines, Karen Gaines and Wanda (Danny) Manuel. Sons: Randal Gaines, Darrel (Tilda) Gaines and Daren (Vanessa) Gaines. Ten grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, including Edna Berry Anderson, and other relatives and friends, including Martha Ray Branch. She was preceded in death by her parents, George Chriswell and Alma Berry Chriswell, her husband, Leroy Gaines, and her granddaughter, Tene' Lemar.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Mrs. Georgia M. Gaines.

HONORING BRIAN AND CHRISTINE
BRAMMER

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District

of Indiana, to recognize Brian and Christine Brammer for their contribution to our state.

We first met over a decade ago, as the Brammers were our friends and neighbors who lived two houses down from our home in Shelbyville. Brian is a CPA and a partner at Brammer & Yeend Professional Corporation, which provides accounting services to small businesses and individuals. Like me, Brian overachieved in marriage. His wife, Christine, is very involved in the local community and worked with my wife Jennifer at the local non-profit, Girls Inc. of Shelbyville. Brian also serves on the Board at Girls Inc. Brian and Christine are the proud parents of two great kids—Jack and Katie.

The Brammers were among my earliest supporters in my political journey in Congress. I want to thank them for their friendship and loyalty to me over all these years. The Messer family cherishes the time we get to spend with them and wish Brian, Christine, Jack and Katie all the best in whatever God has planned for their family.

HONORING BROOKS CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brooks Construction Company of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Brooks Construction recently received the HIRE Vets Medallion Program award. The HIRE Vets program, administered by the Department of Labor, recognizes businesses for their commitment to recruiting, employing and retaining veterans. Brooks Construction was recently awarded a gold medal in the medium employer category.

Brooks Construction Company was founded in 1909 by John Foster Brooks and has served our community well for over a century. Today, Brooks Construction is a leader in road construction and repair in northeast Indiana. In addition to its commitment to our veterans, Brooks Construction has supported many local charities and organizations in the greater Fort Wayne area.

I applaud Brooks Construction Company for its commitment to our veterans. As a member of the House Veterans Affairs committee and a veteran myself, I am pleased to see northeast Indiana embracing the unique skills that our veterans bring to the workforce. I applaud the efforts of companies like Brooks Construction to hire the men and women that have given so much to serve our nation. Congratulations to Brooks Construction Company and I thank them for their commitment to our veterans and our community.

MAY'S BREXIT DEAL IS BAD FOR
BRITAIN AND AMERICA

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, our British allies are making a bad deal. The current Brexit deal that Theresa May's government

has made with the European Union could position the United Kingdom as a de facto colony, where it is subject to EU rules but without any vote. Essentially this would be worse than Britain staying in the EU. Moreover, it could damage the strong economic ties we hold with our closest allies, meaning Americans could end feeling the sting of a bad Brexit deal.

When the British people made the choice to depart from the European Union in 2016, I applauded their decision. Great Britain—which has always stood apart from the continent in its traditions, politics, values, and character—has reasserted its sovereignty with the historic Brexit referendum. Membership in the EU had come at too large a cost to Britain, and the British people have decided to determine they want to chart their own course into the future—not have it determine for them by Brussels. Therefore, as a steadfast ally and friend of the United Kingdom, America should support their decision.

The current proposal, however, could come at a cost to our economic relationship with Britain. Under Prime Minister May's deal, there will be a two-year transition period before the UK can fully separate from the EU which beholds Britain to EU regulations without a vote. During that time Britain will be able to negotiate new trade deals but cannot implement them until 2021. This means even if the U.S. and UK sign a new free trade pact—which we absolutely should—that it will collect dust while Britain is left at the EU's mercy. There is a chance that if the UK and EU do not agree to a new trade deal that the transition period then extends thus further delaying implementation of a new trade pact with the U.S. Meanwhile, Britain's economy suffers.

America needs a strong Britain. The British people have stood by us on our most trying days and are often the first to pledge their support when we act to confront the world's most complex challenges. There is no nation on Earth that is as indispensable to our security and prosperity as the United Kingdom. Any arrangement that potentially weakens Britain's sovereignty or economic well-being is counter to America's interests. For the sake of our alliance, this current Brexit bad deal should not go through.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING KAAREN ANN STASKO

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Kaaren Ann Stasko on her retirement after twenty years of service as an Office Technician for the Fire Marshal's Office of CalFire.

Ms. Stasko was born in Oakland, California on March 21, 1942. As a child, she attended schools in Crockett, California. Ms. Stasko was the first in her family to graduate from college. She took classes part-time while working full-time to earn an Associate's Degree at the age of fifty-seven.

Ms. Stasko has been a dedicated volunteer in our community since she was a child. In her youth, she was an active Camp Fire Girl, as well as a Counselor in Training Camp Gold Hollow. When her children were in high

school, she supported the Napa High School Band and Choir as a bingo runner and a shuttle driver at Sonoma Raceway, and continues to do so.

Ms. Stasko is deeply involved with CalFire and its community. In addition to working as an Office Technician for the past twenty years, she has volunteered with CalFire in many capacities. She is the Chair of the Napa County Firefighter's Dinner, a member of the Administrative Fire Services Section of CalChiefs, and a Napa County CalFire Volunteer in Prevention. Ms. Stasko was also a frequent volunteer at the California State Fair at Camp Smokey, worked the fireworks on the Fourth of July and volunteered at the CalFire Crab Feed.

Among her friends, family and coworkers, Ms. Stasko is known for going the extra mile. She is dedicated and hardworking and always willing to help those in need. When two members of the fire department were diagnosed with cancer, Ms. Stasko frequently took them to lunch and supported and encouraged them and their families through the difficult time.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Stasko is an admirable member of our community and spends much of her time volunteering to help those around her. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Ms. Kaaren Ann Stasko here today.

CELEBRATING THE RELOCATION OF FOX FACTORY HOLDING HEADQUARTERS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a company that has acknowledged the value that Northeast Georgians bring to the table and is relocating its headquarters from California to Hall County, Georgia later this year.

Fox Factory Holding Corp., is widely known as a leader in developing shocks on mountain bikes and on vehicles like the Ford F-150 Raptor. The company also designs and manufactures performance-defining ride dynamics products for on-and off-road vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, specialty vehicles, and motorcycles. Fox currently has offices in Braselton and sponsored two off-road courses at Road Atlanta last year.

Fox will soon relocate its corporate headquarters to its Braselton office. In early 2020, the company expects to have completely transitioned into a new 23-acre site at Gainesville Industrial Park West. Fox plans to invest up to \$50 million in the facility, which will be focused on manufacturing, warehousing, and distribution.

The move is expected to create up to 800 jobs and boost the local economy. From dining establishments to engineering and construction, local businesses will be positively impacted by the move.

I welcome Fox Factory Holding Corp. to Northeast Georgia, and I look forward to our shared success ahead.

CONGRATULATING DR. DONNA STRICKLAND AND DR. GERARD MOUROU ON THEIR NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituents, Ms. Donna Strickland and Mr. Gérard Mourou, who were recently awarded the 2018 Nobel Prize in Physics for their inventions of "tools made of light." Their incredible research on laser physics was done at the University of Rochester's Laboratory for Laser Energetics, a world-class scientific institution in my district, and was made possible thanks to federal support by the Department of Energy.

Dr. Strickland is only the third woman to receive the prize in physics, joining Marie Curie, in 1903, and Maria Goeppert-Mayer, in 1963, and is the first woman laureate in Rochester's history. Additionally, Drs. Strickland and Mourou are now two of twelve University of Rochester students or faculty who have been recognized with a Nobel Prize.

Drs. Strickland and Mourou have received this momentous award for their ground-breaking work into the design of high-power lasers. Their discovery of "chirped-pulse amplification" enabled a stunning advance in laser power and paved the way for the creation of very short, intense laser pulses lasting only a fraction of a second, making it possible to build more compact and precise laser systems. The "chirped-pulse amplification" technique, first realized in their table-top terawatt, or "T-cubed", laser, has since been used in a variety of applications, from Lasik eye surgery to the manufacturing of materials used in smartphones.

Their discovery enabled significant increases in the peak power of lasers by overcoming the existing limitations due to laser pulses damaging the material used to amplify them by first stretching the light pulse, amplifying the longer lower-power pulse, and then re-compressing the light into a short high-power pulse. Although their research was performed in the 1980's, to this day, "chirped-pulse amplification" remains the state-of-the-art technique for generating the highest-power lasers in the world and has opened the door to new fields of inquiry, such as femtochemistry, and enabled new medical, scientific, and commercial applications.

The Laboratory of Laser Energetics is the largest university-based research center funded by the Department of Energy and is currently home to 350 scientists, engineers, and staff. In addition, it is the only National Nuclear Security Agency facility with a specific mission to train graduate students in inertial confinement fusion, high-power lasers, and high energy density physics research. In addition to being a significant source of scientific education and leadership, the Laboratory of Laser Energetics is a vital contributor to our national security and an engine of innovation and growth for the laser, optics, imaging and photonics sector which have been so important to the Rochester and Finger Lakes region.

It gives me great pleasure to represent an institution and a district with such a proud and storied history of innovation. I am proud to

recognize Drs. Donna Strickland and Gérard Mourou for their outstanding research accomplishments and contributions to the scientific community which have rightly earned them a Nobel Prize. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors and look forward to the continued success they will achieve.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAMERON
JOHNSON

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Cameron Johnson, a departing member of the San Carlos City Council. Cameron Johnson has served four years and made an indelible impact during his service as Mayor, Councilman and presently as Vice Mayor.

He will be remembered in part for his advocacy on behalf of local merchants on Laurel Street, and against chain stores populating this treasured shopping district. Thanks to Vice Mayor Johnson, there will be space for local residents to establish their own businesses, to offer unusual items and services, and to keep the charm of small town San Carlos alive.

Vice Mayor Johnson successfully advocated for a community foundation to be established from the proceeds of a legal penalty paid by PG&E. The foundation will allow the city to reliably fund community events and projects, through good times and bad, for decades to come.

During his time in service, the council adopted a downtown parking plan, saw the beginning of the long-planned Wheeler Plaza project and the construction of the transit village around the Caltrain station. Like his colleagues, he contributed greatly by serving on the important boards and commissions that make crucial recommendations to the council or regional bodies about the quality of life in San Carlos. These include the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, the ABAG General Assembly, Peninsula Clean Energy, and council sub-committees such as the shuttle sub-committee, the bond sub-committee, the economic development sub-committee, and the 2+2 City/school district sub-committee.

He is a strong advocate for affordable housing and of ensuring that homeowners can use their property to meet the growing needs of their family. He recognizes that keeping the character of San Carlos involves more than preserving any given structure, but instead entails keeping opportunity alive in San Carlos for all generations that make this small town their home.

During his tenure, San Carlos was hit by a wave of burglaries. Cameron Johnson's explanations of police activities and his support of the public during council study sessions maintained public trust in the efforts of the sheriff's office to end the burglaries.

While he was part of a team effort to maintain the public's trust during this trying time, Cameron Johnson went out of his way to explain police activities while also holding the police accountable to resolve the problem.

As a councilmember, Cameron excelled in his communications to residents. His charts

and verbal explanations of public policy were clear and built credibility in all public services. He strongly supported the periodic newsletter sent to all residents, explaining new initiatives around town. He readily stood at the farmer's market and answered questions from the public. In all these communications, it may help that Cameron Johnson is also the Director of Product Innovation for Netflix. Indeed, one can readily imagine a primetime television show based upon his public service experience: The Real Councilmembers of San Carlos, featuring Bruce Willis as Mayor Bob Grassilli and Justin Timberlake as Vice Mayor Cameron Johnson. Admittedly, this is not likely to produce blockbuster ratings around the country, but there may be a block or two in San Carlos where the series would be a big hit.

In closing, the people of San Carlos owe Cameron Johnson a significant vote of thanks for his efforts to improve their lives. He saw a challenge and seized it with both hands, at least when his hands were not otherwise holding his two children, Josephine and Ellis. We must also thank his wife, Celina, for her patience as he contributed to the community. It has been my pleasure to watch Vice Mayor Johnson become an outstanding leader in San Carlos and I count him as a personal friend. He will now leave the council, but his smile, facile mind, and goodwill will be remembered for many years to come.

HONORING CRAIG SNOW

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Craig Snow for his contribution to our state.

During my entire tenure in Congress, Craig has been a loyal friend and wise adviser. Craig is also a leader in Indiana's agriculture industry, serving as an executive at Silveus Insurance Group. Our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Craig is a brother in Christ. I have appreciated his prayers and encouragement over the years. I want to thank him for his friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his family.

ALFRED CLIFTON FISHER

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, legacy and service of United States Army Veteran Mr. Alfred Clifton Fisher, of Voorhees, New Jersey in the First Congressional District.

Mr. Alfred Clifton Fisher was born in Lawnside, New Jersey on July 1, 1936. He attended Lawnside public schools, then graduated from Haddon Heights High School. He continued his education at the Morgan State University where he majored in Economics

and Military Science, was designated a Distinguished Military Graduate as a Army Reserve Officer Training Corps. student and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree.

As a member of the United States Army, Mr. Fisher traveled to attend numerous advanced Army training schools and was promoted several times to higher grades and assignments, which resulted in higher level Command and Staff positions in the United States, Asia and Germany. As a dedicated public servant, he served our nation during the Vietnam Initiative. While on assignment in New York, he attended Adelphi University where he obtained his Master of Business Administration degree.

For his brave service to his country Mr. Fisher was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Joint Service Commendation Medals and two awards of the Army Commendation Medal. He also received numerous other commendations, service medals, awards, citations and letters. In 1979, after twenty-one years of service, he honorably retired from the United States Army.

Upon retirement, he worked for the United States Defense Department, where he was selected by the Pentagon to attend the United States Army's renowned Command and General Staff College. Additionally, Mr. Fisher received a Post Graduate Certificate in Organizational Development from Temple University Graduate School of Business.

As a lifetime member of the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Lindenwood, New Jersey, he served as the Co-Chairperson of Finance and Chairman of the Annual Men's Day Committee for eighteen years. In addition, he also served as a member of the Camden County Veterans Affairs, a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lawnside Post 8003 and was the Vice President of the Camden County Technical School Board of Education.

In later years, he was inducted into the Voorhees Township Wall of Honor and received the Camden County Freedom Medal.

Mr. Fisher most importantly cherished his family and is survived by his beloved wife Stephanie of almost fifty years of marriage, their three children; Stephen (Sarah), Renee and Allyson along with many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, beloved family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the life, legacy and service of Mr. Alfred Clifton Fisher.

HONORING COUNCILMAN AND
FORMER MAYOR TIMOTHY
BANUELOS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Councilman and Former Mayor Timothy Banuelos for nine years of service on the Pinole City Council.

Mr. Banuelos is a long-time resident of Pinole. He worked in the architecture profession for thirty years prior to his appointment to the City Council. In 1997, he became a California Licensed Architect. Mr. Banuelos has been an active volunteer in our community. He is a former member of the West County Com-

munity High School Board of Directors, sat on the City of Pinole Design Review Board in 2006 and was a City of Pinole Planning Commissioner from 2005 to 2009, serving as Chairman in 2007.

Mr. Banuelos was appointed to the Pinole City Council in 2009 and re-elected in 2010 and 2014. He served as Mayor from 2013 to 2014 and again from 2017 to 2018. Mr. Banuelos oversaw the completion of many community development projects during his tenure on the City Council. The projects included the Gateway Shopping Center, Kaiser Medical Center, and the Pinole Valley Skate Park. Mr. Banuelos has also been deeply involved with the Pinole Community Playhouse renovation and Wastewater Pollution Control Plant Upgrade. He also contributed his architectural design expertise to the Welcome to Pinole Improvement project. While on the Planning Commission and City Council Mr. Banuelos worked on the 2010 Pinole General Plan Update.

Mr. Banuelos is known for being level-headed and objective, and willing to listen to both sides of an issue. He is a diligent problem solver and works hard to preserve Pinole's small-town atmosphere.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Banuelos has served our community admirably. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Councilman and Former Mayor Timothy Banuelos here today.

TRIBUTE TO DANIELLE BROWN

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise—along with ZOE LOFGREN, Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, and DAVID CICILLINE, Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law—to thank Danielle Brown for her service to the Judiciary Committee. She is leaving the Judiciary Committee to serve as General Counsel and Parliamentarian of the Committee on Ways and Means. As we will outline shortly, our loss is their gain.

Danielle has served in a remarkable range of positions over the course of her career on the Judiciary Committee. Growing up in Huntington Woods, Michigan, she first joined the Committee in November 2001 after graduating from the University of Michigan and working in the personal office of Rep. John Conyers, Jr. She left in May 2006 to obtain her law degree at Georgetown University, and returned to the Committee in 2008 after law school to serve as Counsel. She went on to serve as a Parliamentarian for the Minority, and later added the title of Chief Legislative Counsel and, eventually Deputy Chief Counsel, overseeing the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security and the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, as well as our clerk and whip teams. We do not know of any other individual who has served in more positions within the Judiciary Committee.

During her time on the Committee, Danielle has been a passionate advocate for justice. From her work on reproductive choice, refugees, and sex-trafficking to immigration reform, competition policy and arbitration,

Danielle has been on the front lines of the Committee's search to promote and improve justice, equal rights, and the lives of ordinary and under-privileged people. Her analysis and advice have been indispensable whether the Committee engaged in oversight or considered legislation.

Although Danielle was deeply involved in almost every single piece of Committee business over her years here, there are several areas in which she showed particular passion and enthusiasm. In her position overseeing the Immigration Subcommittee, she was a dogged defender of immigrants' rights. From comprehensive immigration reform to protecting Dreamers and those with Temporary Protected Status to reform of the EB-5 program for immigrant investors, Danielle tirelessly fought to strike the right balance between opposing sides. Her counsel helped the Committee shed light on harmful administrative policies and prevent anti-immigrant bills from becoming law. She provided similarly excellent counsel in her oversight of the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law. There, she earned a well-deserved reputation as a staunch defender of the public interest, open and fair markets, access to justice, and the rule of law.

Beyond these specific responsibilities, Danielle has been intimately involved in many aspects of the Committee's operation. This has included helping the Committee organize each Congress, assisting Members and staff develop amendments for markups, reviewing Member memos for hearings and markups, drafting memos for the Ranking Member, helping to prepare Democratic dissenting views, assisting in the preparation of amendments and statements for the Rules Committee, preparing previous questions and motions to recommit, and drafting and reviewing statements for legislation and amendments on the floor. She also served as a liaison to Leadership, Majority staff, outside advocacy and non-profit groups, and the Administration. She also offered considerable instruction and creativity to fellow staff, and was a calming influence when supervising difficult or contentious matters. Danielle also was able to work across the aisle on a variety of bills. Her hard work and dedication earned her respect and admiration of Members and staff alike.

We have appreciated and benefited from Danielle's energy, enthusiasm, and insight over her time on the Committee. We wish Danielle Brown the very best in her future endeavors and thank her for her outstanding service to the Congress, the Judiciary Committee, and our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. KEVIN
THOMAS KOELEWYN

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today alongside my colleague, DEVIN NUNES, to recognize the life and service of Kevin Thomas Koelewyn, a teacher, mentor, and long-time advocate for agricultural education.

Mr. Kevin Koelewyn was born on March 26, 1966 in Hanford, California. The City of Han-

ford is located in California's San Joaquin Valley, one of the most agriculture-rich areas in the world. The area seemed to leave a lasting impression on Kevin, as he dedicated his life and career to this community and agricultural education.

An educator for nearly thirty years, Mr. Koelewyn was widely known for his role as an agriculture teacher with Tulare Joint Union High School District. His involvement spread far beyond the classroom. He was active in Future Farmers of America (FFA), coaching numerous students for FFA public speaking competitions. His expertise in coaching made him nationally known in the FFA community; and he was given the responsibility of overseeing their national public speaking competition as a result.

While his experience and accomplishments made him one of the most respected teachers in the area, it was his mentorship to students and fellow educators that set him apart. Countless former students have expressed the lasting impact Mr. Koelewyn's mentorship had on their lives. His ability to inspire students far beyond their perceived potential was often mentioned. Kevin extended that mentorship to young agricultural teachers, helping them get settled into new jobs and preparing them for success.

Mr. Koelewyn was also dedicated to community service and was a long-time youth baseball coach in his hometown of Hanford. Whether in the classroom, at FFA competitions, or attending sporting events, Kevin was passionate about inspiring the next generation to reach their full potential in life.

While he was passionate about his career and service, Kevin's greatest loves were God, family, and friends. He had a deep relationship with the Lord, which guided the entirety of his life. He loved and cherished his wife, children, parents, and the rest of his family. He was a dedicated friend who was there to help in challenging times.

Sadly, on Sunday, November 4, 2018, Kevin Koelewyn passed away. Although he left us far too soon, Kevin made a lasting, positive impact on the people he knew. Kevin is survived by his wife Maxine, their three children, Madlyn, Audra, and Kaleb, his parents Thomas and Sharon, and his sister Kristin. Kevin Koelewyn left his community a far richer place, and for that we are blessed. He was a loving husband, caring father, inspiring mentor, and dedicated educator. There is no doubt he will be deeply missed.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me and Mr. NUNES in honoring the life of Kevin Thomas Koelewyn. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends in this difficult time.

COMMEMORATING THE 125TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE FALCONER
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Falconer Volunteer Fire Company.

In 1893, the taxpayers of the village of Falconer agreed upon the necessity of fire protection for their community and voted to appropriate one thousand dollars for the purchase of fire equipment. The Falconer Fire Company originated with the creation of the Hose Company and a hand-drawn hose cart that was stored in a barn for the modest price of one dollar per month.

From these humble beginnings, the Falconer Fire Company has grown over the years in order to continue to meet the safety needs of its community. Established in 1970, the Volunteer Rescue Squad provides essential Emergency Medical Technician services to the Falconer area. In 2010, the Fire Company expanded to include a Junior Firefighter program, providing youths in the community an opportunity to learn from current volunteers.

Today, the Fire Company is made up of 60 volunteer firefighters. They work to keep their community safe, responding to nearly four hundred calls each year. We commend their dedication to their community and their volunteer service.

One hundred and twenty-five years of service to the community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Falconer Volunteer Fire Company for their impressive record of hard work and look forward to many more years of them keeping our community safe.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate the Falconer Volunteer Fire Company's 125 years of service.

RECOGNIZING G. LINCOLN McCURDY AND THE TURKISH COALITION OF AMERICA FOR RECEIVING THE 2018 GUSI PEACE PRIZE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. G. Lincoln McCurdy, the president of the Turkish Coalition of America (TCA) who received the 2018 Gusi Peace Prize. TCA, founded by noted Turkish American Dr. Yalcin Ayasli, is an educational, public, charitable organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. whose mission is to educate the general public about Turkey and Turkish Americans and voice their opinions on critical issues to interested parties by supporting people-to-people exchanges, educating Congress about Turkish American perspectives; promoting balanced dialogue on U.S.-Turkey relations, and building bridges between the Turkish American community and other heritage communities.

The Gusi Peace Prize Foundation is based in Manila, Philippines and annually recognizes individuals and organizations working toward the attainment of peace and respect for human life and dignity.

I congratulate G. Lincoln McCurdy and the Turkish Coalition of America for receiving the 2018 Gusi Peace Prize.

HONORING DEVIN AND SHELBY
ANDERSON

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Devin and Shelby Anderson for their contribution to our state.

Devin serves as the President and CEO of E&A Industries and has helped the business grow from a regional company to an international conglomerate. He also has served in a number of political and governmental leadership positions in the Republican Party, including as Chief of Staff to Indiana Congressman David McIntosh and U.S. Senator Dan Coats. There is no doubt that our state is better off today due to his extraordinary leadership and service.

I've had the pleasure of knowing Devin and Shelby for more than two decades. I first met Devin when we were both working for Congressman David McIntosh in Washington. Devin and Shelby are a couple of my favorite people who I have met along this journey. They are serious people who don't take themselves too seriously. Despite their many successes, they both understand the importance of putting faith and family first.

I want to thank Devin and Shelby for their friendship and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

HONORING COUNCILWOMAN
MAUREEN TOMS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Councilwoman Maureen Toms for her three years of service on the Pinole City Council.

A Pinole native, Ms. Toms was exposed to public service at a young age. Her father served on the Pinole City Council and was the Mayor from 1964 to 1965. Prior to her appointment to the City Council, Ms. Toms was a Planning Commissioner for the City of Pinole and the Land Use Planner for Contra Costa County. She also served on the Amber Swartz Park Development Committee from 1994 to 2006. Throughout her tenure, Ms. Toms was instrumental in securing grants for the park.

Upon her appointment to the Pinole City Council in 2015, Ms. Toms became involved with numerous different development projects for the city. She was active in the Gateway Shopping Center project, the Sprouts project, and the Landscape Improvement Project. She has also worked on the Pinole Wastewater Pollution Control Plant Upgrade project. Additionally, Ms. Toms was heavily involved with the Planning Commission on Pinole's 2010 General Plan Update.

Among her colleagues, Ms. Toms is known for being hard-working and for her commitment to community service. In addition to her work on the City Council, Ms. Toms has served on the Down Syndrome League Board

of Directors and has volunteered as a Special Olympics Coach. She has received numerous awards for her service to Contra County and the City of Pinole, including the Contra Costa Woman of the Year award.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Toms is an admirable leader who is dedicated to serving our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Councilwoman Maureen Toms here today.

CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF
THE NEW LANIER TECHNICAL
COLLEGE CAMPUS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the opening of the new Lanier Technical College campus.

In the words of Dr. Ray Perren, "This campus was built not only for the students of 2018 but for those who choose technical education in 2078." The new campus includes six buildings for technical education instruction, an economic development and campus support building, instructional building, and an administrative building and student center.

Lanier Tech's new campus was specifically designed to serve students by offering flexible training requirements, workforce training, and appropriate skills for an evolving job market. The \$150-million campus will be open for classes in January 2019 and will accommodate more than 5,000 students, nearly doubling Lanier Tech's current capacity. This will, undoubtedly, improve upon their stellar job placement rate.

Throughout the nation, communities have grown tired of paying astronomical prices for degrees that quickly become outdated. A technical education provides stability in an ever-changing economy, in industries that regularly create meaningful career opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate this investment in technical education for our local community, and I look forward to the positive impact this will have throughout Northeast Georgia.

HONORING EARL GOODE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Earl Goode for his contribution to our state.

Earl is an institution in Indiana and has devoted his career to helping improve the lives of our fellow Hoosiers. We worked together with Governor Daniels to enact school choice legislation that has given low-income families across the state better educational opportunities. After working for Governor Daniels, Earl served as the President of Indianapolis Capital Improvement Board of Managers and now serves as the Chief of Staff for Governor Holcomb. It has been an honor to work with Earl, and I know our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, I have had the pleasure of knowing Earl for nearly two decades. Simply put: Earl Goode is my friend and mentor. I want to thank him for his friendship, wise counsel and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his family.

PROTECTING THE CRIME VICTIMS'
FUND: A RARE GEM

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, when most Americans think about the federal government, they tend to think about the political gridlock and bureaucratic red tape that has increasingly made good governance difficult. But once in a blue moon, a unique and effective idea can emerge out of the Washington swamp, and the creation of the Crime Victims' Fund is a perfect example of one of those rare occurrences. Prior to being elected to Congress, I served as a prosecutor and Judge in Houston, Texas for 30 years. During that time, I learned firsthand how important it is to protect and help restore the most vulnerable in our society. Upon arriving in Washington after my election and learning about the Crime Victims' Fund, I knew how special the idea was, and I was determined to protect and expand it.

In 1984, President Reagan signed the Victims of Crime Act or VOCA into law, thus creating the Crime Victims' Fund. Back then, this Fund was a novel idea. Convicted federal felons pay fees and fines into the Fund, which then helps pay for services to restore victims of crime. The Fund helps pay restitution to victims; it allows domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, and other organizations to keep their doors open; and it pays for a wide array of services that crime victims need, from rape kits to beds in a shelter. I want to be clear: this is not taxpayer money. This Fund allows criminals to pay for the harm that they've caused. In other words, it's like criminals paying rent on the courthouse.

At the end of FY2016, the Crime Victims Fund had a balance of more than \$12 billion. Unfortunately, this money—billions of dollars—has been used as an offset for other unrelated programs. I understand the attraction of using a program of this size to help offset other items under the budget, but it is still completely inappropriate. These are non-tax dollars. To ensure that the Fund is protected and used correctly, every year Rep. JIM COSTA (D-CA) and I have introduced the Crime Victims' Fund Preservation Act. This bill creates a "lockbox" to ensure that money in the Fund cannot be used for any purpose other than crime victims' programs authorized under the VOCA statute.

Since its creation, the Fund has been a lifeline for victims, offering them the resources and assistance they need to recover and rebuild their lives. This money should never be subject to the politics or gridlock that often derails or hampers other federal programs. The Fund is a rare Washington D.C. gem, a program that serves victims of crime while not being a burden on the American tax-payer. We must work to preserve this Fund and ensure it is protected for the future.

And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL P.
GUINGONA

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Michael P. Guingona for his remarkable 25 years of dedicated service on the Daly City City Council, including five terms as Mayor. Mike has worked continually to improve the quality of life for all Daly City residents while also raising a family, maintaining a full-time public defender career, and coaching wrestling and judo.

Mike was the first Filipino-American elected to the council in 1993 and then re-elected to four consecutive terms. In 1995, at age 33, he became the youngest Mayor in Daly City's history.

Born in San Francisco and raised in Daly City, Mike attended Westmoor High School and Skyline College. He earned his B.A. in History at the University of California Los Angeles and then his JD at the University of San Francisco School of Law. Soon after, he was hired as a Deputy Public Defender in San Francisco.

Mike's interest in local government grew after he finished law school. He saw the rapid growth and demographic changes in Daly City. The population grew from 40,000 to over 100,000 and by 2000, the Filipino-American community accounted for almost one third of the city's population.

After being elected to the council, Mike continued his full-time work as deputy public defender in the San Francisco Public Defender's Office. In 1999, he established his own law firm on Mission Street in Daly City. He is a member of the State Bar of California, the Bar Association of San Francisco, and the Filipino Bar Association of Northern California.

During his tenure on the council, Mike served on the SamTrans Board of Directors for ten years, and on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority for eight years. He represented Daly City's interests as an appointed member of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) served as board chair for North County Fire Authority, and served on the Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Services Board of Directors.

Among Mike's top priorities and passions are health and fitness. He supported a resolution adopting a city-wide wellness policy and initiated legislation to fight second-hand smoke. He also made a pledge that I believe no other council member has duplicated. He rode his bike on every street in Daly City to raise awareness for health and safe bike routes. For many years he was a judo coach at Cahill's Judo Academy in San Bruno and a wrestling coach at Terra Nova High School. He is a Mixed Martial Arts Judge for the California State Athletic Commission, Director of Operations and Coach for the Wrestling Association of the Philippines, and a swim instructor and certified personal trainer working with employees at Google and YouTube.

While Mike will retire from the city council, he will continue his interest in everything Daly

City, many of his athletic activities and his work as an attorney. Mike is looking forward to spending more of his freed-up time with his wife Jackie and son Kai who is a member of the Philippine National Wrestling Team which Mike is coaching.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in thanking my long-time friend and colleague Mike Guingona for his outstanding and dedicated public service to the residents of Daly City. His likeability, charm and optimism have been assets as he represented Daly City in many positions. He beautifully reflects and advances the spirit and character of his beloved home town. I join the community in wishing him the best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING KOESTERS BODY &
FRAME SHOP

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Koesters Body & Frame Shop of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Koesters Body & Frame Shop recently received the HIRE Vets Medallion Program award. The HIRE Vets program, administered by the Department of Labor, recognizes businesses for their commitment to recruiting, employing and retaining veterans. Koesters Body & Frame Shop was recently awarded a gold medal in the small employer category.

Koesters Body & Frame Shop was founded in 1970 by Steve Koester and has grown into a thriving body and frame business. Today, Koesters is a leader in automotive repair and body work in northeast Indiana, with over 50 employees and a state of the art facility.

I applaud Koesters Body & Frame Shop for its commitment to our veterans. As a member of the House Veterans Affairs committee and a veteran myself, I am pleased to see northeast Indiana embracing the unique skills that our veterans bring to the workforce. I applaud the efforts of companies like Koesters to hire the men and women who have given so much to serve our nation. Congratulations to Koesters Body & Frame Shop, and I thank them for their commitment to our veterans and our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHUCK
CARPENTER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chuck Carpenter for his 36 years of service and leadership with the Denton Chamber of Commerce.

Chuck first arrived in Denton as a recent Baylor University graduate, and joined the Denton Chamber to launch and lead the Denton Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) as its first director. In this role, Chuck was tasked with promoting the City of Denton and bolstering tourism. In 1982, Chuck was selected to be the President of the Denton Chamber of

Commerce. He has remained at the helm ever since as a steady figure for the community.

During his 36 year tenure as president, Chuck has been a major player as Denton has grown to our current population of more than 137,000 citizens. This growth included the relocation of Peterbilt's Divisional Headquarters and dozens of other businesses that comprise the strong employment base of the city. Chuck established the joint Chamber-City Office of Economic Development to continue the work in drawing employers to the City and launched to first official relocation guide to assist these companies and their employees in becoming a part of the community.

Chuck supported community interests and awareness by starting the Small Business Development Center, Adopt-a-School and the creation of the Discover Denton Welcome Center on the Square. He engaged the community in civic and community matters through Denton County Days in Austin, the DC Fly-In and his Chamber Action column in the Denton Record Chronicle. He also launched Leadership Denton, the Small Business Development Center and Women in Business to better engage both current and future leaders. In addition, he sought to recognize leaders and community milestones through the Volunteer of the Year Award and the celebration of both the 75th and 100th Chamber anniversaries.

For more than 36 years, Chuck has been an institution to leaders representing business, industry, non-profits, and elected office. Chuck's daily community presence, his wisdom, and community knowledge will be sorely missed as he moves into retirement. On behalf of the 26th District of Texas, I extend my sincere thanks to him for the impact he has made, and wish him and his family the very best.

HONORING GREG AND DENISE
PENCE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to congratulate Congressman-elect Greg Pence on his election victory.

Greg will be an outstanding Congressman for Indiana's 6th District and will fight for working Hoosiers every day. Greg is a lifelong 6th District resident, an accomplished small businessman, a family man and a veteran U.S. Marine Corps officer.

Like me, Greg overachieved in marriage. He and his wife Denise are proud to call Columbus home. They have raised their family, built a business and continue to create jobs in the 6th District. I thank Greg and Denise for their continued service and look forward to all they will accomplish for the 6th District in Congress.

On a personal note, Greg Pence is my friend. I would like to thank Greg for many years of loyal friendship, candid advice and wise counsel. I could not be prouder to call him our next Congressman for Indiana's Sixth District. Without a doubt, Greg Pence is Ready to Serve, Again.

HONORING CAPTAN ANDREA
KAMAN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, today I proudly recognize Captain Andrea Kaman of the United States Army for her extraordinary dedication to duty and service to our Nation. Captain Kaman will soon transition from her current assignment as an Army Congressional Liaison in the House of Representatives to attend Army Intermediate Level Education at Ft. Belvoir and return to duty as an Army Human Resources Officer.

A native of Wakonda, South Dakota, Andrea attended the University of Wyoming on an ROTC scholarship, commissioning as a Distinguished Honor Graduate in December of 2007. Captain Kaman has held numerous leadership and staff assignments, including a deployment to Iraq with the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, and company command in the 369th AG Battalion at Fort Jackson, SC.

In 2016, Andrea joined my staff as a Defense Fellow. Her first-hand knowledge of the military and its culture was a tremendous benefit to my office. She is a thoughtful, intelligent and dedicated leader who quickly became a trusted member of my team. Following her time in my office, Andrea served throughout the 115th Congress as a Congressional Liaison in the United States Army House Liaison Division. As a primary liaison between fifty-seven Congressional Members, their staffs, committees, and the Army, she provided insight and understanding of Army policies, actions, operations, and requirements. Due to her exceptional planning abilities, agility, and attention to detail, Andrea was selected to coordinate numerous high profile engagements on behalf of Army Senior Leaders and to escort Members and staff on over twenty fact-finding and oversight delegations around the world.

Mr. Speaker, it has been an absolute pleasure to work with Andrea during her time as an Army Congressional Liaison Officer in the House of Representatives. On behalf of a grateful Nation, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service and sacrifice of Captain Andrea Kaman, her husband Drew, and their children Elizabeth and Jacoby. I wish them the very best as they continue their journey in the United States Army, in service to our Nation.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 12

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold hearings to examine implications of China's presence and investment in Africa.

SR-232A

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold hearings to examine Navy and Marine Corps readiness.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on National Parks

To hold hearings to examine S. 2395, to amend title 54, United States Code, to authorize the provision of technical assistance under the Preserve America Program and to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into partnerships with communities adjacent to units of the National Park System to leverage local cultural heritage tourism assets, S. 2895 and H.R. 5613, bills to designate the Quindaro Townsite National Historic Landmark, S. 3291, to reauthorize the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, S. 3439 and H.R. 5532, bills to redesignate the Reconstruction Era National Monument as the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park, S. 3468, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 3505, to provide for partnerships among State and local governments, regional entities, and the private sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance the visitor experience at nationally significant battlefields of the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War, S. 3527 and H.R. 5585, bills to extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, S. 3533, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain river segments within the Wood-Pawcatuck watershed as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 3545, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve home health payment reforms under the Medicare program, S. 3571 and H.R. 5420, bills to authorize the acquisition of land for addition to the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in the State of New York, S. 3646, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to accept certain properties in the State of Missouri, S. 3609 and H.R. 801, bills to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Route 66 National Historic Trail, S. 3659, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to annually

designate at least one city in the United States as an "American World War II Heritage City", H.R. 1220, to establish the Adams Memorial Commission to carry out the provisions of Public Law 107-62, H.R. 3607, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish fees for medical services provided in units of the National Park System, H.R. 3961, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Kissimmee River and its tributaries in the State of Florida for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, H.R. 5005, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the birthplace of James Weldon Johnson in Jacksonville, Florida, as a unit of the National Park System, H.R. 5706, to establish the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in the State of Hawai'i and the Honolulu National Historic Site in the State of Hawai'i, H.R. 6077, recognizing the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York, H.R. 6599, to modify the application of temporary limited appointment regulations to the National Park Service, and H.R. 6687, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to manage the Point Reyes National Seashore in the State of California consistently with Congress' long-standing intent to continue to authorize working dairies and ranches on agricultural property as part of the seashore's unique historic, cultural, scenic and natural values.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine China's non-traditional espionage against the United States, focusing on the threat and potential policy responses.

SD-226

Committee on Rules and Administration

Business meeting to consider S. 1010, to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide additional responsibilities for the Register of Copyrights.

SR-301

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold closed hearings to examine United States force posture in the Indo-Pacific region.

SVC-217

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the missing and murdered, focusing on confronting the silent crisis in Indian country.

SD-628

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration

To hold hearings to examine transnational cartels and border security.

SD-226

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

DECEMBER 13

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

S-116

DECEMBER 19

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition
Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold hearings to examine a compara-
tive look at competition law ap-

proaches to monopoly and abuse of
dominance in the United States and
European Union.

SD-226