

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4909) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chair, I ask that the following exchange of letters be submitted on H.R. 4909:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, DC, April 29, 2016.

Hon. WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN THORNBERRY: I write to confirm our mutual understanding regarding H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. This legislation contains subject matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary. However, in order to expedite floor consideration of this important legislation, the Committee waives consideration of the bill.

The Committee on the Judiciary takes this action only with the understanding that the Commission's jurisdictional interests over this and similar legislation are in no way diminished or altered. The Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment to any House-Senate conference on this legislation and requests your support if such a request is made.

Finally, I would appreciate your placing this letter in the committee report on H.R. 4909 and in the Congressional Record during consideration of H.R. 4909 on the House Floor. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

BOB GOODLATTE,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 3, 2016.

Hon. BOB GOODLATTE,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. I agreed that the Committee on the Judiciary has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agreed that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on the Judiciary is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,
Washington, DC, April 29, 2016.

Hon. WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN THORNBERRY: I am writing to you concerning the jurisdictional interest of the Committee on Homeland Security in matters being considered by H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017.

I recognize the importance of H.R. 4909 and the need for the legislation to move expeditiously. Therefore, while we have a valid claim to jurisdiction over the bill, I do not intend to request a sequential referral. This, of course, is conditional on our mutual understanding that nothing in this legislation or my decision to forego a sequential referral waives, reduces, or otherwise affects the jurisdiction of the Committee on Homeland Security, and that a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest will be included in the Committee Report and as part of the Congressional Record during consideration of this bill by the House.

The Committee on Homeland Security also asks that you support our requests to be conferees on the provisions over which we have jurisdiction during any House-Senate conference on this or any related bill.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL T. MCCAUL,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 3, 2016.

Hon. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. I agree that the Committee on Homeland Security has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Homeland Security is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE
WORKFORCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 29, 2016.

Hon. WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I write to confirm our mutual understanding with respect to H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. Thank you for consulting with the Committee on Education and the Workforce with regard to H.R. 4909 on those matters within the Committee's jurisdiction.

In the interest of expediting the House's consideration of H.R. 4909, the Committee on

Education and the Workforce will forgo further consideration of this bill. However, I do so only with the understanding this procedural route will not be construed to prejudice my Committee's jurisdictional interest and prerogatives on this bill or any other similar legislation and will not be considered as precedent for consideration of matters of jurisdictional interest to my Committee in the future.

I respectfully request your support for the appointment of outside conferees from the Committee on Education and the Workforce should this bill or a similar bill be considered in a conference with the Senate. I also request you include our exchange of letters on this matter in the Committee Report on H.R. 4909 and in the Congressional Record during consideration of this bill on the House Floor. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

JOHN KLINE,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 3, 2016.

Hon. JOHN KLINE,
Chairman, Committee on Education and the Workforce, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. I agree that the Committee on Education and the Workforce has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Education and the Workforce is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,
Chairman.

HONORING ROCCO CHIAVUZZO OF BAYVILLE, NEW JERSEY FOLLOWING HIS PASSING ON FEBRUARY 25, 2016

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my sincerest condolences and sympathy to the family of Rocco Chiavuzzo of Bayville, New Jersey. Rocco was a dear member of my extended family in New Jersey and a true patriot, who loved the United States and all the opportunities it provided to both him and his family over the years.

Originally from Italy, Rocco moved to America following his required military service with the Italian government to join the love of his life, his wife of more than fifty years, Michelina. After immigrating to the U.S., Rocco found a suitable home and earned

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enough money to bring his parents and four siblings to America.

Before retiring to the beach in Bayville, Rocco worked as a butcher in Elizabeth, New Jersey and raised his two children with Michelina, Vito and Maria. He is survived by his wife, two children and two grandchildren, Michelle and Julian, who I know will think back on their time with Rocco and cherish the wonderful memories they created together.

Rocco will always be remembered as a loving and caring man, whose greatest accomplishment was his family and the joys they shared together. To his immediate and extended family, especially to Michelina, Vito, Maria, Michelle and Julian, as well as Rocco's siblings Sal, Carmine, Renato, Ugo and Geraldina, I offer my sincerest condolences for your loss.

On behalf of Rocco's entire family, I am proud to share his story with my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives and to pay tribute to the life of such a great man.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOYERTOWN BOROUGH

HON. RYAN A. COSTELLO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Boyertown, Berks County as the community commemorates the Borough's 150th Anniversary.

Incorporated in 1866, Boyertown takes its name from founding brothers Henry and Daniel Boyer—two of the many visionaries during the past century and a half who have called Boyertown their home.

The Boyer brothers were business owners and a robust spirit of ingenuity and entrepreneurship has always been part of the Borough's rich history. Whether it was mining iron ore, rolling cigars, building caskets, assembling carriages, founding a national bank or operating small shops and inns, residents always have demonstrated an incredible work ethic and exuded extraordinary pride in "building a better Boyertown."

As the community pays tribute to the defining moments and key figures of the past 150 years, the future of Boyertown is equally worth celebrating. The rebirth of the Colebrookdale Railroad, a revitalized downtown with unique boutiques and restaurants and a renewed appreciation for vibrant historical and cultural attractions, such as the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles, are all reasons to believe Boyertown's future will be bright.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the residents, business owners and community leaders as Boyertown celebrates this memorable milestone.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 4909) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Chair, this amendment includes my resolution to express appreciation of our disabled veterans and recognize October 5th as an appropriate date to honor them each year. This coincides with the anniversary of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial. I thank Chairman JEFF MILLER for his support.

Thankfully, my son, a U.S. Marine, returned safely from two wars. Regrettably, there are many veterans for whom the fight doesn't end when they come home.

My constituent Jeff Colaiacovo is one of those people. A few months into his first tour in Vietnam, Jeff's tank hit a mine, exploding shards of metal into his eyes, blinding him. Miraculously, the doctors recovered his vision. Months later, a grenade hit Jeff's tank and flames engulfed his body. After spending months in burn units, he was honorably discharged. He raised a family and started a small business.

Jeff is disabled for life. He bears the scars of duty that remind us of what he and many others gave to serve us. In honor of Jeff and our four million disabled veterans, I urge adoption of this package.

OFFERING A WARM WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, TSAI ING-WEN

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tsai Ing-wen, who will soon be sworn in as the new President of the Republic of China (ROC or sometimes Taiwan). I cannot overstate the importance of the U.S.-Taiwan strategic relationship. This relationship is not built on just mutual security and peace; it also involves extensive trade, tourism and cultural awareness.

Taiwan has undergone many changes over the decades since World War II, and its peaceful democratic transition of power is a testament to the progress and development of this hard-working country. Ms. Tsai Ing-wen will take the reins of a government that has provided peace and economic security for its people and has made Taiwan a household name throughout the world.

Arizona is blessed to have a strong connection with Taiwan, including Phoenix as a sister city with Taipei.

I extend my sincere congratulations to President Tsai Ing-wen and I am confident that she will excel and exceed the expectations of the voters that put her in office. I look forward to great things from Taiwan in the years to come.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4974) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes:

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Chair, I strongly support grant funding for construction of state extended care facilities included in the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, which will go towards facilities like the Ardie R. Copas State Veterans' Nursing Home in St. Lucie County, Florida. Our veterans should be receiving extraordinary care, and these facilities will provide those who fought for our nation with the long-term care they have earned.

The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs recently resubmitted its grant application to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for construction funding for the State Veterans' Nursing Home in St. Lucie County. I am hopeful and urge that this bill will fully fund the new facility on Florida's Treasure Coast, including the costs to adhere to Community Living Center standards. This facility will be the first of its kind in Florida and fill an existing nursing home service gap in our state.

I have been a strong advocate for the Copas facility, which will be a huge asset to our community and our veterans. The nursing home will provide health care, follow-up assistance, and long-term care services that we can be proud of, all while providing these services closer to home for many veterans. In addition to assisting veterans residing in St. Lucie County, it will also serve those in neighboring Martin, Indian River, Okeechobee, and Highlands counties as well as portions of six other nearby counties. This facility's location gives it the ability to reach approximately over 200,000 veterans with more than half of these veterans over the age of 65.

These important grants will advance long-term veterans care on the Treasure Coast and across the country. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this critical funding.

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION AND SERVICE OF DR. DAVID SPENCER UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS PASTOR OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MILTON

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise and recognize Dr. David Spencer upon his retirement from First Baptist Church of Milton, Florida. Throughout his more than forty-five years as a pastor, including

twenty years as the Senior Pastor at the First Baptist Church of Milton. Dr. Spencer tirelessly served the Lord and communities all along the Gulf Coast, and his leadership will be deeply missed.

Dr. Spencer was born in Senatobia, Mississippi and graduated from Senatobia High School in 1965. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from William Carey University in 1969, his Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1973, and his Doctor of Ministry from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1979. Over the last 45 years, Dr. Spencer has served throughout the Southeastern United States, including North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida, with his wife of 46 years, Connie, at his side.

Dr. Spencer answered the call in 1996 for what would be his final assignment. After 16 years of service at the First Baptist Church of Long Beach, Mississippi, the First Baptist Church of Milton welcomed Dr. Spencer as pastor. In addition to being known for his love for preaching and his ability to capture his congregation through storytelling, Dr. Spencer played a major part in inspiring his congregation to give back to the local community. Under his leadership, the church grew both spiritually and physically. Countless individuals in Northwest Florida and overseas have been touched by the passion and service of First Baptist Church of Milton. The dedication of its people is evidenced by the eight churches they helped establish in Santa Rosa County, Florida, and the churches and foster homes they built and renovated as part of their mission trips.

In addition to his seminary work, Dr. Spencer has served on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, as a trustee for William Carey College, and as an adjunct professor at the William Carey campus in Gulfport, Mississippi. In 2007, Dr. Spencer was also elected to the State Board of Missions as a representative of Santa Rosa County, where he served until 2013.

While Dr. Spencer's time as pastor has officially come to a close, he understands that God's work is never done, and in addition to spending time with his family, pursuing his love of writing, music, wood-working, and golf, Dr. Spencer hopes to continue playing a role in the success of the Church.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Dr. Spencer for his dedication and service to Northwest Florida. My wife Vicki and I wish him and Connie, their two sons, and two grandchildren all the best as they embark on this next journey in their lives. May the Spirit of the Lord continue to bless the Spencer family and the congregation of the First Baptist Church of Milton.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 4974) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I rise today in reluctant opposition to H.R. 4974, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017 (MilCon). MilCon funds military construction projects for the Department of Defense and health care and other important services for the country's veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This is a vital piece of legislation that we must get right so that our veterans get the benefits they earned and deserve and that our military has the facilities they need. Unfortunately, the bill has a major shortcoming—it cuts \$1.5 billion below the President's request for the VA, including more than \$1.2 billion from the Veterans Health Administration. The VA serves over forty-three million Americans a year and over a billion dollar in cuts will make it harder for the VA to provide for our veterans. It is for this reason I cannot support the bill.

Over the years, the VA has faced a number of challenges. The VA faced funding shortfalls and was unprepared to meet the demands of a new generation of returning veterans. Access to quality health care and veterans' benefits has been an ongoing challenge for the VA, highlighted by the claims backlog and by veterans waiting long periods for health care appointments. However, these challenges are made more difficult to overcome when Congress provides insufficient funds to the VA or shuts down the government, as it did in 2013—which led to furloughs at the VA. Many of my constituents are active duty or veterans who receive services through the VA and they deserve a fully funded VA that can quickly and accurately manage their claims.

We simply must do better. As the Ranking Member on the House Budget Committee I proposed budgets that reversed sequestration for not just defense programs, but also for nondefense programs because they include important priorities like veterans' health care. I also proposed extending advance appropriations for all of VA's discretionary programs so that veterans' programs are insulated from the possibility of future government shutdowns. I am going to continue to fight to ensure that the VA gets the resources it needs to provide for the nation's veterans and I am hopeful that more funding will be provided to the VA when this bill returns from conference.

COMMEMORATING TERENCE J. O'SULLIVAN

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember an extraordinary advocate for workers of all kinds, Mr. Terence J. O'Sullivan.

Terence dedicated his life to advocating on behalf of workers and, more important, negotiating collective bargaining agreements that helped workers earn pay to support their families, good benefits, and the opportunity for advancement and better lives. He was the Gen-

eral Secretary-Treasurer of the Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA), one of the most diverse and effective unions representing public service employees.

Terence dedicated his life to fighting for workers' rights and for social and economic justice. He chose this path because of the strong working tradition that grew out of his Irish heritage and a dedication to assisting those in need, which he found as a man of deep faith. Following in his stead, his son Terry continues as the General President of LIUNA, continuing his father's strong leadership tradition and example for the American labor movement.

Terence was a positive force in the lives of thousands, if not millions, of workers across the nation through his advocacy and the positive changes he supported. Terence recently passed away in the 11th District of Virginia in what would have been his 86th year. Although he will be greatly missed, his legacy will endure through those he touched, those he helped, and the societal changes he championed.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN FOLKLIFE CENTER AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the important work of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress in its 40th anniversary year. The American Folklife Center was created by Congress in 1976 to "preserve and present American folklife" through research, documentation, archival preservation, reference service, live performance, exhibitions, publications, and training. The Center collects and preserves living traditional culture and makes its valuable resources available to researchers and the general public in a celebration of American culture.

Many of my colleagues are familiar with the work of the American Folklife Center because of the Veterans History Project, created with unanimous, bipartisan support in 2000. In this model oral history project—now the largest oral history project in America—volunteers across the country are recording interviews and collecting diaries, photographs, letters, and scrapbooks about veterans' wartime experiences, from WWI to the present day. The growing collection tells the personal stories of more than 100,000 veterans and enables current and future generations of Americans to understand their sacrifices.

A similar Congressional initiative through the American Folklife Center is the Civil Rights History Project, concluding this year. The Folklife Center partnered with the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture on a project to record the experiences and memories of heroes across the country who participated in the historic struggles to secure freedom, equality and full citizenship for African Americans.

The American Folklife Center's archive is the largest of its kind in the world, preserving the cultural practices of American families,

ethnicities, religions, occupations and other groups and historical material from every state in the union. The collection contains more than 6,000 recordings of American Indian songs, chants, and prayers first recorded on wax cylinders dating as far back as 1890, and uses digital technology to preserve and ensure tribal access to this material.

During its forty-year history, the American Folklife Center has worked closely with state and local folklife programs, local scholars, and cultural institutions, and has engaged the general public to provide expertise on preservation, archiving and public programming, enabling diverse ways to understand our history and cultural heritage.

These projects and collections are just a sampling of the important work done in the Folklife Center by its wonderful staff to preserve and present American folklife and cultural history. I commend the good work of the American Folklife Center, and offer congratulations on forty years of service to this nation.

HONORING ANETTE L. HARRIS

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Anette Harris, an exceptional philanthropist and civic leader who is being recognized by the Junior League of San Francisco for her lifelong commitment to volunteerism and community leadership. I have had the great privilege to work with Anette over the last decade and to call her a close friend.

Anette has dedicated her life and career to improving the lives of others. While she had been the principal and owner of Loupé & Associates, a public relations firm in San Francisco, for 20 years, Anette has always made it a priority to serve organizations advocating for education, equality, health and the arts. Her broad range of interests is a reflection of her giant heart and mind.

Anette is a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Public Radio Foundation based in Washington, DC. She serves on NARAL's Power of Choice Leadership Council in San Francisco. In 2000, she was the first African-American elected to the Junior League of San Francisco in its 90 year history. Today she serves as its president and just last year received its Sustainer of the Year Award. Anette also is the co-chair of San Francisco Achievers Advisory Council, a program dedicated to the educational successes of the University of Dallas, and now is an advisor to the new College of Podiatric Medicine of Western University. She is the president of the San Francisco Symphony Marine League, the Women's Political Fund, a nonpartisan group supporting female candidates, the vice president of the San Francisco Black Chamber of Commerce and Alumnae Resources, a career search group, and a board member of the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library.

You may wonder how one person has the energy to do all these jobs, but Anette does and then some. Until recently, she also served for over ten years on the Board of Governors of the San Francisco Symphony. She has been instrumental in many fundraising efforts to address breast cancer, HIV, arthritis and lit-

eracy for some of the most respected organizations and foundations.

The roots of Anette's passion and support of women's health, education and business and the arts go back to her parents who were married for 53 years. Her father, Edwin Lee, played many instruments and is in the Houston Museum of Jazz and Blues Musicians. He also taught her invaluable lessons about business and entrepreneurship. Anette's mom, Florence Harris, was the inspiration for her deep involvement in education. A full time homemaker with a creole heritage, Anette's mom believed that education didn't just occur in the classroom, but at home.

Born and raised in Houston, Texas, Anette earned her BA from the University of Dallas and her Master's at Boston College. She immediately landed a job at Holy Cross where she was instrumental in admitting the first class of women to the formerly all-male college. She later attended the Executive Program in Strategy & Organization at the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University.

Anette moved to San Francisco in 1976 and worked as the Director of Admissions and Public Relations at the California College of Podiatric Medicine. Three years later she married Marc Loupé her partner in life and business. In the rare moments when they are not working, Anette and Marc share an interest in wine, a hobby they began while dating. Anette also enjoys gardening and landscaping.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Anette Harris for her countless contributions to our community. She is an extraordinary leader, mentor and role model who never tires in her efforts to make the world a better place.

CELEBRATING THE UKRAINIAN
NATIONAL MUSEUM

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the founding of the Ukrainian National Museum in 1952 by three displaced scholars, Olexa Hankewych, Julian Kamenetsky, and Orest Horodysky.

The Ukrainian National Museum is dedicated to the collection of documents, presentation and exhibition of artifacts sharing Ukrainian culture and heritage. Its collection consists of more than 100,000 museum archives related to the history and legacy of Ukraine and Chicago's Ukrainian community, and 10,000 artifacts related to traditional folk and fine arts.

Today, the Ukrainian National Museum is highlighted as one of the finest achievements of the Ukrainian American community in the U.S. It features an important part of Chicago's history and is a respected institution for Ukrainian Americans throughout the United States.

The Ukrainian National Museum occupies a vital place in the cultural world of the Ukrainian Diaspora in America. It is visited and appreciated by people of many ethnic backgrounds coming from all over the world.

A main reason the Ukrainian National Museum is such an impressive institution is due

to the hard work of many devoted individuals, one of whom is Jaroslaw J. Hankewych, son of one of UNM's founders, Olexa Hankewych. Mr. Jaroslaw J. Hankewych served on the Museum Executive Board for over 40 years, and from 2000 to 2014, served as President of the Ukrainian National Museum.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and celebrating Jaroslaw Hankewych's work and accomplishments, and also the many contributions of the Ukrainian American community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 222 I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Yes.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 199TH
INFANTRY BRIGADE

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 199th Infantry Brigade unit of Fort Benning for their accomplishments in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam war. The 50th anniversary of the activation of this courageous and noble unit is on June 1, 2016.

The 199th Infantry Brigade, also known as the Redcatchers, was reactivated on June 1, 1966 at Fort Benning, Georgia as the only "separate" and "light" infantry brigade to serve in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam war. It also became the first integrated combat command in the history of the United States Army when Frederic E. Davison was named Brigade Commander on September 1, 1968. He went on to become the first African American to be promoted to Major General in the Army and commanded the 8th Infantry Division and the Military District of Washington. General Davison was the first African American to command a combat brigade, a division, and the Military District of Washington, in addition to being the first African American to attend and graduate from the Army War College. The members of 199th Infantry Brigade were truly groundbreaking in the way they helped to integrate the U.S. Army.

The Redcatchers were a distinguished and honorable brigade that received many merits. The brigade earned several unit awards including the Presidential Unit Citation, Valorous Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, and the Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Honor Medal. Four members of the brigade were awarded the Medal of Honor, including Captain Angelo J. Liteky, a battalion chaplain, for his actions in saving the lives of wounded soldiers. Brigade General William R. Bond was the only commanding general killed in ground combat in the Vietnam War.

The 199th Infantry Brigade was disbanded in 1970 but on June 27, 2007, the 11th Infantry Regiment was redesignated as the 199th

Infantry Brigade at Fort Benning, Georgia. Today, the Brigade is responsible for the Infantry and Armor Branch Basic Officer Leadership Courses. The Brigade trains all the maneuver company commanders for all of the U.S. Army combat formations. In addition, the Brigade is responsible for the International Military Student Office, the Directorate of Training, and the Maneuver Center of Excellence Band.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the members of the 199th Infantry Brigade for their steadfast courage and commitment to serving our country during the Vietnam war. The Redcatchers made significant contributions in safeguarding our liberties fifty years ago and we honor their outstanding valor and patriotic service that has helped make America the great nation it is today.

RECOGNIZING THE FORT WORTH ALUMNI CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the gentlemen of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, Fort Worth Alumni Chapter, for their outstanding work in community service.

Since its founding in 1947, the Kappa Fort Worth Alumni Chapter has dedicated themselves to the Tarrant County community by empowering our local youth and providing important resources for the most vulnerable residents in our community.

To lead the change in our youth, the Kappas began the "Kappa Kut" program, providing free haircuts to young men in Tarrant County and amplifying the influential role barbers play in our community. By connecting young men to local barbers, barbers share their life experiences and encourage positive change in our community. The Kappa Kut program has expanded through partnership made possible by the Dunbar Pyramid, now providing 200 free haircuts and giving away over 2,000 free backpacks full of school supplies, immunizations, and educational sessions for community parents and their children.

To fight against food insecurity within our community, the gentlemen of Kappa Alpha Psi developed two key programs that continue to assist families across Tarrant County. For three years, the "Kan Food Drive," with co-operation of 13 area schools and 15 businesses, has collected 35,000 canned goods and raised \$9,700 for the Community Food Bank. At the same time, the Kappas created the "Kappagiving" program, where over 300 local families receive a turkey and a box containing canned foods and dry goods, so that families have the opportunity to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.

In addition, the Kappas have continued their unwavering support for the improvement of their community by partnering with the Union Gospel Mission to raise money, build fellowship with male residents, and donate blankets, sheets, clothes, coats, toys and toiletries for the homeless. To date, the Kappas have donated over \$30,000 to deserving young men

so that they can attend college and have continued their mentorship of young males under the chapter's Kappa League program.

In honor of the Fort Worth Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, and their commitment to providing humanitarian services, volunteer hours and financial contributions to the Fort Worth community, this statement is submitted today, Monday, May 23, 2016.

RECOGNIZING TECHNICAL SERGEANT BRENT C. YOUNG, AS THE 2015 OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Technical Sergeant Brent C. Young, as the 2015 Okaloosa County, Florida, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Since 1998, Sergeant Young has served our great Nation with honor and distinction, and Northwest Florida is blessed to have him as part of her community keeping a faithful watch over her citizens.

Born in Midland, Michigan on January 9, 1980, Sergeant Young attended Bullock Creek High School, where he lettered in wrestling his first two years. In 1998, Sergeant Young graduated and enlisted in the United States Air Force. Following completion of Basic Military Training and Security Forces Technical Training, Sergeant Young was assigned to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, during which he deployed five times to Southeast Asia in support of the Global War on Terror. Sergeant Young then joined the Northwest Florida community upon his selection as a Ground Combat Instructor at Eglin Air Force Base, a position he held for six years. Attached to the 96th Security Forces Squadron, Sergeant Young now has taken on the responsibilities of a Flight Sergeant.

Through his unwavering courage and acts of heroism, Sergeant Young has earned the Higher Headquarters' 2015 Noncommissioned Officer Association's Vanguard Award and the 2015 Okaloosa Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Whether providing critical first aid to stabilize a spinal injury and preventing another victim from going into shock from a partial finger amputation, leading rescue efforts and expediting medical treatment to distressed swimmers, or assisting in the apprehension of an intoxicated driver, Sergeant Young's keen awareness of his surroundings and skills he has honed throughout his military career has without question helped prevent the tragic loss of life.

While his accomplishments and heroic acts are not limited to those aforementioned, Sergeant Young has proven himself to be among the best. As with most accomplished and dedicated leaders, Sergeant Young's passion for service does not end when he leaves work. He is very much involved in the local community. As a local Den Leader, he leads Cub Scouts through their Boy Scouts of America certifications, including more than 100 merit badges. He has also volunteered more than fifty hours at a local nursing home, participating in grounds and facility maintenance.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Northwest Florida community and a grateful Nation, I am privileged to honor Technical Sergeant Brent C. Young for his outstanding achievements. We are fortunate to have individuals with a strong character and sense of selflessness willing and able to stand up strong in defense of America and her citizens. My wife Vicki and I thank Sergeant Young for his commitment to service and wish him all the best for continued success. May God continue to bless him, all of our Nation's Law Enforcement Officers who keep us safe, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING MARSHALL KAPLAN

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marshall Kaplan, who has been an Advisor at El Sol Academy for eleven years. El Sol Academy currently serves over 900 high-achieving students and has increased family participation in its new Wellness Center, on-site social services, and adult evening classes.

Mr. Kaplan has an outstanding record of working in the non-profit, government and education sectors. He is the President of the new nonprofit group, Pathways to Opportunities. For the past seven years, Mr. Kaplan was also the Executive Director of the Merage Foundation.

Marshall Kaplan is the former Dean of the University of Colorado, Graduate School of Public Affairs, where he also headed the Wirth Chair and Institute for Public Policy. Mr. Kaplan also served in the Carter and Kennedy administrations, as an Advisor to Assistant Secretary Floyd Hyde when George Romney was Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Mr. Kaplan also was a senior official at HUD, and a principal in the national policy advisory firm Marshall Kaplan, Gans & Khan. He has written several books and numerous articles on regional and urban policy, environment and social welfare policy, and poverty.

I am honored to recognize Mr. Marshall Kaplan for his commitment to El Sol Academy in my district.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM R. SNEAD

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks to commemorate the life of William R. Snead of Danville, Virginia, who passed away May 7, 2016 at age 92.

Mr. Snead was drafted into the United States Army in 1943 during World War II and trained in Fort Bragg, N.C., where he was part of the 5th Brigade of Amphibious Engineers which was attached to the 29th Infantry Division that landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day June 6, 1944. Snead was a company engineer with the 5th Division that landed after the first

wave of infantry hit the beaches of Normandy to carry out the logistical and supply tasks that were essential to the Allied conquest of Europe.

Upon Mr. Snead's return from the war, he dedicated his life to farming in Pittsylvania County, later moving to South Boston, where he began to learn the trade of house painting, in which he would eventually start his own company, W.R. Snead Painting Company in Halifax until his retirement in 1984. Mr. Snead also served our community as a council member of the South Boston Church of God for many years, as well as a trustee, and taught their Adult Sunday school class for over 50 years.

In 2013, I was honored to see Mr. Snead receive the French Legion of Honor for his service during the Second World War and participate in a ceremony honoring Mr. Snead in Halifax. We remain forever grateful for Mr. Snead's bravery and sacrifices—may he rest in peace.

On the occasion of the passing of William R. Snead, I ask that the members of this House of Representatives join with me, Mr. Snead's wife Frances Jones Snead, his four children, ten grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, three great, great grandchildren, and the communities of Halifax and Pittsylvania in honoring the memory of a great American hero.

IN RECOGNITION OF LINDA JOYCE
JORDAN

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I extend my sincere congratulations to Ms. Linda Joyce Jordan for being this year's recipient of the National Association of Securities Professionals (NASP) Joyce Johnson Award. The Joyce Johnson Award was created by NASP as a tribute to co-founder Joyce Johnson whose mission was to make a difference for minority and women professionals in the securities industry. Ms. Jordan will be honored with this award at a luncheon during the NASP 27th Annual Pension and Financial Services Conference on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 12:30 p.m. at the Loews Atlanta Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

Linda Jordan has been a financial services executive for more than twenty-five years. When she started her career, there were few women and few minorities in the financial services industry. She joined NASP shortly thereafter and has since helped the organization promote opportunities for women and minorities in this field. Ms. Jordan has served on NASP's Board of Directors since 2003 and currently serves as secretary to the Board. She serves also as co-chair of NASP's Plan Sponsor Outreach Committee and she helped form NASP's Legislative Committee and the NASP Institute.

Ms. Jordan most recently served as Managing Director with Mesriow Financial, an independent financial services firm headquartered in Chicago. For ten years, Ms. Jordan managed the Atlanta office and was successful in developing the firm's institutional relationships and improving its marketing and

investment capabilities. She was instrumental in helping to grow Mesriow's \$92.4 billion in assets under management to date. Ms. Jordan holds a Bachelor's degree in mathematics from Clark Atlanta University and a Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech. She also earned a Master of Business Administration degree in finance from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business.

In addition to Ms. Jordan's career, she is also actively involved in the community outside of work. She served the City of Atlanta and Fulton County Recreation Authority for more than twelve years. She also was the Chair of the Government Relations Committee of the Atlanta Chapter of the National Black MBA Association and the Chair of the Corporate Advisory committee for the National Forum of Black Public Administrators (NFBPA). In addition, she served as President of the Board of Directors for the YWCA of Greater Atlanta. She is an active member of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

A major milestone for Ms. Jordan was her induction into the Academy of Distinguished Engineering Alumni at Georgia Tech, making her the first African-American female to receive this distinction.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Linda Jordan for her contributions to the financial services industry, the NASP, and the community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

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

Today, it is \$19,212,451,626,242.62. We've added \$8,585,574,577,329.54 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IN RECOGNITION OF ST. PAUL
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
AND DR. EPHRAIM WILLIAMS
AND MRS. CARRIE SUE WIL-
LIAMS

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. Ephraim Williams, and the late Mrs. Carrie Sue Williams. Dr. Williams has served for 45 years as the Pastor of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. As the St. Paul's congregation gathers together to celebrate the leadership of Dr. Williams and his late wife, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their important roles in the Oak Park neighborhood and in the larger Sacramento community.

Under the leadership of Dr. Williams, St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church has grown from 100 members to over 3,500 members today. Dr. Williams and the members of his congregation continue to be a valuable community resource, offering social services, vocational programs, educational support for Sacramento's local youth, and help for the homeless. St. Paul's community center, the Family Life Center, offers programs for all ages focusing on health and wellness through physical fitness and proper nutrition. The leadership and service to our community displayed by Dr. and Mrs. Williams are and have been nothing short of exemplary. The Williams' dedication has made the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church a staple in the City of Sacramento.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, to Dr. Ephraim Williams, and to the late Mrs. Carrie Sue Williams, as they celebrate Dr. Williams' 45th anniversary as Pastor. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their outstanding work in providing the Sacramento community with invaluable services.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WALTER
HELM (RETIRED UNITED STATES
AIR FORCE)

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing of an uncommon American, Lieutenant Colonel Walter Helm. On June 1st, Walter Helm will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery amidst his countrymen who, like Lt. Colonel Helm, loved this nation in all its glory.

Walter Helm grew up in Bellmore, New York, born July 31, 1933, as the second of four children. Thanks to his parents, he learned the rewards of hard work, faith and charity. He also learned to love flying and in 1954 joined the Air Force, serving our nation with distinction and heroism for the next 20 years during some of its most difficult overseas actions.

However, for Walter Helm, military service was not entirely about overseas action—it was also about domestic relations of a very specific kind. While serving, Walter met another officer and decided to marry her. He and Janet eventually had four daughters. With Janet's service to our country as a major example, the couple encouraged each daughter to pursue their educations and dreams, always mindful of their duties to the broader community. Ultimately, he and Janet were rewarded for their patience in raising four daughters when they became the loving grandparents of two grandsons, Hunter and Harrison Fazlollahi.

The Vietnam War was one of nation's most difficult conflicts. Like many of his comrades in arms at the time, Walter, a patriot and helicopter pilot, performed his duties under some of the most difficult circumstances ever encountered by our nation's troops. On one of these days, June 19, 1968, he piloted a CH-3E deep within enemy territory. On that day, then-Major Walter Helm encountered heavy ground fire while attempting to extricate seven

friendly personnel. Although his helicopter was damaged, he continued his approach and then hovered for twelve minutes, despite threat of immediate and renewed attack, until the personnel were hoisted aboard. For his heroic service, Major Helm earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and the government of the Republic of Vietnam awarded him the Gallantry Cross with Palm.

Upon retirement, Walter and Janet visited many countries to experience their cultures, and he encouraged his daughters to learn about the needs of people in distant lands. They gave generously to their community through various charitable organizations. America, he believed, was a great country and one individual, whether in the armed services or as a private citizen, could make a difference through many forms of service.

On June 1st, at the moment when the bugler's solemn farewell is heard by mourners, America will realize that yet another patriot has passed. In war and peace, he set the standard for character, faith and dedication to family and our nation.

Mr. Speaker, this nation is not mighty or just because of its laws or force of arms, but rather because men and women of character quietly dedicate their lives to our common good. Walter Helm was such a man, and our nation is forever grateful that he led his life with courage and honor so that we might live in peace and justice for generations yet to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CARONDELET HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of the founding of Carondelet High School located in my congressional district in Concord, California. Carondelet High School has served thousands of Contra Costa County's brightest young women during its long and successful run.

Since its founding in 1965 by three Sisters of St. Joseph and three lay women, it has been the only all-women's high school in Contra Costa County and one of just a handful in the San Francisco Bay Area. As such, it is an important part of the East Bay community.

Carondelet High School's mission statement—To inspire excellence by preparing young women to live with heart, faith and courage in the Catholic tradition and spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph—reflects their longstanding tradition of providing young women with a 21st Century education grounded in values that are critical to our community.

Congratulations to the Carondelet High School family on a successful first 50 years of service to your students and the community.

AMIN DAVID

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, May 21, 2016, Orange

County lost an outstanding citizen who was a shining example of citizenry and advocacy. After months of battling lymphoma Mr. Amin David died in his Anaheim home at the age of 83.

Mr. David was born in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, and came to California where he became a U.S. citizen. In 1978 he helped found Los Amigos of Orange County, a group that tackled issues such as policing, civil rights, education, and public safety. Their motto was "Nos gusta ayudar," which translates to "We love to help." And that is what Mr. David did, helping everyone from all walks of life and with any problem, big or small. To this day Los Amigos of Orange County continues to have its weekly Wednesday meetings.

Mr. David was known in Orange County as an incredible activist for Latinos and other marginalized communities. He stood tall for the voiceless and stood against prejudices like Islamophobia and anti-Semitism. Mr. David was a human rights defender through and through.

In 1971 Mr. David became the chair of the Orange County Human Relations Commission and in 1977 was the first Latino appointed to the Anaheim Planning Commission. He was also a founding member of the Orange County Communities Organized for Responsible Development and Orange County Community Housing Corporation.

Mr. David was an active member of the Anaheim police chief's advisory board and throughout his life made it his mission to advocate for Latinos and change the way police interacted with communities of color.

Mr. David is survived by his wife and four children. His passing is a great loss for Orange County, but his legacy and accomplishments will live on in our community.

RECOGNIZING OLDER AMERICANS MONTH AND DIABETES AWARENESS

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, as our nation marks Older Americans Month this May, it is critically important that we raise awareness about the challenges that face our nation's older adults and how we can work together towards solutions.

Today, older Americans are living longer than ever.

Unfortunately, more seniors are also developing chronic illnesses.

Among the most prevalent of these illnesses is diabetes.

The Centers for Disease Control estimates that 11.2 million Americans over the age of 65 are living with diabetes.

Diabetes is a costly medical condition/disease that can lead to heart disease, blindness, kidney disease, amputations, and even death.

This is especially true in Ohio, where, according to 2013 data from the Ohio Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, it is estimated that 10.4 percent of the State has diabetes, exceeding the national average of 9.3 percent.

Nationally, one out of five older Americans with diabetes have vision problems, and peo-

ple with diabetes over age 75 are twice as likely to visit the emergency room for low blood sugar.

Diabetes is especially acute for African American adults who are 80 percent more likely than non-Hispanic white adults to be diagnosed with this disease.

Medicare spends one out of every three dollars on people with diabetes.

We owe it to our nation's seniors to improve diabetes prevention, detection, and treatment.

As a member of the Congressional Caucus on Diabetes, I am proud to work to advance legislation such as the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Act of 2015, H.R. 2102; the Minority Diabetes Initiative Act, H.R. 4209; and the National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission Act, H.R. 1192, to help curb the effects of diabetes.

Congress must make diabetes prevention and care a priority and enact legislation that would improve the health and well-being of all of our nation's seniors.

RECOGNIZING BILL SPURGIN FOR 50 YEARS OF TEACHING

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize one of my constituents who has dedicated his career to education. Bill Spurgin will retire at the end of the 2015–2016 school year after having taught for 50 years. Mr. Spurgin has spent his entire career teaching in the Blanco Independent School District.

I have long considered teaching to be one of the most honorable professions in America. And there is nothing more valuable to a student than a great teacher. Mr. Spurgin's career is a testament to his dedication to education and his commitment to Blanco ISD.

Mr. Spurgin came to Blanco ISD in 1966 as a business teacher. He has taught at three separate locations in Blanco and has worked with eight different principals and six superintendents. In appreciation for all Mr. Spurgin has done, the lives he has shaped, and his commitment to education, I join all of his family, colleagues, and students, past and present, in congratulating him on his outstanding career.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF ANTHONY "TJ" FREEMAN

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today, I join my constituents in Middle Georgia in remembering Anthony "TJ" Freeman, who tragically passed away in the line of duty, protecting the people of Macon-Bibb County.

TJ was an investigator who served with the Bibb County Sheriff's Office for seven years after joining the Macon Police Department in 2009. TJ has been described as a hard-working family man, a friend, and someone who was always striving to be better for his

community. Police work and defending the innocent was in his blood. TJ even had a tattoo that read, "Blessed are the peacekeepers", a constant reminder of his daily work. TJ was a hero in the truest sense, bravely giving his life to serve and protect his community.

TJ leaves behind his wife, Jessica, and their two children, Braden and Blaiklyn. Additionally, I want to take this time to thank all of our law enforcement officers in Georgia's Eighth Congressional District for your service. You are true public servants, and our communities can rest a little bit easier each night knowing you are protecting us. Thank you, TJ, and God Bless.

HONORING DAGMAR DOLBY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dagmar Dolby, an exceptional philanthropist and tireless advocate for social justice, health and the arts. She is being recognized for her contributions and commitment to our community by the Junior League of San Francisco. I am very proud to call Dagmar a close friend.

Dagmar did not grow up in a culture where volunteering was commonplace. She grew up in Frankfurt, Germany, lived in India for a year and then spent ten years in London before she and her late husband moved to San Francisco where she deeply immersed herself in volunteer work for a long list of auxiliaries and boards, starting with her son's school. She served on the Town School Board of Trustees & Parents' Association for nine years and the San Francisco School Volunteers Advisory Council for twelve years.

In 1986 she joined the Board of Directors for the Northern California Chapter of Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS), a group of women who have raised more than \$90 million for graduate students in science, technology and medicine across the country. From 1990 through 1992, Dagmar was the President of the Board. At the same time, she served on the board of San Francisco University High School and later as the Parent Trustee at Cate School in Carpinteria.

Dagmar also has a passion for the arts. She volunteered her time and boundless energy on the boards of the Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco and the American Conservatory Theatre.

In the mid-90s, Dagmar founded the San Francisco Power of Choice Luncheon for NARAL Pro-Choice America on whose board she has served for 16 years. Dagmar redoubled her efforts towards finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease when her late husband, Ray Dolby, started showing symptoms of the disease in 2011. Tragically, he passed away in 2013.

Ray Dolby, the inventor and founder of Dolby Laboratories, was joined by his wife in many philanthropic efforts. After graduating from the University of Heidelberg in 1966, Dagmar worked as a public relations specialist at Dolby Laboratories and a translator in German, English and French. They have two sons, Tom and David. Dagmar is now the President of the Ray and Dagmar Dolby Family Fund.

The Dolby's generous philanthropic contributions have benefited science and medicine for decades. They supported the Stem Cell Initiative and the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine leading to a seed grant at UCSF for the Ray and Dagmar Dolby Regeneration Medicine Building. They founded the Ray Dolby Brain Health Center at California Pacific Medical Center under the directorship of Dr. Catherine Madison. They increased funding of Alzheimer's research at UCSF, Stanford, the Buck Institute, the Gladstone Institute and the Salk Institute. They funded the Zenith Society of the Alzheimer's Association which works on raising awareness.

More recently, Dagmar provided funding of new faculty positions at the UCSF Department of Psychology. In collaboration with her son, David, and daughter-in-law, Natasha, she is engaged in increasing funding for the empowerment of women and girls.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to recognize the tremendous achievements and contributions that Dagmar Dolby has made to society and the well-being of others. Her altruism and fearlessness when taking on difficult and controversial issues demonstrate her leadership and determination to make the world a better place. In San Francisco where philanthropy is widespread no one comes close to Dagmar's generosity.

IN HONOR OF LOREN C. AND
ELOUISE COLLINS SUTTON'S
60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the 60th wedding anniversary of Loren C. and Elouise Collins Sutton.

The Suttons met at Southeastern Bible College in September of 1953 and were married in Birmingham, Alabama on June 8, 1956.

Loren and Elouise have been blessed with four children: Lorna Sutton Roberts and her husband Dr. Don Roberts, Elizabeth Anne Sutton, Timothy J. Sutton and his wife Glenda Houston Sutton and Dr. John Robert Sutton and two grandchildren: Dr. Michael Roberts and his wife Nicole Dunn Roberts, and Allyson Roberts Schnarr and her husband Brian Schnarr. Additional blessings include their four great-grandchildren: Austin and Luke Roberts and Livi Elise and Charli Delilah Schnarr.

The Suttons have served in the ministry for 58 years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 60th wedding anniversary of Loren and Elouise.

COMMEMORATING THE 2016 GRADUATING CLASS OF LINCOLN COLLEGE

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to honor a remarkable institution, Lincoln

College, located in Lincoln, Illinois. For more than 150 years, this school has uniquely equipped students with the tools necessary to realize their full potential and achieve their dreams.

In 1853, commissioners began searching for a new location for the university. It became evident that the best place would be Lincoln, Illinois, the first city in the United States to be named after Abraham Lincoln before his presidency. On February 12, 1865, President Lincoln's last living birthday, construction of the first college building began.

Today, students from all over the country attend Lincoln College to benefit from the institution's leadership-style teaching and various degree programs. This year, 273 students graduated from the college and have become proud Lynx alumni. These students had the honor of welcoming Mr. Hal Holbrook as the commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient at their commencement this year. Holbrook is known for his Emmy Award winning portrayal of Abraham Lincoln in the TV miniseries, Carl Sandburg's Lincoln.

I am humbled to represent such an outstanding institution with a faculty that prepares each student to become a leader in our society. Lincoln College has upheld President Lincoln's virtue of learning and self-improvement with each graduating class. I applaud the institution's service to our community as they educate those who will assume roles of leadership, responsibility, and service in our society. Congratulations to all 2016 graduates from Lincoln College.

HONORING DR. STEVEN
VANAUSDLE ON HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF WALLA
WALLA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Steven VanAusdle on his retirement as President of Walla Walla Community College.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Steven VanAusdle, who is retiring at the end of this academic year, has served Walla Walla Community College for 45 years, 31 of those as President. During his highly successful tenure, Dr. VanAusdle has positioned Walla Walla as one of the top community colleges in the nation.

As President, he has established a culture that fosters innovation and entrepreneurialism on the campuses and in the communities served by the college. Dr. VanAusdle has developed programs that meet the unique needs of Walla Walla's students, developing young men and women who have achieved and succeeded to the benefit of communities throughout Eastern Washington. His vision and actions have helped a rural region experiencing economic decline transform itself into a diverse regional economy highlighted by a thriving wine industry.

President VanAusdle has focused on student success and championed practices that increase participation, retention, and completion rates, especially for at-risk students. Walla

Walla Community College's successful initiatives include workforce training as well as programs in healthcare, energy technology, water management and viticulture. Under his leadership, Walla Walla Community College was named the 2013 co-winner of the Top Community College in the Nation by the Aspen Institute for Community College Excellence.

The White House named Dr. VanAusdle a Champion of Change in 2011, recognizing his contribution to advance stronger communities and a stronger nation. Dr. VanAusdle was presented with the Washington State University Alumni Association Alumni Achievement Award in 2010, honoring his legacy of outstanding leadership and dedication to higher education. Dr. VanAusdle has served as a member of the Council on Competitiveness, was appointed vice chair of the Washington State Economic Development Commission by Governor Christine Gregoire, represented Washington State on the Pacific Power Regional Advisory Board, and served on the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. VanAusdle has transformed the lives of the students with whom he has come into contact over his more than four decades as Walla Walla Community College. He has had an immeasurably positive impact on the College, its students, and communities around Eastern Washington. I commend him on his more than forty years of academic excellence at Walla Walla Community College and wish him and his family health and happiness in their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF THE HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS OF KIMSE YOK MU ("KYM")

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Kimse Yok Mu ("KYM"). The KYM is a Turkish-based international, non-profit humanitarian aid and development organization that provides humanitarian relief in more than 113 countries. It has enlisted the help of over 180,000 volunteers assisting its operations around the globe.

The KYM has achieved United Nations ECOSOC Special Consultative Status as an international charity. It has been recognized for providing aid in the form of social services, medical services, housing, disaster relief, and emergency response. It monitors disasters through a sophisticated operations center and is able to quickly respond to natural disasters. Much like the American Red Cross, it provides timely response and recovery efforts as well as disaster relief throughout much of the world.

It has been reported that several million people have been helped by KYM. Their efforts include aid in the form of 1,622 fresh water drinking wells in 17 African countries which provide clean water to more than a million people. The KYM has helped orphans worldwide and renovated numerous orphanages to provide better living conditions.

The world is a better place because of such humanitarian efforts, and on behalf of the people of Arizona and the United States we thank them.

ABBY REMMERS NAMED TO NATIONAL TEAM

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize First Colony SynchroStar's Abby Remmers, who was named to the 13–15 U.S. National Swim Team 2.

Abby Remmers competed against the top 30 athletes ages 13 through 15. Remmers outperformed them all, and earned a spot on the National Team. The final phase of the competition took place in Mesa, Arizona. Remmers will spend her summer training in both Riverside and Moraga, California and will represent the United States in early September at the Pan-American Championships in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I would like to congratulate Abby Remmers for earning a spot on the 13 through 15 U.S. National Team. She is making Sugar Land proud and we look forward to seeing her represent both our district and country this upcoming September.

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION AND SERVICE OF PASTOR GORDON GODFREY, JR. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF MARCUS POINTE BAPTIST CHURCH IN PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize Pastor Gordon Godfrey, Jr. for his twenty-five years of service as pastor of Marcus Pointe Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida.

Pastor Godfrey was called by the grace of God from his full-time ministry in Panama City, Florida to Fundamental Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida in 1991. By the time Pastor Godfrey arrived, Fundamental Baptist Church had undergone multiple leadership changes and experienced great discouragement. The congregation needed a new direction and a renewed sense of hope.

Pastor Godfrey was thriving at his church in Panama City when he was contacted by Fundamental's deacon board. He felt the will of God to move and lead Fundamental Baptist Church to a brighter future. The year he arrived, the Church was transformed. The church moved to their current location and changed its name to Marcus Pointe Baptist Church. Ever since, Pastor Godfrey has demonstrated his extraordinary faith by delivering his inspirational preaching, and has brought people a fresh understanding of God's Word while challenging them to dedicate themselves to follow the tenets of the Lord.

In addition to Sunday services and the various spiritual activities held at the church, Pastor Godfrey has expanded Marcus Pointe's mission to include a Christian elementary

school, a thrift store benefitting military families, and an online Christian Academy for grades 3 through 12. His weekly messages of faith have reached countless individuals, and it is believed that the church has averaged more than 500 salvations while climbing from 63 to more than 1600 members.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to celebrate Pastor Gordon Godfrey, Jr. for his twenty-five years of dedicated service. I know that this important milestone is only the first of many to come. My wife Vicki and I wish him, his wife June; their children, Becky Meredith and her husband Keith, Greg and his wife Brittany, and Bobby and his wife Aly; and their six grandchildren, all the best for continued success. May the Spirit of the Lord continue to bless Pastor Godfrey, his family and the congregation of Marcus Pointe Baptist Church.

LUTHERAN SOUTH ACADEMY BAND WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Lutheran South Academy band in Houston for winning the state championship.

The Lutheran South Academy band made school history by winning the state championship for the first time. The band competed in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Large Ensemble contest, and was awarded superior ratings along with the state Sweepstakes Award. In addition, the school's jazz ensemble was also awarded an excellent score at the competition.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to The Lutheran South Academy band for winning their first ever state championship. We look forward to hearing more beautiful music from these young musicians and wish them success in their future endeavors.

HONORING MS. TONI MOMBERGER

HON. PETE AGUILAR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Toni Momberger, a dedicated former editor and journalist who recently retired from our local paper, the Redlands Daily Facts in Redlands, California, after a sterling career. Ms. Momberger has been a staple in the Inland Empire community as an advocate for civic engagement, accountability and transparency in San Bernardino County.

In 2011, Ms. Momberger was named editor of the Redlands Daily Facts and was soon after recognized for her efforts when she was awarded Journalist of the Year by Digital First Media. Her ability to engage the Redlands community and to give a voice to our region has been an invaluable service for which we will always be grateful.

As a loyal reader of the Redlands Daily Facts and as a Redlands resident raising my

family in this community, I thank Ms. Momberger for her hard work and accomplishments that have pushed our region forward. I also commend her on her achievements as a journalist and community leader, and thank her for bringing important resources and stories from our region into Redlands households each and every day. She leaves behind a legacy of journalistic excellence that will be remembered by all who read and appreciated her work.

TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH (LISA) JOYCE FREEMAN ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE VETERANS AFFAIRS PALO ALTO HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elizabeth (Lisa) Joyce Freeman, the Director of the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System. Appointed to the position on February 11, 2001, we will celebrate her retirement on June 7, 2016.

Lisa is a 1983 graduate of the University of Notre Dame where she earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. She received a master's degree in Business Administration from Louisiana Tech University in 1987, and is a licensed civil engineer in the state of Virginia. She and her husband live in the Willows neighborhood of Menlo Park, California.

Lisa Freeman began her VA career in 1983 as a Resident Engineer at the VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Later positions include Senior Resident Engineer, Shreveport, Louisiana; Project Manager, Southern Region, VA Central Office; Health Systems Specialist, Southern Region Field Support Office, VA Central Office; Health System Administrator Trainee, VA Palo Alto Health Care System; Chief Operating Officer, VA Sierra Pacific Network Office, San Francisco, California; Associate Director, VA Palo Alto Health Care System; and Acting Director, VA Palo Alto Health Care System.

In addition to her VA responsibilities, Lisa Freeman is a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives and serves as a formal mentor to numerous VA emerging leaders. She is a member of the California Hospital Association's Santa Clara County Section and served on the 2006 Board of Directors for the Hospital Council. In 2005, she received the VA Alumni Association's Honorary Leadership Award. She also received a Presidential Rank Award at the Meritorious Level in 2005 and at the Distinguished Level in 2009 and was named one of the top 100 influential women in Silicon Valley in 2011. She also completed the Brookings Institution Certificate in Public Leadership Program in 2012.

When the shocking failures at various VA facilities in the country became public in 2014, there was a beacon of light and excellence at the Palo Alto VA, the institution led by Lisa Freeman. Veterans surveyed about their satisfaction with the Palo Alto VA consistently scored it above the national average and in the top 25 percent in the region for access to outpatient care. This level of excellence is why

Lisa Freeman was called on by the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs to lead the effort to reform the Southwest VA system in Arizona to correct widespread failures in service to veterans, including hidden wait lists.

During Lisa Freeman's tenure as Director of the Palo Alto VA she has managed 3 inpatient clinics, 7 outpatient clinics, 800 beds including 3 nursing homes and a 100 bed homeless shelter. A Fisher House, a Defenders Lodge and a new Mental Health building were built and dedicated under her leadership, and funds were secured for a second Fisher House to be built on the premises. Lisa Freeman's duties included overseeing one of the most complex health care systems in the country with an annual budget of over \$1 billion, a capital portfolio of \$2.6 billion and more than 7,000 staff and volunteers. She was also responsible for initiating and maintaining a cooperative relationship with the Stanford University School of Medicine, other local health care systems and the neighboring VA Health Care Systems. Lisa was instrumental in the creation of a new rehabilitation facility set to open in late 2016, and the joint VA/DoD facility opening in Monterey in late 2016. She also implemented a system improvement model that utilizes LEAN principles to improve the manner in which the Palo Alto VA cares for its veterans.

Lisa Freeman has served our nation's veterans with extraordinary professionalism and with the care and compassion they've earned and deserve. She is a gifted leader who has led the VA Palo Alto Health Care System with great distinction. I'm very proud to have worked with her and like all those who have had the good fortune to know her, I will miss her wise counsel, her effectiveness and her love for country and those she served.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring Lisa Freeman's great work and in thanking her for her extraordinary service to our nation's veterans.

SABLATURA MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVANCES TO NATIONAL SEAPERCH CHALLENGE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate two Sablatura Middle School teams, Aqua Tronz and Hydro Tech, for advancing to the National SeaPerch Challenge at Louisiana State University.

The U.S. Navy National SeaPerch Challenge is an underwater robotics competition. Both Sablatura teams qualified for nationals by finishing as two of the top seven overall teams at the regional competition. The teams build and operate their own remotely-operated vehicles that function underwater and are designed to complete an obstacle course. The SeaPerch Challenge competition judges the students' underwater vehicles in poster and interview first, and then two underwater challenges follow. The first being an obstacle course and the second being an orbs challenge where the students move different sized balls into submerged containers. The students develop problem-solving, teamwork and technical skills through their work. Both teams are coached by Marc Smith, and we are very

proud of what he and his teams of bright young students have accomplished.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the two SeaPerch teams, Aqua Tronz and Hydro Tech. Keep up the great work.

TRIBUTE TO WINSTON THOMAS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Winston Thomas, a distinguished public servant in the states of South and North Carolina.

Born August 20, 1942, Winston was a native of Detroit and a graduate of its prestigious Cass Tech High school with a concentration in Electrical Engineering. He came to South Carolina to attend Benedict College in Columbia, graduating with a degree in Chemistry. He was a gifted athlete, attending Benedict on a football scholarship and also competing in basketball, baseball, and track, where he was part of a record-setting 4x200 relay team.

While Winston passed up a professional athletic career when he declined a free agent offer from the Philadelphia Eagles, sports remained his lifelong passion. He participated in three all-state softball teams, was a member of the first all-black team to play in the Columbia Softball League, and competed in the United States Softball Association State Championship. At Benedict, Winston was an athletic institution, working as an assistant basketball coach, helping to start a swim team, and creating an Athletic Hall of Fame (into which he was deservedly inducted).

Even more impressive than Winston's athletic accomplishments was his tenure in public service. His career began as a science teacher and a coach at Booker T. Washington High School. He subsequently served as Director of the Aging Program at the Columbia Urban League and as a Representative for the South Carolina Deferred Compensation Commission. From 1983 to 1988, he served as a Program Information Coordinator on the staffs of two South Carolina governors of different parties. Democrat Richard W. Riley and Republican Carroll A. Campbell. The fact that he was trusted by leaders on both sides of the aisle is a testament to his diligence and public-spiritiveness.

I had the great pleasure of seeing these qualities firsthand in 1988 when he became my Executive Assistant at the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission. Winston played an instrumental role in the Commission's work, and countless South Carolinians benefited from his service there. Though he left the Commission and moved to Charlotte shortly before I left the Commission to serve in Congress, our region continued to benefit from his commitment to public service, with stints at the Urban League of Central Carolina and 100 Black Men of Greater Charlotte, which was selected as chapter of the year three times under his leadership. After leaving 100 Black Men in 2004, Winston started another career as an antique store owner, his store MAMALU, named after his mother, Lula Ballard, was recognized as a North Carolina Treasure.

Winston's love of sports and community leadership was synthesized in the Rudolph Canzater Memorial Classic, an annual golf tournament which we started over 30 years ago and renamed for our mutual friend Rudolph Canzater. That tournament is sponsored by the James E. Clyburn Research and Scholarship Foundation to raise money for college scholarships for students in South Carolina. Thousands of young people are grateful for Winston's generosity, as am I.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in offering condolences to Winston's daughter, Alanna Thomas of Baltimore, his cousins, Wesley Ballard and Angela Dixon of Detroit, and all of the rest of his family and many friends. He will be sorely missed, but he lives on in the countless people whose lives were improved by his selfless service and loyal friendship.

PEARLAND HIGH SCHOOL INDOOR
DRUMLINE WIN STATE TITLE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pearland High School's indoor drumline for winning the state championship.

The Pearland High School Indoor Drumline won the Scholastic Marching A Championship in the Texas Color Guard Circuit Percussion State Championship. Notably, this is the first year since 2005 that Pearland High School has had an indoor drumline. The drumline is directed by Nicholas Guiliano.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Pearland High School's Indoor Drumline for winning the state championship in their first year. We look forward to hearing great things from these students and are proud of them for representing Pearland so well.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RE-
LATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATION
ACT, 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4974) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes:

Ms. LEE. Mr. Chair, first, I want to thank Chairman DENT and Ranking Member BISHOP for their unwavering leadership of our subcommittee. As the daughter of a veteran, it is truly an honor to be serving in my second year as a member of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee.

The bill before us provides a total of \$81.6 billion in spending—which, thankfully, is \$1.8

billion more than current-year spending levels. Yet, this allocation falls \$1.2 billion short of the President's requested funding level. This gap undermines the promise that we've made to veterans that we would provide them with the best and most innovative care.

This, Mr. Chair, is unnecessary, shameful—and frankly—unacceptable. While there are many provisions which create spending gaps for vital services that our veterans need, I am also pleased to support other provisions.

I support the investments in military infrastructure, housing, and other services to ensure that we give our brave men and women in uniform and their families the proper respect and care they deserve. Additionally, I am pleased that these investments will also help make our military facilities greener and more energy efficient, which is vital to our planet, our national security and the department's bottom line.

I also want to thank the Chair and Ranking Member for the inclusion of report language requiring the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) to provide an updated report on claims processing at the Oakland VA Regional Office (VARO). While the Oakland VA has made significant improvements in Oakland, more work remains to ensure that veterans in my District and throughout the Bay Area are provided with quality care and timely care.

Mr. Chair, I understand the enormous sacrifices made by our service members and their families. And that's why I support language encouraging more coordination between federal agencies to help our veterans' transitioning back to civilian life find jobs. I'm also pleased this bill provides veterans greater access to education, housing and more comprehensive health and mental health services. While these are small steps, they are important ones when approximately one million veterans will be settling into American communities in the next three to five years.

Finally, Mr. Chair, I want to mention that I will join my colleagues in offering an amendment to allow VA doctors to prescribe medical cannabis to their patients in states with state-legal medical cannabis laws. Mr. Chair, the federal government shouldn't be erecting barriers between patients and their medicine. So I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting that effort.

I look forward to continue working with the subcommittee to improve quality of life for our brave service members, veterans and their families. And to work towards addressing funding deficiencies as the process moves forward—our veterans deserve nothing less.

THE PASSING OF HARRY WU

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor the passing of a deeply committed human rights activist and friend, Mr. Harry Wu. Harry is survived by his son, Harrison, and his former wife, Ching Lee. I offer my sincerest condolences to his family. Harry is also

mourned today by the many friends and colleagues who will remember him as a tireless and determined advocate for freedom and justice.

Harry was born into a comfortable life in Shanghai, but this life was turned upside down when the Communist Party came to power in 1949. His father lost his job and his family's possessions were taken away. In college, Harry made the mistake of criticizing the Soviet Union, and for this mistake he suffered for 19 years in the Laogai—the system of forced labor prison camps used by the Communist Party to control the Chinese people. Harry worked to expose the horrors of the Laogai. Unfortunately, a system of arbitrary detention remains in place in China today, under different names.

During his 19 year detention, Harry endured unimaginable hardship and horror. Surviving such an ordeal is itself a testament to Harry's toughness and tenacity. Harry was driven by this hardship to spend the remainder of his life fighting for the victims of Chinese Communism, exposing its abuses to the world.

After emigrating to the United States, Harry risked his freedom on multiple trips back to China to document forced labor in China's prison camps. In 1995, Harry was caught. I remember that time well, as Ching Lee worked with me and other Members of Congress to call publicly for Harry's release. The Chinese government gave Harry a show trial and then sentenced him to exile. He was never able to go home to China again.

Harry remained undaunted by his exile. He poured his time and energy into his organization, the Laogai Research Foundation, continuing to raise awareness of forced labor in China. He published several books about his own ordeal. He published the Black Series, the riveting memoirs of other survivors of the Laogai labor camps. In 2008 he opened the Laogai Museum, documenting human rights abuses in China, both past and present.

Harry was also a passionate voice against China's heinous population control policy—the "One-Child Policy" and helped this Congress expose the abuses of forced abortions and sterilizations. Harry saw clearly that the violence used to control the vital instinct of parenthood was a great crime, and a lasting black mark on Chinese history.

Until his death, Harry continued to be the conscience of this Congress. He constantly reminded Members of Congress about the abuses heaped on the Chinese people by China's leaders and predicted that U.S. trade with China would not bring political reform—sadly history has proven him correct.

As a Catholic, he was a staunch advocate for freedom of religion, and spoke out against the persecution of Tibetan Buddhists and Uyghur Muslims in China.

Harry's work lives on today even if he is no longer here with us. Because of his work, the brutal truth about the Laogai saw the light of day. Because of Harry's commitment to the truth, the stories of survivors were not silenced, but were published for the world to see.

When China eventually becomes a free nation, Harry Wu will be lauded as a hero, because he worked so hard, and so long, for freedom and for justice.

TIRR MEMORIAL HERMANN ADULT
HOTWHEELS WIN NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the TIRR Memorial Hermann Adult Hotwheels basketball team for winning the National Championship in the National Wheelchair Basketball Association's Division III.

The TIRR Memorial Hermann Adult Hotwheels basketball team defeated the Fort Lauderdale Sharks 60–33 to claim the title. The championship took place in Louisville, Kentucky. The Hotwheels have defeated teams from Tennessee, Indiana, North Carolina, and Florida to earn this coveted title. This is the first national championship for the team.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the TIRR Memorial Hermann Adult Hotwheels basketball team for winning this prestigious national title. We thank the team for representing TIRR Memorial Hermann so well and for bringing this title home.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZA-
TION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4909) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Chair, this amendment includes my provision expressing Congress's strong support of the United States' continued leadership in one of the world's most important partnerships—The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). President Obama has called NATO “the most successful alliance in human history.” That's because NATO is rooted in the bedrock principle of collective defense—that we are stronger together than we are apart. This principle is built on the common values of the 28 members—democracy, freedom, and self-government.

Today, more than 18,000 troops are promoting these values in six NATO operations. From assisting Afghan security forces to defending against Russian expansionism, NATO is instrumental in advancing global security and democracy. I've been privileged to help represent the United States at the NATO Parliamentary Assembly for the past three years, where I engage with lawmakers from our NATO partners on today's pressing security challenges.

Some have called NATO obsolete. They are wrong. NATO could not be more relevant today given the dynamic threats we and our allies face. The United States' continued lead-

ership is key to NATO's ability to address the evolving threats of the 21st century. I urge adoption of the amendment.

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, May 24, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 25

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations
Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy
To hold hearings to examine international cybersecurity strategy, focusing on deterring foreign threats and building global cyber norms.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 2834, to improve the Governmentwide management of unnecessarily duplicative Government programs and for other purposes, S. 1378, to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government, S. 2849, to ensure the Government Accountability Office has adequate access to information, S. 2480, to amend title 5, United States Code, to protect unpaid interns in the Federal Government from workplace harassment and discrimination, S. 461, to provide for alternative financing arrangements for the provision of certain services and the construction and maintenance of infrastructure at land border ports of entry, S. 2852, to expand the Government's use and administration of data to facilitate transparency, effective governance, and innovation, H.R. 4902, to amend title 5, United States Code, to expand law enforcement availability pay to employees of U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Air and Marine Operations, S. 2465, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 Rochester Street in Bergen, New York, as the Barry G. Miller Post Office, S. 2891, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 525 North Broadway in Aurora, Illinois, as the “Kenneth M. Christy Post Office Building”, H.R. 136, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1103 USPS Building 1103 in Camp Pendleton,

California, as the “Camp Pendleton Medal of Honor Post Office”, H.R. 1132, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1048 West Robinhood Drive in Stockton, California, as the “W. Ronald Coale Memorial Post Office Building”, H.R. 2458, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5351 Lapalco Boulevard in Marrero, Louisiana, as the “Lionel R. Collins, Sr. Post Office Building”, H.R. 2928, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 B Street in Perryville, Arkansas, as the “Harold George Bennett Post Office”, H.R. 3082, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5919 Chef Menteur Highway in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Daryle Holloway Post Office Building”, H.R. 3274, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4567 Rockbridge Road in Pine Lake, Georgia, as the “Francis Manuel Ortega Post Office”, H.R. 3601, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 Post Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the “Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building”, H.R. 3735, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Town Run Lane in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as the “Maya Angelou Memorial Post Office”, H.R. 3866, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1265 Hurffville Road in Deptford Township, New Jersey, as the “First Lieutenant Salvatore S. Corma II Post Office Building”, H.R. 4046, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 East Oak Street, Glenwood City, Wisconsin, as the Second Lt. Ellen Ainsworth Memorial Post Office, H.R. 4605, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 615 6th Avenue SE in Cedar Rapids, Iowa as the “Sgt. 1st Class Terryl L. Pasker Post Office Building”, an original bill entitled, “DHS Accountability Act of 2016”, an original bill entitled, “Biodefense Strategy Act of 2016”, an original bill entitled, “Disaster Management Act of 2016”, an original bill entitled, “Office of Special Counsel Reauthorization Act of 2016”, an original bill entitled, “GAO Mandates Revision Act of 2016”, an original bill entitled, “District of Columbia Judicial Financial Transparency and Courts Improvement Act”, an original bill entitled, “National Urban Search and Rescue Response System Act of 2016”, an original bill entitled, “Grant Reform and New Transparency Act of 2016”, and an original bill entitled, “Federal Information Systems Safeguards Act of 2016”.

SD-342

2 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard
To hold hearings to examine improvements in hurricane forecasting and the path forward.

SR-253

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
To hold hearings to examine combating corruption in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

SVC-212

Joint Economic Committee
 To hold hearings to examine the transformative impact of robots and automation.
 SD-106

2:30 p.m.
 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine understanding the role of sanctions under the Iran Deal, focusing on Administration perspectives.
 SD-538

4:30 p.m.
 Committee on Foreign Relations
 To receive a closed briefing on trafficking in persons, focusing on preparing the 2016 annual report.
 S-116

MAY 26

9 a.m.
 Committee on Foreign Relations
 Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues
 To hold hearings to examine cartels and the United States heroin epidemic, focusing on combating drug violence and the public health crisis.
 SD-419

10 a.m.
 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
 To hold hearings to examine a review of the United States livestock and poultry sectors, focusing on marketplace opportunities and challenges.
 SH-216

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine protecting America from the threat of ISIS.
 SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary
 Business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, S. 356, to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications, and S. 2944, to require adequate reporting on the Public Safety Officers' Benefit program.
 SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Small Business Administration's 7(a) loan guaranty program.
 SR-428A

10:30 a.m.
 Committee on Appropriations
 Business meeting to mark up an original bill entitled, "Department of Defense

Appropriations Act, 2017", and an original bill entitled, "Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2017".
 SD-106

2 p.m.
 Select Committee on Intelligence
 To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.
 SH-219

JUNE 8

10:30 a.m.
 Committee on Appropriations
 Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
 To hold hearings to examine a review of the Department of Veterans Affairs' electronic health record (VistA), progress toward interoperability with the Department of Defense's electronic health record, and plans for the future.
 SD-124

2:15 p.m.
 Committee on Indian Affairs
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine improving interagency forest management to strengthen tribal capabilities for responding to and preventing wildfires.
 SD-628