Termed out of the Assembly in 2008, Wolk was subsequently elected to the California State Senate where she now serves as the Majority Whip, chairs the Select Committee on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and chairs a Senate Budget Subcommittee. In her combined two years with the state legislature, Senator Wolk has authored more than 100 new laws. During her impressive career in the legislature, Wolk has been honored with many awards and recognitions for her leadership in water policy and flood protection, parks and conservation, gun violence, end-of-life care, and transportation, including the safety of State Highway 12.

Senator Wolk has led an admirable career in public service, filled with policy accomplishments on behalf of her constituents and the state. Mr. Speaker, it is therefore fitting that we honor and thank Lois Wolk for her long and distinguished career and wish her the best of luck on her future endeavors.

HONORING GRAND LAKE GARDENS

HON. BARBARA LEE
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Grand Lake Gardens, a retirement community in the heart of Oakland, California, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Since 1966, Grand Lake Gardens has been providing residents with a comfortable, safe, and convenient home near the beautiful Lake Merritt. Grand Lake Gardens’ proximity to a thriving, vibrant commercial district with restaurants, parks, galleries, and more have allowed its residents to live fulfilling and active lives.

Residents at Grand Lake Gardens take an active role in shaping their own programs, activities, and clubs to fit their interests, and residents have created their own fitness classes, current news seminars, and an organic garden.

Grand Lake Gardens took shape as many Oakland-area Baptist churches searched for a way to address the need for housing and care of the elderly during the late 1950’s and the early 1960’s.

In 1963, the Northern California Baptist Convention appointed a Committee on Retirement Housing to come up with solutions to the need for housing for the elderly in the Bay Area. Their solution was to build Grand Lake Gardens. A location was chosen, the money was raised, and on July 2nd, 1965, construction began on a seven-story building with 103 apartments and parking.

Construction was completed by November 7th, 1966, and by Christmas of that year, there were 25 residents living at Grand Lake Gardens—for its first Christmas party.

When Mr. Mark Knudsen became the first full-time administrator, in 1981, Grand Lake Gardens began to truly flourish and blossom. Under Mr. Knudsen’s leadership, the Grand Assembly and an activity room were added, a third-floor garden was created, and more staff was hired to provide residents with more activities, helping Grand Lake Gardens into the thriving and stimulating place it is today.

Following a fire in 1994, the kitchen and dining room were remodeled, and an additional vegetable and flower garden for residents was added. Latex, Grand Lake Gardens added a wellness clinic and a van to provide transportation for residents, further improving the health and experience of seniors living there.

On a personal note, my late beloved mother, Ms. Mildred Massey, spent the last five of her golden years at Grand Lake Gardens. She always told me what a warm and welcoming home Grand Lake Gardens was, and how loved and accepted she felt there.

Today, on behalf of the residents of California’s 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Grand Lake Gardens on 50 years of providing its residents with a comfortable, safe, and convenient home. I wish Grand Lake Gardens well as it continues to help seniors live thriving, vibrant, and active lives.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DON McENHILL

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Mike Doyle for his lifelong commitment of public service to his hometown of Danville, California. Mr. Doyle was elected to the Danville Town Council on November 5, 1991, running as a “man of the people,” advocating on behalf of youth, veterans, business, careful planning, and citizen engagement.

Mr. Doyle is known as “Mr. Danville,” and his legacy will be his work to preserve Danville’s genuine small-town feel. He always put the Town first and made sure it was on firm financial footing during the early days of incorporation. Known as a straight shooter and regularly expressing his feelings on the issues of the day, his passion and dedication for Danville and its residents are unrivaled.

Mr. Doyle is the first person to be elected to the Town Council six times and is the longest-serving member of the Danville Town Council since incorporation of the Town of Danville in 1982. Mr. Doyle has worked tirelessly to preserve the character of Danville while encouraging balanced economic growth.

Mr. Doyle has played an integral part in shaping the Town of Danville. During his service, the Town enjoyed the opening of a new Danville Library and Community Center complex, Oak Hill Park Community Center, and the Veterans Memorial Building and Senior Center.

Mr. Doyle served on the Board of Directors for the League of California Cities for 18 years, representing Danville and cities across California. Prior to his public service in Danville, Mr. Doyle served six years in the United States Air Force, during which time he was involved in the Berlin Airlift to carry food and other supplies into West Berlin.

Mr. Doyle and his wife JoAnne have raised five children—Michael, Mary Anne, Terrence, Celeste and John, and are grandparents to nine grandchildren.

We wish him well in his retirement.

HONORING DANVILLE COUNCILMEMBER MIKE DOYLE

HONORING PENNY PULLEN
ON HER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Miss Penny Pullen on being selected as the recipient of the Abstinence & Marriage Education Partnership’s Lifetime Achievement Award. This award represents a major honor for all of Penny’s work fighting for the right to life and for traditional family values over the past several decades both in Illinois and across the nation.

Penny has long been considered one of the strongest champions of the pro-life movement in Illinois. She has dedicated her life to working for the rights of the unborn, both in Illinois and across the nation.

HONORING DANVILLE COUNCILMEMBER MIKE DOYLE
Assembly in 1993, she launched the Illinois Family Institute and was later appointed by Phyllis Schlafly to serve as President of Eagle Forum of Illinois. She also served in three national posts. She was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to the National Council on Educational Research and Improvement and to the President’s Commission on the HIV Epidemic. She was also appointed by President George Bush to the board of directors of the Legal Services Corporation. Currently, Penny is the president of Life Advocacy Resource Project and editor of Life Advocacy Briefing.

Although, she has never sought recognition or accolades Penny deserves our deepest respect and admiration. Her contributions to the pro-life community are an inspiration to many across Illinois and the United States. It truly is an honor for me to be counted among her many friends and admirers. At a time when our nation is in need of role models in public life, we are truly blessed by Penny and the testimony of her whole life.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Penny Pulten for her remarkable lifetime of service and her devotion to God and to the founding principles that have made our nation prosperous.

IN HONOR OF RILETTA L. CREAM

HON. DONALD NORCROSS
OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Riletta L. Cream, a woman of strength, character and commitment, on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Mrs. Cream has been a friend, mentor and educator to many individuals in southern New Jersey, including myself, and it only seems fitting that we honor someone who has dedicated herself to public service on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Mrs. Cream was born and raised in Camden City, and after graduating from Glassboro State College, now Rowan University, she was a teacher, supervisor and principal at an elementary school before the Mayor of Camden City recruited her to be the principal at Camden High School.

Mrs. Cream led Camden High through the tumultuous seventies all the way through 1987—serving proudly as a role model to students, teachers and administrators alike.

After retiring from Camden High School, she became an administrator for BPUM, Inc. Day Care Centers and later an Adjunct Professor and Supervisor of Student Teachers at both Rowan and Rutgers Universities.

In 1994, she was appointed to the Board of Chosen Freeholders in the County of Camden, New Jersey. She was reelected to that position four times, shepherding many projects like the Tech 2000 program, which put computers in every classroom and supplied distance learning equipment for students and teachers and expanding the County’s Library System. She retired in 2011.

Mrs. Cream created a scholarship program to ensure students in Camden were given the opportunity to further their education. She is always focused on giving back to her community and her students, even now, long after she retired as an educator.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Cream continues to encourage and inspire everyone who knows her and those she continues to meet. I hope that you will all join me in wishing this incredible woman, Mrs. Riletta L. Cream, a wonderful birthday.

H.R. 3590

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN
OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 3590, which repeals one of the funding mechanisms for the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has estimated that this bill would add $33 billion to the nation’s deficit. House Republicans have once again created a double standard, asking Congress to add $33 billion to the national deficit with unpaid for tax cuts while insisting on offsets for public health emergencies like the Zika virus, opioid epidemic, and crisis in Flint, Michigan. H.R. 3590 has made House Republicans’ priorities very clear—to dismantle the ACA. This is the latest effort to undermine the ACA, which provides affordable health care to millions of Americans.

I have put forward a proposal to provide tax relief to working Americans with a Paycheck Bonus Tax Credit and updates to the tax code to benefit those who earn their paychecks through hard work instead of those who made money off of money. If Republicans are serious about tax reform to help American workers they would support my proposal to limit tax breaks that encourage corporations to move American jobs overseas. Rather than work on behalf of our constituents who are counting on Congress to pass common sense laws on logical tax reform and to address public health emergencies, House Republicans have chosen to fight old battles by once again introducing legislation which would undermine the ACA.

I oppose this bill and urge my colleagues to vote no.

RECOGNIZING TRISHA PRABHU

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, today I honor sixteen year old Trisha Prabhu of Naperville, IL for her creative and enterprising efforts to combat teen cyberbullying. Having partnered with entrepreneurs Mark Cuban and Lori Greiner through the hit TV show “Shark Tank”, Trisha is expanding her efforts on a national level.

As a thirteen year old, Trisha decided to take a stand when she heard about students younger than herself who committed suicide after experiencing cyberbullying. Drawing on neuroscience research and her own research in school, Trisha created an app designed to warn students when they are about to send a text message that might be hurtful. The app, called ReThink, gives users an opportunity to edit, cancel, or send the message.

After piloting the app in a 1,500-person trial, Trisha found that ReThink resulted in teens changing their messages a stunning 93 percent of the time. Already, the app has been downloaded by thousands of users and has had a significant impact on the community.

With her initiative and clear vision, Trisha models the best in our youth by stepping out to prevent—not just remedy—a serious problem that her own communities face. Trisha has been featured at the White House Science Fair and as a global finalist at the Google Science Fair and received numerous honors including the Princess Diana Award and awards from MIT and the George H. W. Bush Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing this special occasion as we celebrate the ingenuity and spirit of Trisha Prabhu.

HONORING JAMES K. FOY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HON. SCOTT PERRY
OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor my constituent, Chief Master Sergeant James K. Foy, upon his retirement from more than 40 years of military service to the United States Air Force and the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

Chief Master Sergeant Foy deployed multiple times in service of our Nation, including Operations Desert Shield, Desert Thunder, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He earned 30 federal awards, including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with four devices, the Air Force Commendation Medal with four devices, a Joint Service Achievement Medal, and both Air Force and Army Achievement Medals.

Chief Master Sergeant Foy’s tireless dedication, professionalism and sacrifice touched the lives of countless people and challenged all with whom he served to be the best. His legacy of service to our Nation truly is admirable. On behalf of Pennsylvania’s Fourth Congressional District, with great pride I commend and congratulate Chief Master Sergeant James K. Foy upon his retirement after 40 years of selfless service to the United States of America.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY OF HANFORD, CALIFORNIA

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the American Cancer Society of Hanford, California, on its twentieth successful Relay For Life event and for raising over $1,065,000 to date to fight cancer.

More than 5,000 Relay For Life events take place across the world every year. However, Relay For Life has been a staple in Hanford for the past two decades. The twenty-four hour event aims to raise funds to improve cancer survival, decrease the incidence of cancer,