

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATS DAVID MORGAN

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Morgan of Naples, Florida. David is a rising senior at Seacrest Country Day School and has committed to play golf at the University of Virginia.

This past week, David advanced to the match play round at the 70th U.S. Junior Amateur Championship at Flint Hills National Golf Club in Andover, Kansas. For 70 years, the USGA has organized the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship for players under the age of 19. It is designed to determine the best junior golfer in the United States. He was one of just 64 golfers in the entire country to advance to this stage, achieving a dream held by every young golfer. This was truly an extraordinary accomplishment.

I congratulate David and wish him the best of luck during his senior-year season as well as in his future at Virginia as a student-athlete.

CONGRATULATING THE CHURCH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ON 98 SUCCESSFUL YEARS OF WORSHIP

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 98th anniversary of the founding of The Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and welcome them to Birmingham, Alabama for their 98th International Holy Convocation. Since its founding in 1919, the church has strengthened communities across America, and diligently worked towards uniting all of God's Children.

Beginning in 1914, the late Bishop Lawson was drawn to the ministry, and began to tenaciously spread the word of God. A few short years later in 1919, Bishop Lawson moved to New York City and founded the Refuge Church of Christ, which ultimately transformed into the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The congregation grew rapidly and is still welcoming new members from across the world into its family with open hearts.

Faith based communities were central in advancing civil rights and voting rights in our country 50 years ago, and continue the fight for social justice. I have the honor of representing Alabama's 7th Congressional District, which is also known as the Civil Rights District—including historic cities such as Birmingham, Montgomery, and my hometown of Selma. While in Congress, I continue to derive inspiration from the faith leaders and foot soldiers of the Civil Rights and Voting Rights Movements, many of whom are my constituents.

Again, I want to extend my congratulations to The Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ for 98 years of faith based service, and I hope that during their visit to Birmingham, they are inspired by the great civil rights history of the Magic City.

HONORING THE WENTZVILLE CIVIL AIR PATROL ON THEIR NUMEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE PAST YEAR

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Wentzville Civil Air Patrol on their numerous accomplishments during the past year.

In 2016, the Wentzville Civil Air Patrol served as an outstanding organization from Missouri's Third Congressional District. In October, the group attended the 2016 Wing Conference where it received numerous awards including the Quality Unit Award, the Squadron Commander of the Year award, the Cadet Program of the Year award, and the Squadron of the Year award. In addition to these awards, it was named Squadron of Distinction for the North Central Region. This distinguished title requires competing against 25 other squadrons in Missouri then against the winners of seven other states at the national level. Recently, the Wentzville Civil Air Patrol competed at the National Cadet Competition against 15 teams from across the United States. The group performed admirably and achieved 2nd Place in Robotics, the 2nd Place Team Leadership Award, and the Overall Team Spirit Award.

The Wentzville Civil Air Patrol comes from an outstanding tradition of service and protection. The Civil Air Patrol was founded on December 1, 1941 and the Cadet Program started October 1, 1942. On February 1, 1982, the Wentzville Composite Squadron was chartered under Commander Frank Lancaster. The membership roster includes 48 active members, 30 cadets, and 18 senior members who meet every Monday.

The members of Wentzville Civil Patrol are dedicated to the local community. Historically, the organization has assisted the St. Charles County Fair Board with parking cars during the fair, volunteered during Living Lord Lutheran Church's "Back to School" event, presented the colors for the Veterans Day event at Heritage Elementary School in Wentzville, and worked alongside Wreaths Across America during their ceremonies at the Wentzville and Wright City Cemeteries.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Wentzville Civil Air Patrol on their accomplishments. The commitment of this organization to each other and their community deserves our utmost appreciation and gratitude.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. VICTOR G. MCNETT

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Syracuse native Mr. Victor G. McNett.

Mr. McNett served with his brother in the U.S. Army's 27th Infantry Division during World War II in Pearl Harbor, Saipan, and Okinawa. Mr. McNett then returned home and joined the Syracuse Police Department, where he served in the department's crime laboratory as a photographer, search technician, and fingerprint analyst. Mr. McNett later became the Director of the Crime Laboratory before retiring as a Lieutenant in the Syracuse Police Department in 1973. Mr. McNett served Central New York diligently as a member of the Syracuse Police Department, and was honored with numerous awards throughout his 27 years of service.

Mr. McNett was predeceased in death by his wife of 43 years, Virginia McNett, and daughter, Susan McNett. He is survived by three children: Linda, Eric, and Douglas McNett; six grandchildren; two great-grandsons; his brother, Duane; and sister, Phyllis.

Mr. McNett's love for country and family never faltered over the course of his life. He decided to share that love with the world in his memoir, "Victor G. McNett, A Life of Service to Country, City, and Family." May Mr. Victor G. McNett's name and legacy forever be remembered, and may he rest peacefully.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALEXANDER POZIN, WORLD WAR II VETERAN

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Alexander Pozin, a World War II veteran, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday.

Alexander Pozin was born on May 1st, 1917, in Odessa, Ukraine. That same year in Russia, the Communist Revolution took place, leaving the Pozin family in a state of poverty. After working many different jobs to provide for his family, Pozin graduated from law school in 1939, and went on to become a successful lawyer. However, in June of 1944, Pozin was called to serve in the Russian Army as a fighter and bomber pilot in the 210th Division of the Soviet Air Force. By the end of the war, Pozin had reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and had earned 18 medals from the Soviet government.

Following his career in the military, Mr. Pozin moved to the United States. He became

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a professor at Stenson University, where he specialized in Slavic languages.

Today, Mr. Pozin is a resident of St. Augustine, Florida. Here, his philanthropic endeavors have had a valuable and visible impact on the St. Augustine community. He has volunteered with Learn to Read St. Johns County, and the Council on Aging's Senior Center in St. Augustine. It is within these organizations that Mr. Pozin has connected with other individuals who weathered the storm of World War II, and shared his heroic and inspiring story.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Mr. Alexander Pozin for his service in World War II, and for his commitment to philanthropy and his community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS J. ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida. I was not present for these Roll Call votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 407, YEA on Roll Call No. 408, and YEA on Roll Call No. 409.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL BECKER, FOUNDER OF HELLO GORGEOUS!

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Michael Becker and to celebrate the positive impact he had on our community.

In 2006, Michael and his wife Kim founded the non-profit Hello Gorgeous!, which brings joy to women fighting cancer by giving them a red-carpet experience complete with a makeover and spa.

Reaching 15 states with mobile day-spas and affiliate salons, Hello Gorgeous! has provided unforgettable experiences to thousands of women all over the country.

The organization Michael and Kim built together and the mission they devoted themselves to brings happiness and hope where it is needed most.

Their passion, drive, and faith inspire us all, and their selfless generosity is an example we should strive to follow.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and a privilege to represent such kind and giving people. Michael lived a life full of love, laughter, and spirit.

My thoughts are with Kim and everyone at Hello Gorgeous!, in whose work I have no doubt Michael's memory will live on.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for

Roll Call votes 407, 408, and 409 on Monday, July 24, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call votes 407 and 408. I would have also voted Yea on Roll Call vote 409.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHUYLKILL AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Schuylkill Area Community Foundation, which celebrated its 50th anniversary on July 19. For 50 years, the Schuylkill Area Community Foundation has worked with individuals, businesses, and professional advisors to help nonprofit organizations and residents in Schuylkill County.

On January 16, 1967, the Schuylkill Community Foundation was established as Ashland Trust by founding members Frederick T. Kull, Wesley T. Fetterolf, Harry Strouse, and Emil R. Ermert. In 1997, Ashland Trusts was renamed the Schuylkill Area Community Foundation as it expanded its operations to include all of Schuylkill County. Its mission is to serve the interests of its philanthropic donors and to be stewards of the financial gifts that support the community in a wide variety of ways.

The Schuylkill Area Community Foundation envisions a county that embraces philanthropy to sustain generations today and tomorrow. Today, the Schuylkill Community Foundation develops, manages, and distributes aid to meet the present and coming needs of the county's residents. It currently manages 162 charitable endowment funds that vary in interests and causes. Supporters of all kinds find that working with the Foundation is an ideal way for them to give back to their community.

It is an honor to recognize the Schuylkill Community Foundation as it celebrates its 50th year of service to the people of Schuylkill County. May the Foundation continue to assist in the cultivation of a better life in the county for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on July 24, 2017, I missed a series of Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on No. 407, 408, and 409.

LT. SCOTT WILSON

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Lt. Scott Wilson of the Greater Naples Fire and Rescue District. On Sunday, July 23, Lt. Wilson took

part in the 10th Annual Brotherhood Ride to honor the 20 first-responders who fell in the line of duty in 2016. This weeklong ride started in North Naples and will finish in South Miami.

The purpose of this 600-mile ride is to bring awareness and support for the first-responders' fallen colleagues. Over the last decade, the group has raised over \$379,000 for the families of our fallen heroes. Lt. Wilson has participated in every ride this group has completed.

We are fortunate to have leaders like Lt. Wilson serve our community. I thank him and all our first-responders for making Collier and Lee counties the perfect place to live.

RECOGNIZING JONATHAN FELD

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jonathan Feld for his hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Fourth District as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office for the Summer of 2017.

The work of this young man has been exemplary, and I know he has a bright future. He served as a tour guide, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation's legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity, and look forward to seeing him build his career in public service.

Jonathan plans to continue pursuing his degree at the end of this internship. I wish him the best as he pursues his career path. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Jonathan Feld for his service the last several months to the people of Colorado's 4th district.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call No. 407, 408 and 409. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 407, YEA on Roll Call No. 408, and YEA on Roll Call No. 409.

RECOGNITION OF MR. YA THAO MOUA

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Ya Thao Moua. Mr. Moua was a constituent who passed away on July 2, 2017, at the age of 72.

In 1960, at age 15, Mr. Moua joined the Auto Defense de Choc (ADC), a militia training program for the Royal Lao Armed Forces, backed by the Central Intelligence Agency. He rose in the ranks to serve as a Captain and eventually as an Assistant Chief Commander.

On November 11, 1969, he sustained grave injuries when he was struck by an ammunition crate dropped by a United States aircraft on a routine ammunition drop.

Mr. Moua's military service in the Royal Kingdom of Laos in support of the U.S. efforts to counter the communist offensive throughout the war is commendable.

Between 1971 and 1974, Mr. Moua served as a police officer in the city of Long Cheng. In 1974, he was elected as a Tasseng, the equivalent of a county supervisor, where he led efforts to improve education, build new infrastructure, and conserve the environment.

Facing mounting political persecution, Mr. Moua fled to Thailand in 1975. Living with his family in United Nations refugee camps, he worked for many years advocating for peace and freedom in Laos.

Upon resettlement to the United States in 1994, Mr. Moua became an outstanding civic leader. He served the Hmong American community in Minnesota in a variety of important capacities.

Born on August 4, 1945 in the village of Thum Xouan Phou Kam Npob, Mouang Xieng Hong, Xiengkhouang Province, Mr. Moua was the second child of eight siblings born to Mr. Cher Lue Moua and Yer Yang.

Mr. Moua was a loving husband and father. He is survived by his wife, Sia Xiong, 15 children, and 48 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. Moua was also a devoted brother and a caring uncle, including to my dear friend and former Minnesota State Senator Mee Moua.

Please join me in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Ya Thao Moua.

IN RECOGNITION OF CRAIG WRIGHT, RECIPIENT OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the 2016 Emergency Medical Services Provider of the Year, Craig Wright.

Mr. Wright currently works at the Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay Fire Department, where he exhibits his heroism and humility on a daily basis. His individual actions have had positive and substantial impacts on the residents of Kings Bay.

Mr. Wright attributes his success to the unity experienced among him and his co-workers in the fire department, stating that nothing he "did individually can't be contributed to the whole team." The resulting feeling of family between the Kings Bay fire fighters yielded a Fire Department of the Year award, for the fifth year in a row. Again, Mr. Wright and all of the fire fighters emphasized their camaraderie and loyalty as the keys to their success.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Craig Wright for his service to the Kings Bay Fire Department and to his fellow fire fighters. His commitment has strengthened the community and all of its members.

CONGRATULATING JENNIFER LOWE, PAUL PARK, HENA RAFIQ, CHRISTA SCHMIDT, AND NOELLE SMITH ON RECEIVING FULBRIGHT AWARDS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jennifer Lowe and Christa Schmidt of Farmers Branch, TX, Paul Park and Hena Rafiq of Irving, TX, and Noelle Smith of Dallas, TX, for their exemplary academic work which earned these scholars Fulbright awards for 2016–2017. Jennifer attends Pitzer College, Christa attends Saint Olaf College, Paul attends Saint John's University in Minnesota, Hena attends the Southern Methodist University, and Noelle attends Davidson College.

Established by Congress in 1946, the Fulbright program selects U.S. citizens to further their knowledge in an educational exchange program, allowing those chosen to study, research, or teach abroad. With only 1,600 Fulbright awards going to U.S. students each year, it is a tremendous honor for five of the recipients to be residents of the 24th District of Texas. These recipients will be focusing on the conditions and challenges that face the regions to which they will be traveling, as well as establishing meaningful U.S. relationships with these communities. Jennifer, Paul, Hena, Christa, and Noelle will be traveling to India, Thailand, Kosovo, Malaysia, and Mexico, respectively. When these fine students return, they will share the wealth of knowledge and experiences they garnered while abroad and be better equipped to excel in their fields.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th District of Texas, I would like to congratulate Jennifer, Paul, Hena, Christa, and Noelle again for receiving this incredibly prestigious award. I wish them the best of luck with their travels, and I know that they will achieve greatness in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, due to travel delays, I was unable to vote on Roll Call 407, 408, and 409. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call 407, Nay on Roll Call 408, and Aye on Roll Call 409.

HONORING DAN MORGADO, TOWN MANAGER OF SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dan Morgado, who has been Town Manager of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts for the past 20 years. Anyone who serves in

this chamber will tell you, Mr. Speaker, that our local public servants are the unsung heroes that keep our democracy running. Public servants like Dan wake up every day in cities and towns across America asking how they can help their neighbors, strengthen their communities, and build better places for all of us to live and work.

However, Mr. Speaker, Dan was no ordinary public servant. Under his leadership, an incredible amount has been accomplished in Shrewsbury. A new senior center, high school and middle school were built. Two new fire stations went up—and a third was rebuilt. Millions of dollars in improvements to water and sewer infrastructure were completed, along with a renovation to the town library. Town center traffic and beautification projects were successfully finished. Mr. Speaker, Dan has left an indelible mark on the Town of Shrewsbury.

However, it isn't only what Dan accomplished in Shrewsbury that brings me here today, it's how he did it. From candid conversations that brought everyone to the table to stabilize health insurance costs—to making the hard decision to fully fund pension obligations and put Shrewsbury on track towards fiscal responsibility—Dan's impeccable character, calm demeanor, and selfless values serve as a model for others to follow.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Shrewsbury, the residents of Massachusetts, and everyone who he has touched through years of dedicated service, thank you to Dan Morgado. We owe you a heartfelt debt of gratitude for all you have done and wish you great satisfaction in your endeavors to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 407, YEA on Roll Call No. 408, and YEA on Roll Call No. 409.

NORM ALPERT

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Norm Alpert in his 30th year as owner and founder of WAVV 101.1 FM in Naples. 30 years ago, Norm moved to the area and started his radio station to provide the people of our area quality jazz music to bring timeless entertainment to our community.

Norm fulfilled the American dream by starting his business from the ground up. He has proven to have found his calling, as his station consistently ranks among the top stations in the region. Further, he has helped our economy by providing jobs and advertising for businesses that reach across the state.

I congratulate Norm on his successes and look forward to see what he will accomplish and bring to the community in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING TYLER WESLEY

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tyler Wesley for his hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Fourth District as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office for the Summer of 2017.

The work of this young man has been exemplary, and I know he has a bright future. He served as a tour guide, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation's legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity, and look forward to seeing him build his career in public service.

Tyler plans to continue working as a public servant at the end of this internship. I wish him the best as he pursues his career path. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Tyler Wesley for his service the last several months to the people of Colorado's 4th district.

RECOGNIZING CATHERINE LIPTAK

HON. DAVE BRAT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. BRAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a smart and ambitious young lady from my district, Catherine Liptak.

Catherine came into my office yesterday to discuss with me her participation in the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals (CBYX). On Tuesday, Catherine left for a year to live with a host family as she studies and interns in Germany.

She told me, "Part of the mission of the CBYX program is cultural diplomacy, and I am eager for the opportunity to serve as a representative for the United States abroad, as well as learn about the German lifestyle, and discussing similarities and differences between the two nations. I hope that through my professional work, as well as through volunteering and other activities, I will foster connections with German peers and other members of the community where I will live, and gain a deeper appreciation for these cross-cultural connections."

Catherine is the very best of what Virginia and this country has to offer. As a recent graduate from the University of Virginia where she achieved a Bachelor of Arts in History and Russian and East European Studies, Catherine is taking with her a great education and firm foundation.

She will do a great job as she lives and works in Germany. I'm looking forward to her updates and look forward to her safe return to America.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
MAJOR JENNIFER CURTIS**HON. TED BUDD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Major Jennifer Curtis.

Major Curtis has retired from the Air Force after 20 years of service in the military. She showed exceptional bravery when the base she was serving at was struck by a Taliban rocket attack, one of the 126 she would endure during her tour of duty in that country. For 20 minutes, she was the only medic on the scene, and fought to save the lives of six Special Forces members who had been wounded by shrapnel in the attack. Thanks to her heroism, and that of her comrades, all six men survived. For this, she was awarded the Bronze Star and the Air Force Combat Medal.

In the heat of battle, she served with distinction. But she also exhibited quiet heroism, the day to day efforts that separate the exceptional from the great. She travelled with the special forces to different parts of Afghanistan on 62 different occasions, providing women in rural areas with the tools they need to empower themselves and their communities.

I wish her well in her next chapter of life, and congratulate her on her service to our country and our Republic.

FINANCIAL NET WORTH

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I am making my financial net worth as of March 31, 2017, a matter of public record. I have filed similar statements for each of the thirty-eight preceding years I have served in the Congress.

ASSETS

REAL PROPERTY

Single family residence at 609 Ft. Williams Parkway, City of Alexandria, Virginia, at assessed valuation. (Assessed at \$1,441,186). Ratio of assessed to market value: 100 percent (Unencumbered): \$1,441,186.00

Condominium at N76 W14726 North Point Drive, Village of Menomonee Falls, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at assessor's estimated market value. (Unencumbered): \$138,000.00

Undivided 25/44ths interest in single family residence at N52 W32654 Maple Lane, Village of Chenequa, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at 25/44ths of assessor's estimated market value of \$1,528,600: \$868,522.73

Total Real Property: \$2,447,708.73

Common & preferred stock	# of shares	\$ per share	Value
Abbott Laboratories, Inc.	12200	44.41	\$541,802.00
AbbVie Inc.	8129	65.16	529,685.64
Allstate Corporation	370	81.49	30,151.30
AT & T	7275	41.55	302,276.25
JP Morgan Chase	4539	87.84	398,705.76
Benton County Mining Company	333	0.00	0.00
BP PLC	3604	34.52	124,410.08
Centerpoint Energy	300	27.57	8,271.00
Chemours Company Chenequa Country Club Realty Co. ...	1	0.00	0.00
Comcast	634	37.59	23,832.06
Darden Restaurants, Inc.	2160	83.67	180,727.20
Discover Financial Services	156	68.39	10,668.84
Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.	1250	107.94	134,925.00
E.I. DuPont de Nemours Corp.	1200	80.33	96,396.00
Eastman Chemical Co.	540	80.80	43,632.00
Exxon Mobil Corp. ...	9728	82.01	797,793.28
Four Corners Property Trust Inc.	983	22.83	22,441.89
Frontier Comm.	591	2.14	1,264.74
Gartner Inc.	651	107.99	70,301.49

Common & preferred stock	# of shares	\$ per share	Value
General Electric Co.	15600	29.80	464,880.00
General Mills, Inc. ...	5760	59.01	339,897.60
NRG Energy	28	18.70	523.60
GlassBridge Ent.	9	4.82	43.38
Kellogg Corp.	3200	72.61	232,352.00
3M Company	2000	191.33	382,660.00
Express Scripts	6656	65.91	438,696.96
Monsanto Company	2852,315	113.20	322,882.06
Moody's	5000	112.04	560,200.00
Morgan Stanley	312	42.84	13,366.08
NCR Corp.	68	45.68	3,106.24
Newell Rubbermaid	1676	47.17	79,056.92
Nokia	74	5.42	401.08
PG & E Corp.	175	66.36	11,613.00
Pfizer	30415	34.21	1,040,497.15
Century Link	95	23.57	2,239.15
Tenneco Inc.	182	62.42	11,360.44
Unisys Corp.	16	13.95	223.20
US Bancorp	3081	51.50	158,671.50
Verizon	1918	48.75	93,502.50
Vodafone Group PLC	323	26.43	8,536.89
WEC Energy Group	2044	60.63	123,927.72

Total common & preferred stocks & bonds			\$7,615,162.00
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Life insurance policies	Face \$	Surrender \$
Northwestern Mutual #00	12,000.00	131,374.18
Northwestern Mutual #61	30,000.00	316,129.88
Massachusetts Mutual #75	10,000.00	19,025.55
Massachusetts Mutual #44	100,000.00	516,414.11
American General Life Ins. #59L	175,000.00	39,842.02

Total life insurance policies		\$1,022,785.74
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Bank & IRA accounts	Balance
JP Morgan Chase Bank, checking account	\$53,074.00
JP Morgan Chase Bank, savings account	25,567.97
BMO Harris Bank, checking account	8,711.42
Burke & Herbert Bank, Alexandria, VA, checking account	5,658.19
JP Morgan, IRA accounts	146,399.70
Total bank & IRA accounts	\$239,411.28

Miscellaneous	Value
2009 Ford Taurus	\$4,749.00
2013 Ford Taurus	14,001.00
Office furniture & equipment (estimated)	1,000.00
Furniture, clothing & personal property (estimated)	180,000.00
Stamp collection (estimated)	210,000.00
Deposits in Congressional Retirement Fund	248,843.59
Deposits in Federal Thrift Savings Plan	589,790.50
Traveler's checks	7,800.00
17 ft. Boston Whaler boat & 70 hp Johnson outboard motor (estimated)	4,500.00
20 ft. Pontoon boat & 40 hp Mercury outboard motor (estimated)	\$7,500.00
Total Miscellaneous	\$1,268,184.09
Total Assets	\$12,593,251.84

Liabilities: None.

Total Liabilities: \$0.00.

Net Worth: \$12,593,251.84.

STATEMENT OF 2016 TAXES PAID

Federal Income Tax	\$131,533.00
Wisconsin Income Tax	35,186.00
Menomonee Falls, WI Property Tax	2,303.00
Chenequa, WI Property Tax	20,328.00
Alexandria, VA Property Tax	15,464.00

I further declare that I am trustee of a trust established under the will of my late father, Frank James Sensenbrenner, Sr., for the benefit of my sister, Margaret A. Sensenbrenner, and of my two sons, F. James Sensenbrenner, III, and Robert Alan Sensenbrenner. I am further the direct beneficiary of five trusts, but have no control over the assets of either trust. I am also trustee of separate trusts established for the benefit of each son.

Also, I am neither an officer nor a director of any corporation organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin or of any other state or foreign country.

F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call vote 410, I was not present because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

IN RECOGNITION OF ELDER ERVIN PETERSON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding Man of God, Elder Ervin Peterson, who will celebrate his 20th Anniversary as the distinguished pastor of New Hope Full Gospel Ministries, Inc. His anniversary celebration will take place Thursday, August 3rd through August 5th, 2017 at New Hope Full Gospel Ministries, Inc. in Albany, GA.

A native of Calhoun County, Elder Peterson was born to Mr. Willie J. and Truezella Peterson, as one of eleven children, in 1955. He is the loving husband of Minister Deborah Peterson, the father of (5) children, Mrs. Yolanda Bryant, Mrs. Shamika Washington (Clifford), Ms. Jasmine Peterson, Ms. Audriauna Peterson, and Kamron Peterson; and, (8) grandchildren, William Bryant, IV, Deja Bryant, Jela Bryant, Bayleigh Bryant, J'Naia Crapps, Mariah Lumpkin, Calvin Grant, and Xavier Williams.

Elder Peterson was called to preach the gospel in 1981 and was ordained in August 1982. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the late Elder W.H. Norwood, Elder Peterson quickly learned the covenant, doctrine, and ordinances of the Primitive Baptist Association of which he served as Moderator from 1995–1996. While many of his churches were great distances away from his home, he served his members faithfully no matter the distance, nor the task.

Ephesians 4:11–12 says “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ”. In June 1997, after receiving a vision from the Lord, New Hope Full Gospel Ministries, Inc. was born. Elder Peterson and a few devoted followers developed a small ministry with firm foundation and a dynamic vision. Elder Peterson’s love for God and his people is evident in the many lives he touches. A man of great integrity, he not only continues to labor for Christ, but he continues to strive for excellence in his profession as a licensed plumber and HVAC technician.

Elder Peterson is a great and inspirational leader, but none of this would have been possible without the love and support of his wife, family, and the New Hope Full Gospel Ministries, Inc. church family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia’s Second Congressional District in thanking Elder Ervin

Peterson for 20 outstanding years of service to New Hope Full Gospel Ministries, Inc. and a lifetime of service in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, due to President Trump’s visit to my Congressional District for an event with Secretaries Zinke, Price, and Perry and Boy Scouts from across the United States, I missed votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 407, YEA on Roll Call No. 408, and YEA on Roll Call No. 409.

RECOGNIZING ETHAN BOND

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ethan Bond for his hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado’s Fourth District as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office for the Summer of 2017.

The work of this young man has been exemplary, and I know he has a bright future. He served as a tour guide, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation’s legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity, and look forward to seeing him build his career in public service.

Ethan plans to continue pursuing his degree at the end of this internship. I wish him the best as he pursues his career path. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Ethan Bond for his service the last several months to the people of Colorado’s 4th district.

RECOGNITION OF MEGHAN RICE

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Ms. Meghan Rice of Woodbury, Minnesota. Ms. Rice was recently presented with the Girl Scout Gold Award from the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. Achieving this award requires extraordinary leadership, passion, and tenacity; all things that she has exhibited to the highest degree.

After visiting a partner-church in San Nicolas, Honduras in 2014, Ms. Rice decided she wanted to deepen a partnership with parishioners there. In conjunction with Crossroads Church and Milk & Honey Missions, she raised \$2,000 to build a new playground for the San Nicolas community. She partnered with her high school Spanish class to translate English board games to Spanish and donated them as well. However, Ms. Rice was not finished; she made sure her project was sustain-

able by establishing an annual Honduras Awareness Month to raise funds for expenses going forward. Despite having completed her Gold Award project, Ms. Rice intends to return to Honduras this summer to construct a garden, kitchen, and library.

She creates a safe place for local children to play and promotes community engagement; Ms. Rice’s Gold Award project is a tremendous example of American citizen diplomacy. It is wonderful to see a dedicated young leader succeed in the international sphere.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Meghan Rice of Woodbury, Minnesota for the service she has done. She serves as a superb example of compassionate leadership, and her future is sure to be bright.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM E. RAPP

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to congratulate Major General William E. Rapp on his retirement from the U.S. Army and on his receipt of the Distinguished Service Medal for his 33 years of steadfast service. This exceptional achievement is proof of Major General Rapp’s commitment to ensuring our nation’s safety and his dedication to educating its military leaders.

Over the course of Major General Rapp’s notable career, he has been sent on multiple command tours and combat deployments. He has also taken on numerous assignments in critical and joint operations, displaying a wide range of skill and expertise. From 2008 to 2009, he was appointed as the Commander of the Northwestern Division of the Army Corps of Engineers, taking on responsibility for a 5,000-person organization and overseeing vital projects. From there, Major General Rapp moved into the role of 72nd Commandant at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, where he diligently supervised the leadership development and military training of 4,400 members of the U.S. Corps of Cadets.

From 2011 to 2012, Major General Rapp courageously served overseas as the Commanding General of the U.S. National Support Element Command in Afghanistan, providing logistical and administrative support to over 190,000 individuals. He continued his service during his next assignment as U.S. Army Chief of Legislative Liaison. In that role, he developed, coordinated, and executed the Army’s strategic communication effort with Congress, fostering and strengthening ties between the two bodies.

Major General Rapp’s dedication to serving his country proved motivational to others, and in June of 2014, he was named the 50th Commandant of the U.S. Army War College and the Commanding General of the Carlisle Barracks. He worked tirelessly to inspire professionalism in students and to instill in them a high level of strategic leadership and reflective thinking. He has become a role model for not only War College faculty and students, but also his own children, who have all pursued military educations and careers. Major General Rapp’s career exemplifies the highest levels of service to the nation and reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Army.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Major General Rapp for all he has sacrificed to serve our country and for all that he has contributed to the Armed Services community. I wish him the very best in his retirement and in all his future endeavors.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 3178, THE
MEDICARE PART B IMPROVE-
MENT ACT

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my strong support for H.R. 3178, the Medicare Part B Improvement Act.

I am proud to be a cosponsor of the bill introduced by Reps. BLACK, DELBENE, and THOMPSON included in the underlying bill. This policy modernizes Medicare payment policies for the use of telehealth for ESRD related visits.

My home state of Alabama and the neighboring states of Mississippi and Tennessee are home to the highest rates of kidney disease in the country. Expanding opportunities for home dialysis and telehealth is very important to these patients and their families.

I've visited with kidney disease patients in dialysis facilities across my district, from small dialysis clinics to the ESRD unit at Children's Hospital in Birmingham. The treatment is taxing for patients and families, who have to go to their clinic to receive treatment 3 days a week for 4 hours at a time to simply sustain life.

For patients and their families, this bill will have a substantial impact on their quality of life, by expanding access to home dialysis therapy. Technology has allowed for the creation of home dialysis devices. Our Medicare dialysis patients deserve access to these advanced technologies. I strongly believe we must modernize our dialysis payment policies to keep pace with the rapid pace of innovation in so that Medicare patients are not left behind.

I support the underlying bill and urge my colleagues to vote yes on the Medicare Part B Improvement Act of 2017.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
SERGEANT CHAD E. JENSON

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Sergeant Chad E. Jenson—beloved son, husband, stepfather, and United States Marine—who passed away on July 10, 2017 in the line of duty.

Chad grew up in Redondo Beach, where his family still resides. He attended Mira Costa High School and helped lead the Manhattan Beach school's football team to a championship in 2009. Chad was deeply admired for his selflessness and unwavering optimism by teammates, classmates, and teachers alike.

Chad had a deep desire to serve his country and he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps

in September 2010 after graduation from high school. In 2013, Chad joined the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command and by 2014, he had attained the rank of Sergeant—a remarkable accomplishment for any enlisted member of the military to receive so rapidly. He proudly served with the elite 2nd Raider Battalion, Special Operations Command which was based at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. Chad was a critical skills operator and was awaiting his first deployment.

Chad constantly strived to perfect his own skills and become a stronger leader. He maintained a high standard of integrity which he shared with those around him. His awards include a U.S. Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Meritorious Unit commendation, two certificates of commendation, three letters of appreciation and two meritorious masts. Chad was the embodiment of the U.S. Marine Corps' values: honor, courage, and commitment.

Chad is survived by his wife, Jessica, and stepson, Jackson, whom I hope take comfort in the way Chad lived his life as a patriotic, selfless and caring young man who served his community and his nation. May his memory be a blessing to us all.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PAUL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pleasure and enthusiasm to congratulate St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Toledo on the church's 100th anniversary. The history of this amazing congregation begins in the home of Mrs. Mamie Porter on Howard Street in Toledo, where, on July 12, 1917, the families of Westly Davis, Robert Christian and Sally McElya met for their first worship service.

During the course of the next year, the congregation grew which resulted in the formal organization of the church, which they named St. Paul. From the start, the church was a community anchor.

Over the years that followed, there were numerous challenges and difficulties that the small congregation overcame, including worshipping in several locations, until finding a home at 654 Hamilton for many years. The current location of St. Paul's, 1502 N. Detroit Avenue, was purchased in 1958 from the United Brethren Church and has been the congregation's home since that time.

There have been a number of shepherds of the St. Paul congregation. Rev. Joseph Smith served as a visionary and dedicated leader of the congregation from 1928 until his death in 1969. To date he is the longest serving Pastor.

On October 25, 1969, Rev. John H. McKissick assumed the leadership of St. Paul. Inspired by the guidance of Rev. and Mrs. McKissick, the church initiated a Watch Care Program, a Department of Evangelism and an Annual Week-End Youth Seminar. A Credit Union was also established as a benefit for the members.

After 16 years of dedicated service Rev. McKissick retired on December 31, 1985, however, he remained as Interim until the search for a new pastor was concluded.

From 1986 to 2003, the following Pastors served the congregation of St. Paul: Dr. Irece T. Bradley, Rev. Julius Minor (Interim), Rev. Floyd Smith and Rev. James R. Glover.

During this timeframe new programs and ministries were established, such as: Moments in Mission, Christian Education, The Sharing Place, Tiny Tot Worship and the Mass Choir.

Rev. James H. Willis, Sr. was elected as Pastor on October 19, 2003. He has exemplified enthusiasm and an unwavering commitment to the spiritual growth of the church. Some of the ministries established during his tenure include: Noon Day Prayer and Bible Study, Young Adult Ministry, Young Adult Monthly Faith Friday, Young Adult Praise Dance Ministry and Young Adult Usher Board. A Youth Minister was appointed in 2016.

St. Paul has modernized its ministry by providing a live stream of Sunday morning worship service, establishing a text alert notification system and installing a projector unit in the sanctuary.

The St. Paul Church Family is blessed to still have 28 "Pioneers" who have maintained membership for over 50 years, and most of them still remain actively engaged in church activities.

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church is a magnificent example of all that a spiritual home should be, rendering indelible service to the Toledo community for the past 100 years. Living the Gospel, St. Paul's congregation looks back on a century of spreading the Word and sharing Christ's message of Love while looking forward to a future of spiritual service.

Romans 10:17 tells us, "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ." I am pleased to join our community in recognizing the milestone centennial celebration of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DAVID A. FOGEL

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to honor the contributions to Colorado of an extraordinary constituent and friend, David A. Fogel, who on July 27th will receive the Elaine Wolf 'Dor V'Dor Award for outstanding service to Kavod Senior Life.

"Kavod" is the Hebrew word for "honor" or "respect." Kavod Senior Life is an inclusive, Denver-based non-profit providing affordable and subsidized housing, community activities and services to more than 400 low-income people of all faiths age 62 and up who have qualifying mobility impairment disabilities.

David has served Kavod Senior Life as a member of the board since 2009 and was its president from 2013 to 2015.

A man of faith with a commitment to serving others, David has dedicated his time and his considerable energy to our community through leadership positions in Denver B'nai B'rith, the South Denver Optimist Club, the Anti-Defamation League, and more.

David's wide-ranging career in the law has also been imbued with the ideal of service and making life better for others. He has served as Assistant U.S. Attorney for Colorado and Assistant Public Defender, had two assignments as Special Assistant Attorney General for Colorado, and is now in private practice at his firm, Fogel & Bluestein.

David is also a part-time instructor at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. His commitment to education and his desire to share his experience extends for many years, 16 of which he spent as an instructor at the University of Denver College of Law.

David has been a mentor, not just to his former law students, but to many people across the community. I met David years ago when he was Chair of the Denver Democratic Party, and his wisdom and upbeat disposition inspire me to this day.

I'm among countless Coloradans who, through the years, have been lucky enough to get to know David and to work by his side. We appreciate his compassion, kindness and generosity in all his professional and community roles. His spirit and energy have helped make Denver a city with a welcoming spirit that embraces diversity and justice.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, on July 24, 2017, I missed the voting session due to family obligations. If present, I would have voted as follows:

YES—H.R. 3180—Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018

YES—S. 114—A bill to authorize appropriations for the Veterans Choice Program

YES—H.R. 3218—Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act

I intended to vote yes on all of these measures. After World War II, my father—who was a B-17 bombardier navigator in the Army Air Corps—became the first in our family to attend college thanks to the GI Bill. I am ecstatic that the House passed H.R. 3218 to expand this vital program for our Veterans and their families who sacrifice so much.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, on July 24, 2017, I was not able to cast my votes during the series. Had I been present, I would have voted: NO on H.R. 3180—Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018, as amended, NO on S. 114—A bill to authorize appropriations for the Veterans Choice Program, and for other purposes, as amended, and YES on H.R. 3218—Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, as amended.

COMMEMORATING 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRAE DAY IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 10th anniversary of "Trae Day."

Trae Tha Truth, is an American hip hop recording artist from Houston, Texas.

Apart from his solo career, Trae is also known as a member of the underground rap collective Screwed Up Click, as well as one-half of the Southern Hip Hop duo ABN, and one of the founding members of the group Guerilla Maab, alongside fellow rappers Z-Ro and Dougie D.

Trae Tha Truth currently hosts Banned Radio on XXL, on Dash Radio.

Trae Tha Truth's music is inspired by the experiences of the disenfranchised, which is rooted in the inner-cities of America, and is driven by loss, love and loyalty.

Trae Tha Truth's music is powerful and real, his voice is a tractor trailer shoveling gravel that booms, bangs, and thumps.

Trae Day is an annual festival commemorating the actual holiday the City of Houston gave Trae for his role as a civic leader, which made him the first rapper in Texas to be given an official holiday by the city.

Among his civic activities, Trae Tha Truth has founded a nonprofit organization, counseled incarcerated persons, and sponsored at-risk high school students.

Trae Tha Truth is very modest and rarely discusses his accomplishments but what is important to know about him is that he is a rapper who uses his gift to help people.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LEO TWIGGS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great South Carolinian and personal friend, Dr. Leo Twiggs.

Dr. Twiggs hails from St. Stephen, South Carolina, and currently lives in Orangeburg. His artwork has won him fame and recognition across the state and around the world. Recently, he received the Order of the Palmetto, the state's highest civilian honor at a ceremony held at the Statehouse in Columbia. During that ceremony, he also received the highest honor the state presents in the arts—a Lifetime Achievement Award from the South Carolina Arts Commission at the 2017 Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Governor's Awards for the Arts. In 1980, Dr. Twiggs was the first visual artist ever to receive the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award.

Dr. Twiggs' powerful artwork employs batik, an ancient Indonesian technique of manual wax-resistant dyeing applied to whole cloth. He recently spent several weeks manually dyeing and dipping fabric pieces to achieve a texturally rich and deep-toned series titled, "Requiem for Mother Emanuel," to honor the victims of the Charleston massacre of June

17, 2015. His new series of paintings is titled, "The Nine," and focuses on the individual Charleston church shooting victims themselves.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Twiggs has spoken of the "powerful kind of catharsis" of his work, and his fondness for batik includes how the art form draws an individual into a piece. His unique paintings have received international acclaim. Several paintings have been displayed in U.S. embassies in Rome, Senegal, Sierra Leone and elsewhere; and his works have appeared in numerous textbooks, other publications and documentaries. He has designed official White House Christmas ornaments for former Presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush. Dr. Twiggs is particularly proud that the new National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. has accepted two of his paintings for display.

Dr. Twiggs has served on many important boards and commissions, including the South Carolina State Museum, the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts & Humanities, and the South Carolina Hall of Fame. His tenure in the latter capacity saw the induction of late Judge Matthew Perry, a personal hero of mine, former Governor Richard Riley, longtime former Charleston Mayor Joe Riley, and Ernest A. Finney, the first African American elected to the state Supreme Court since Reconstruction who later became the first African American Chief Justice of the state Supreme Court. Dr. Twiggs also influenced the induction of two pioneering African American women Septima Clark, another personal hero from my younger days and Marian Wright Edelman, a woman whose work I have long admired.

Dr. Twiggs was the first African American to earn a Doctorate of Art Education from the University of Georgia. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Claflin University and received his Masters of Arts from New York University. He found the Art Department at South Carolina State University, my alma mater, and is credited with developing the I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium on campus. He was named Professor Emeritus in 2000. The Georgia Museum of Art organized a retrospective of his works that toured the southeast from 2004 to 2006: His lovely wife Rosa hails from my hometown of Sumter, South Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I call to your attention and to the attention of the Members of the 115th Congress, the accomplishments of this outstanding South Carolinian, Dr. Leo Twiggs.

SENATE VOTE ON ACA REPEAL

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, today, in a move that is a betrayal to the American people, the Senate voted 51 to 50 on a motion to advance debate on a piece of Republican legislation that would do away with most of the Affordable Care Act.

Reaching a 51-50 vote, where the tie was broken by Vice President MIKE PENCE, has been a struggle for Republican Members of the Senate because they realize that a repeal of Obamacare would result in tragedy for millions of Americans.

I want you to know that I oppose this and previous versions of Obamacare repeal for several compelling reasons:

1. Trumpcare forces families to pay higher premiums and deductibles, increasing out-of-pocket costs.

2. Trumpcare will take away health care from 24 million hardworking Americans.

3. Trumpcare would gut essential health benefits and protections for Americans with pre-existing conditions.

4. Trumpcare forces Americans aged 50–64 to pay premiums five times higher than what others pay for health coverage, no matter how healthy they are.

5. Trumpcare shortens the life of the Medicare Trust Fund and ransacks funds that seniors depend on to get the long-term care they need.

Eighty-five months ago, on March 23, 2010, President Barack Obama redeemed a promise that had been unfulfilled for nearly a 100 years, when he signed into law the landmark Affordable Care Act passed by the Democratic controlled 111th Congress.

Seven years later, the verdict is in on the Affordable Care Act: the American people have judged it a success.

As reflected in the most recent public opinion polls, 61% of Americans approve of Obamacare and oppose efforts to repeal it, the highest approval rates on record to date and continuing an inexorable upward trend over the past several years.

The reason Americans are adamantly opposed to Republican repeal efforts, including the third iteration of Trumpcare now before us, is that Obamacare is no longer a bogey cooked up in Republican talking points but a life-saving and life affirming measure that they have experienced in their own lives.

Americans think it is beyond crazy to repeal a law that has brought to more than 20 million Americans the peace of mind and security that comes with knowing they have access to affordable, high quality health care.

Mr. Speaker, before the passage of the Affordable Care Act, 17.1 percent of Americans lacked health insurance; today nearly nine of ten (89.1 percent) are insured, which is the highest rate since Gallup began tracking insurance coverage in 2008.

Because of the Affordable Healthcare Act:

1. Insurance companies are banned from discriminating against anyone, including 17 million children, with a preexisting condition, or charging higher rates based on gender or health status;

2. 6.6 million young adults up to age 26 can stay on their parents' health insurance plans;

3. 100 million Americans no longer have annual or lifetime limits on healthcare coverage;

4. 6.3 million seniors in the "donut hole" have saved \$6.1 billion on their prescription drugs;

5. 3.2 million seniors now get free annual wellness visits under Medicare, and

6. 360,000 small businesses are using the Health Care Tax Credit to help them provide health insurance to their workers;

7. Pregnancy is no longer a pre-existing condition and women can no longer be charged a higher rate just because they are women.

We are becoming a nation of equals when it comes to access to affordable healthcare insurance.

Mr. Speaker, with all of this progress, and the prospect for more through further refine-

ments, who in their right mind would want to go back to how it used to be?

The answer seems to be only the President and House Republicans who call the Affordable Care Act and its enviable record of success a "disaster."

Americans know a disaster when they see one and they see one in the making: it is called "Trumpcare," masquerading as the "American Health Care Act," which will force Americans to pay more, get less, decimate the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and give a massive tax cut for top 1 percent.

Americans are right to be alarmed and angered by what the Trump Republicans are trying to do by rushing to vote on a Trumpcare bill before it can be scored by highly respected and nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

What we do know for sure is that this Trumpcare bill is a massive \$900 billion tax cut for the wealthy, paid for on the backs of America's seniors, the vulnerable, the poor, and working class households.

Trump gave the game away on March 20, 2017 in one of his trademark pep rallies:

"We want a very big tax cut, but cannot do that until we keep our promise to repeal and replace the disaster known as Obamacare."

This "Robin Hood in reverse" bill is unprecedented and breathtaking in its audacity—no bill ever tried to give so much to the rich while taking so much from the poor and working class.

When they were forced to pull Trumpcare 1.0 from the floor because they lacked the votes to pass, House Republican leaders responded by adding an amendment (Trumpcare 2.0) that made the original bill even worse.

Trumpcare 2.0 would allow states to jettison existing essential health benefit requirements, thereby permitting health plans covering millions of people once again to exclude coverage for maternity and newborn care, pediatric dental and vision services, mental health and substance use services, and other crucial benefits.

All this accomplished was a hemorrhaging of support from the moderate wing of the Republican Conference who feared the repercussions of leaving millions of Americans with preexisting conditions without health insurance so the Trump Republicans invented Trumpcare 3.0 to provide \$8 billion over five years to offset the cost of setting up separate pools or premium assistance programs for people with pre-existing conditions.

Mr. Speaker, this pittance is not designed or intended to help real people with real pre-existing conditions, but to provide the cover for House Republicans to walk the plank.

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, at least \$25 billion per year would be required, not \$8 billion spread out over five years as provided for in Trumpcare 3.0.

Trumpcare represents the largest transfer of wealth from the bottom 99 percent to the top 1 percent in American history.

This callous Republican scheme gives gigantic tax cuts to the rich, and pays for it by taking insurance away from 24 million people, leaving 52 million uninsured, and raising costs for the poor and middle class.

In addition, Republicans are giving the pharmaceutical industry a big tax repeal, worth nearly \$25 billion over a decade without demanding in return any reduction in the cost of prescription and brand-name drugs.

To paraphrase Winston Churchill, of this bill, it can truly be said that "never has so much been taken from so many to benefit so few."

The Pay-More-For-Less plan destroys the Medicaid program under the cover of repealing the Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion.

CBO estimates 14 million Americans will lose Medicaid coverage by 2026 under the Republican plan.

In addition to terminating the ACA Medicaid expansion, the bill converts Medicaid to a per-capita cap that is not guaranteed to keep pace with health costs starting in 2020.

The combined effect of these policies is to slash \$880 billion in federal Medicaid funding over the next decade.

The cuts get deeper with each passing year, reaching 25 percent of Medicaid spending in 2026.

These steep cuts will force states to drop people from Medicaid entirely or ration care for those who most need access to comprehensive coverage.

The Pay-More-For-Less plan undermines the health care safety net for vulnerable populations.

Currently, Medicaid provides coverage to more than 70 million Americans, including children, pregnant women, seniors in Medicare, people who are too disabled to work, and parents struggling to get by on poverty-level wages.

In addition to doctor and hospital visits, Medicaid covers long-term services like nursing homes and home and community-based services that allow people with chronic health conditions and disabilities to live independently.

To date, 31 states and D.C. have expanded Medicaid eligibility to low-income adults, which, when combined with the ACA's other coverage provisions, has helped to reduce the nation's uninsured rate to the lowest in history.

Trumpcare throws 24 million Americans off their health insurance by 2026 according to the Congressional Budget Office.

Mr. Speaker, low-income people will be hit especially hard because 14 million people will lose access to Medicaid by 2026 according to CBO.

Trumpcare massively shifts who gets insured in the nongroup market.

According to CBO, "fewer lower-income people would obtain coverage through the nongroup market under the legislation than current law," and, "a larger share of enrollees in the nongroup market would be younger people and a smaller share would be older people."

The projected 10 percent reduction in premiums is not the result of better care or efficiency—it is in large part the result of higher-cost and older people being pushed out of a market that is also selling plans that provide less financial protection.

People with low incomes suffer the greatest losses in coverage.

CBO projects the uninsured rate for people in their 30s and 40s with incomes below 200 percent of poverty will reach 38 percent in 2026 under this bill, nearly twice the rate projected under current law.

Among people aged 50–64, CBO projects 30 percent of those with incomes below 200 percent of poverty will be uninsured in 2026.

Under current law, CBO projects the uninsured rate would only be 12 percent.

Being uninsured is not about “freedom.”

Speaker RYAN has argued that people will happily forgo insurance coverage because this bill gives them that “freedom.”

The argument makes as much sense as the foolish claim that slaves came to America as “immigrants” seeking a better life.

The freedom to be uninsured is no freedom at all to people in their 50s and 60s with modest incomes who simply cannot afford to pay thousands of dollars toward premiums.

They do not really have a choice.

The claim of our Republican friends that Trumpcare provides more freedom to all Americans calls to mind the words of Anatole France:

“The law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets, and to steal bread from the market.”

Trumpcare raises costs for Americans nearing retirement, essentially imposing an “Age Tax.”

The bill allows insurance companies to charge older enrollees higher premiums than allowed under current law, while reducing the size of premium tax credits provided.

Again, these changes hit low-income older persons the hardest.

A 64-year-old with an income of \$26,500 buying coverage in the individual market will pay \$12,900 more toward their premiums in 2026, on average.

Trumpcare raises costs for individuals and families with modest incomes, particularly older Americans.

Mr. Speaker, a recent analysis found that in 2020, individuals with incomes of about \$31,000 would pay on average \$4,000 more out of pocket for health care—which is like getting a 13 percent pay cut.

And the older you are, the worse it gets.

An analysis by the Urban Institute estimates that for Americans in their 50s and 60s, the tax credits alone would only be sufficient to buy plans with major holes in them, such as a \$30,000 deductible for family coverage and no coverage at all of brand-name drugs or many therapy services.

Another reason I oppose the Trumpcare bill before us is because its draconian cuts in Medicaid funding and phase-out of Medicaid expansion put community health centers at risk.

Community health centers are consumer-driven and patient-centered organizations that serve as a comprehensive and cost effective primary health care option for America’s most underserved communities.

Community health centers serve as the health care home for more than 25 million patients in nearly 10,000 communities across the country.

Across the country, 550 new clinics have opened to receive 5 million new patients since 2009.

Community health centers serve everyone regardless of ability to pay or insurance status:

1. 71 percent of health center patients have incomes at or below 100 percent of poverty and 92 percent have incomes less than 200 percent of poverty;

2. 49 percent of health center patients are on Medicaid; and

3. 24 percent are uninsured;

4. Community health centers annually serve on average 1.2 million homeless patients and more than 300,000 veterans.

Community health centers reduce health care costs and produce savings—on average, health centers save 24 percent per Medicaid patient when compared to other providers.

Community health centers integrate critical medical and social services such as oral health, mental health, substance abuse, case management, and translation, under one roof.

Community health centers employ nearly 190,000 people and generate over \$45 billion in total economic activity in some of the nation’s most distressed communities.

Community health centers are on the front lines of every major health crisis our country faces, from providing access to care (and employment) to veterans to addressing the opioid epidemic to responding to public health threats like the Zika virus.

We should be providing more support and funding to community health centers, not making it more difficult for them to serve the communities that desperately need them by slashing Medicaid funding.

The Trumpcare Republican plan leaves rural Americans worse off.

Health insurance has historically been more expensive in rural areas because services cost more and it is hard to have a stable individual market with a small population.

Mr. Speaker, under the Affordable Care Act, premium subsidies are tied to local costs, which helps keep premium costs down.

But they are not under the Republican plan. So, under the Republican plan residents in rural areas, who tend to be older and poorer, will pay much more and get much less health insurance.

At the end of the day, the powerful and compelling reasons to reject Trumpcare lie in the real world experiences of the American people.

Mr. Speaker, let me briefly share with you the positive, life affirming difference made by the Affordable Care Act in the lives of just three of the millions of Americans it has helped.

JOAN FANWICK

“If Obamacare is repealed, I don’t know if I’ll live to see the next President.

“After nearly a decade of mysterious health scares, I was diagnosed with an autoimmune disorder called Sjogren’s syndrome last year, when I was a junior at Temple University.

“It’s a chronic illness with no known cause or cure, and without close medical surveillance and care, it can lead to life-threatening complications (like the blood infections I frequently experience).

“For me, having this disorder means waking up every morning and taking 10 different medications.

“It also means a nurse visiting my apartment every Saturday to insert a needle into the port in my chest, so I can give myself IV fluids throughout the week.

“Without insurance, my medical expenses would cost me about \$1,000 per week—more than \$50,000 per year. And that doesn’t even include hospitalizations.

“My medical bills aren’t cheap under Obamacare, but I can afford them.

“Under Obamacare, insurance companies aren’t allowed to cut you off when your costs climb so right now, the most I personally have to pay out of pocket is \$1,000 per year.”

BRIAN NORGAARD

“I am a small business owner and leadership trainer who Obamacare has helped tremendously.”

Brian Norgaard, a Dallas, Texas resident, called my office to express his opposition to Trumpcare and to share how the Affordable Care Act has helped small business owners like himself:

“I am a small business owner and leadership trainer who Obamacare has helped tremendously.

“My wife and I both own small businesses in the Dallas, Texas area and as a result of the huge savings we received after paying lower healthcare premiums under Obamacare, we were able to reinvest those savings into both of our businesses and the community.

“And the healthcare we received was quality, at that.”

ASHLEY WALTON

“For cancer survivors, we literally live and die by insurance.”

Ashley Walton was 25 when a mole on her back turned out to be melanoma.

She had it removed, but three years later she discovered a lump in her abdomen.

She was then unemployed and uninsured, and so she put off going to a doctor.

She tried to buy health insurance. Every company rejected her.

Ashley eventually became eligible for California’s Medicaid program, which had been expanded under the Affordable Care Act.

The 32-year-old Oakland resident credits her survival to the ACA.

Without it, “I would likely be dead, and my family would likely be bankrupt from trying to save me.”

Before any of our Republican colleagues supporting this bill cast their vote, I urge them to reflect on the testimony of Joan, Brian, and Ashley, and on this question posed by a constituent to Sen. COTTON of Arkansas at a recent town hall:

“I’ve got a husband dying and we can’t afford—let me tell you something.

“If you can get us better coverage than this Obamacare, go for it.

“Let me tell you what we have, plus a lot of benefits that we need.

“We have \$29 per month for my husband. Can you beat that? Can you?”

“With all the congestive heart failures, and open heart surgeries, we’re trying. \$29 per month. And he’s a hard worker. \$39 for me.”

Like a horror film of yore with monsters and vampires, both the original Trumpcare and its sequels threaten to return this country to the days when annual and lifetime dollar-based limits on the use of essential health benefits shifted tremendous financial and health risks to working families.

Insurance companies could charge people with pre-existing conditions many times more than they charge healthy people—just as they did before the Affordable Care Act.

Millions of Americans with pre-existing conditions would be at risk of losing health coverage or face premiums so high only the very wealthy could afford them—the same people who benefit from the massive tax cuts in the original bill.

That is why we cannot rest until Trumpcare, one of the most monstrously cruel and morally bankrupt legislative proposals, is dead and buried.

To paraphrase a famous former reality television personality, “believe me, Trumpcare is a disaster.”

We should reject it and keep instead “something terrific” and that is the Affordable Care

Act, regarded lovingly by millions of Americans as “Obamacare.”

I commend my colleague, Congressman GARAMENDI, for holding this Special Order to denounce Trumpcare.

I urge our colleagues in the Senate to listen to their constituents and do what is right: vote no to repeal Obamacare.