

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING RYNE LAMMERS

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryne Lammers. Ryne is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 714, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

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

### RECOGNIZING DR. CHANNAVAJJALA M. PRASAD

#### HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Channavajjala M. Prasad for his exceptional contributions to the international medical community. Dr. Prasad has spent over four decades researching, practicing, and teaching psychiatric medicine. He is currently an Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at George Washington University, Attending Psychiatrist at the INOVA facility in Fairfax, VA, and the Medical Director of Neighbor's Consejo, a nonprofit organization that helps the homeless Hispanic population in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Prasad's started his long and illustrious career as an undergraduate student at Andhra University, India. He went on to get his Master of Science in Pharmacology from the University of Baroda, India, his PhD. in Pharmacology from the University of Bombay, India, and his Medical Degree from the Universidad Autonoma de Cd. Juarez, Mexico. Dr. Prasad began practicing medicine in the United States in 1984 and has been an active member of the Virginia and Washington, D.C. medical communities ever since.

Throughout his career, Dr. Prasad has developed an expertise in psychiatric medicine with a focus on Geriatric, Correctional, and Emergency Psychiatry as well as Addiction and Pain Management. He is a proud member of several distinguished medical societies, in-

cluding the American Psychiatric Association, Virginia Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, American Association of Addiction Management, American Association of Pain Management, and International Society of Addiction Medicine. Dr. Prasad also serves as a Board Member for the American Association of Social Psychiatry.

Dr. Prasad's outstanding work within his local, national, and international communities has garnered recognition throughout his career. He has received numerous awards for his commitment to the practice of Psychiatric Medicine, including the Non-Resident Indians Institute's Pravasi Bharatiya Divas award in 2012, the Global Indian Association's International Excellence Award in 2013, and the National Republican Congressional Committee's National Leadership Award in 2011.

In honor of his lifelong commitment to the practice of Psychiatric Medicine, I recognize Dr. Prasad and thank him for the good work he has done in Northern Virginia, Washington, D.C., and other communities across the globe.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, I was unable to be on Capitol Hill and missed roll call votes No. 384, "Democrat Motion to Recommit on H.R. 1635" and No. 385, passage of H.R. 1635, "Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act." Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on No. 384 and "yes" on No. 385.

### RECOGNIZING BETTY CAMPBELL

#### HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Betty Campbell of Hays who, at 83 years old, paid tribute to her late husband by walking in the annual Bataan Memorial Death March in the high-desert terrain of New Mexico.

Michael "Bud" Campbell became a prisoner of war during World War II and survived the brutal Bataan Death March.

Bud was among thousands of Philippine and American soldiers forced to march nearly 70 miles with little food or water, enduring torture along the route and at POW camps where he was held for over three years.

After the war, he and Betty raised seven children, and owned a ranch in north-central Montana. Betty served her community as an educator for over 30 years, teaching in area schools and serving as a principal. For 20

years, Betty has served as a board member of the Big Flat Electric Cooperative.

In March 2018, Betty and her granddaughter Vernelle paid tribute to Bud by walking approximately seven miles at the 29th Bataan Memorial Death March, crossing the finish line together. The Bataan Memorial Death March is an annual tribute to honor the service members who defended the Philippine Islands and were taken as prisoners of war.

Betty said her emotions ran high as she thought about what her late husband and other prisoners endured. She reflected on the shoes she wore and the water she had available at nearly every mile, saying, "It wasn't the same. It didn't seem fair."

Mr. Speaker, for her courage, sacrifice, and dedication in honoring her late husband, a World War II POW, at the Bataan Memorial Death March at age 83, I recognize Betty Campbell for her spirit of Montana.

### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

#### HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize September as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in American men and the third leading cause of cancer death behind lung and colon cancer.

While I am a survivor of this potentially deadly disease, not everyone is so fortunate. In my home state of Texas, an estimated 12,600 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed, and an estimated 1,830 deaths will occur in 2018. Nationally, 164,690 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and, tragically, one man every 18 minutes, or roughly 29,430 men will die this year due to the disease.

While 1 in 9 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime, certain groups are at higher risk for developing the disease: Men with family history are twice as likely to develop the disease, African Americans are 1.7 times more likely to be diagnosed in their lives, and Veterans who are exposed to herbicides such as Agent Orange are at an increased risk for developing an aggressive form of the disease.

We can lower these numbers—education regarding early detection strategies is critical to saving lives and preserving and protecting our families. If caught early, prostate cancer has a five-year survival rate of nearly 100 percent. However, for late stage prostate cancer the five year survival rate is 29 percent.

All men are at risk for prostate cancer and I encourage the men of this nation to participate in routine prostate cancer screenings. Your life is too valuable to avoid them.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

CONGRATULATIONS PASTOR  
MARVIN EDWARD SMITH III

**HON. STEVE KING**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize an important family to the state of Iowa. Pastor Marvin Edward Smith III, his wife Alice and their two children helped found the Harvest Baptist Church in Fort Dodge and on October 21st, they will have served their church and their community for 25 years.

Their church has grown into not only a place of worship but also a force for good in their community. Their K-12 school provides a place for spiritual growth for children, as does their youth ministries and Sunday schools. Their prison ministry and their addiction ministry both provide judgement-free rehabilitation, and a place for people to safely grow when they are at rock bottom.

As we look back with appreciation to the service they have provided to their church and their community, we are also gifted with the opportunity to look forward and have hope that people like Pastor Smith and his wife Alice will continue working towards the betterment of society. I applaud their commitment to the values that make this country so great and look forward to see what they will do going forward.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, on September 4, 2018, Massachusetts held its state primary elections. I was therefore unable to be present for the vote on the Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 6157, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2019. Had I been present for Roll Call No. 380, I would have voted YEA.

I was also unable to be present for the vote on passage of H.R. 6439, the Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program Authorization Act of 2018 Act, under suspension of the rules. Had I been present for Roll Call No. 381, I would have voted YEA.

HONORING EUNICE LAVERTY

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Eunice Laverty, Honorary Grand Marshal of the 57th Annual Newtown Labor Day Parade in Newtown, Connecticut. Since 1962, this annual celebration has brought together the people of Newtown and western Connecticut, and this year's organizers invited Eunice to head the parade in recognition of her many years of exceptional service to her community.

Eunice Laverty's generosity is legend in Newtown. She is a mother of two and a

grandmother of five. A retired social worker, she opened a Bagelman franchise in 1996, and became the independent business owner of Bagel Delight ten years later. Newtown residents know Eunice for her dedication to her customers and commitment to her community. Ever friendly, Eunice greets her loyal customers by name, and with inquiries about their friends, families, and even school projects.

The Labor Day Parade's theme, Serving Newtown, is particularly apt for honoring Ms. Laverty's years of service. Not only does she serve up her delicious bagels to those who patronize her business, but community members regularly note their appreciation of her charitable donations to their events. She has been known for her support for the Knights of Columbus civic organization, and support for local students. Eunice is so widely appreciated that community members even independently organized "We Love Eunice Day" in 2013.

Mr. Speaker, Eunice Laverty is a role model of kindness, service, and dedication for all of western Connecticut. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today, and thank her for inspiring others to Serve Newtown.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION  
TO RENAME COLUMBUS POST  
OFFICE

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, honored to be joined by my fellow Georgian and colleague, Congressman DREW FERGUSON, to introduce legislation to designate a United States Post Office in Columbus, Georgia as the "Richard W. Williams Chapter of the Triple Nickles (555th P.I.A.) Post Office."

The 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion, known as the Triple Nickles, was known both for bravery in answering the call to be a part of an airborne unit and for being pioneers on behalf of many African-Americans seeking to serve. The men that joined the ranks of the Triple Nickles defended our nation, and many of them volunteered later to join the 2nd Ranger Company, which fought in Korea. The 2nd Ranger Company became the first and only all-black Ranger unit in the history of the United States Army and faced some of the most grueling combat in Korea.

The 555th Triple Nickles Parachute Infantry Battalion, based out of Fort Benning during World War II, was the Army's first African-American parachute unit. Captain Richard W. Williams served as the company's commander, and the Richard W. Williams Chapter of the Triple Nickles 555th Parachute Infantry Association (P.I.A.) has 61 veteran members from the Columbus area. This legislation will honor the legacy of the brave men that volunteered to answer the nation's call.

I urge my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join Congressman FERGUSON and me in supporting this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEVE KING**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on May 18, 2018 due to an unforeseen delay. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YES on Roll Call No. 206.

CONGRATULATING LEHIGH NORTH-  
EAST CEMENT COMPANY ON THE  
125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS  
GLENS FALLS PLANT

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Lehigh Northeast Cement Company on the 125th anniversary of its cement manufacturing plant in Glens Falls, New York.

Near the end of the 19th century, a group of business leaders discovered that the limestone formations along the Great Bend of the Hudson River would be perfect for creating cement. On June 17th, 1893, the Portland Cement Company became officially incorporated to serve the manufacturing needs of our rapidly expanding nation. Now under the ownership of Lehigh Hanson, Inc., renamed the Lehigh Northeast Cement Company, the Glens Falls, NY, plant is the oldest operating Portland Cement Plant in North America.

Today, the plant plays a major role in the U.S. construction industry. Since its purchase of the facility in 2006, the company significantly invested in the plant, and can now manufacture more than 500,000 tons of high-quality cement per year. The plant ships its cement under the IRON CLAD brand name throughout the Northeast for commercial, municipal, and residential construction projects. With its plant site located in Warren County and its limestone quarry located in Saratoga County, the company also contributes to the southern Adirondack region's economy.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate the Lehigh Northeast Cement Company on its facility's 125th anniversary, and thank its hard working leadership and employees for improving the quality of life in the Greater Glens Falls Region.

RECOGNIZING DETROIT PLUMBERS  
UNION LOCAL 98

**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Detroit Plumbers Union Local 98, which is proudly celebrating the 125th anniversary of its founding this Saturday, September 8th.

In September of 1892, a group of plumbers who called themselves "The Plumbers Association of Detroit" met to discuss how to improve their wages and working conditions.

This group applied for membership in the United Plumbers Association (the UA) and in December of 1893, their application was accepted and they were organized in the UA as Plumbers Local Union 98.

Michigan's history, and that of the middle class in our country, is intertwined with the history of the labor movement. Local 98's fight on behalf of its members has been a vital part of that history. From its earliest days, Local 98 worked to achieve fair wages and working standards for its professional plumbers, but they also went further—offering their expertise to local government to help improve health department rules related to plumbing and assisting plumbing inspectors in their efforts to ensure that residents could count on plumbing work being done to high standards.

Throughout its 125 years, Local 98 has acted in the best traditions of its founding, and has also grown to meet the needs of its members and of the industry. In the 1950s, Local 98 negotiated contracts that included fringe benefits, including insurance and pensions, for its members and for their surviving spouses. Local 98 dedicated its Apprentice Training Center in 1968, allowing members to receive the highest quality professional training in a facility of its own, rather than at a variety of other locations. I had the opportunity as a young lawyer to represent Local 98 during some of these years. And in 2014, Local 98 partnered with Activate Clinic to provide preventative health care, acute care, and more at Local 98's headquarters in Madison Heights, Michigan.

Local 98's members have worked on projects large and small throughout Southeast Michigan, including landmark buildings like Little Caesars Arena, where the Detroit Red Wings play hockey and the Detroit Pistons play basketball; Ford Field, where the Detroit Lions play football; Comerica Park, home of the Detroit Tigers; and the many auto plants which are so vital to Michigan and the nation's economy.

Mr. Speaker, Detroit Plumbers Union Local 98 has played an integral role in the labor movement, in the lives of its members, and indeed in the creation of the middle class in our country. I encourage my colleagues to join me in congratulating the men and women of Detroit Plumbers Union Local 98 as they celebrate their remarkable 125 year history, and in wishing them continued success in their next 125 years.

CELEBRATING BETTY HIPLE'S  
101ST BIRTHDAY

**HON. JACKIE WALORSKI**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Betty Hiple on her 101st birthday.

Betty Jane Hoke was born on September 6, 1917, in Huntington, Indiana, to Glen Foster Hoke and Ruth Mahoney. A Hoosier through and through, she has lived all of her life in northern Indiana. Three years after graduating from Huntington High School, she married Donald Duane Hiple on August 27, 1938. Over the next 13 years, they raised four children—Terry Lee, Merrily, Melody, and Richard

Allen—and built a beautiful life together full of faith, love, and laughter.

Betty is steadfastly ambitious and has never stopped pursuing her dreams. After her children left home, she attended college for nursing and worked for Owens-Illinois until her retirement. More recently, she completed a tandem skydive at age 96 and a glider flight at age 97, and on the occasion of her 100th birthday, she served as the Grand Marshal of Swayzee Farm Days in 2017. From one adventure to the next, Betty has touched the hearts of so many people along the way. These days, she enjoys spending time in her flourishing garden and playing Scrabble with friends and family. I have no doubt her loved ones continue to learn from her endearing nature and high spirits.

Mr. Speaker, Betty Hiple embodies the virtues that we Hoosiers strive for in life, and she sets a strong example for us to follow. On behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I offer Betty a hearty congratulations on this incredible milestone, and I wish her many more years of continued health and happiness.

CONGRATULATING JUSTIN AND  
ELLEN RAHN FOR RECEIVING  
THE 2018 ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU  
YOUNG LEADER ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Justin and Ellen Rahn of Mount Carroll for receiving the 2018 Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Achievement Award.

The Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Achievement Award recognizes exceptional young farmers for not only their success in agriculture, but for their strong leadership and commitment to our farming community. Justin and Ellen Rahn have been leaders within the Farm Bureau since 2005. From hosting young leaders' meetings to serving on the Farm and Fork Committee, their involvement has enriched our community. Justin and Ellen Rahn both grew up on their family farms in northwestern Illinois, learning the strong work ethic of our farmers at an early age. Ellen went on to receive a degree in agronomy from Iowa State University and gained seed corn brokerage experience before later managing the Illinois territory for Hartung Brothers, Inc. Justin earned his degree in agricultural production and management from Kirkwood College. Justin and Ellen now run their own farm in Carroll County in addition to operating a seed dealership.

It is because of dedicated and hardworking people such as Justin and Ellen Rahn that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Justin and Ellen Rahn for all they do in the farming community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEVE KING**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on June 28, 2018 due to an unforeseen delay. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YES on Roll Call No. 308.

IN RECOGNITION OF UC DAVIS  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE'S 50TH AN-  
NIVERSARY

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the UC Davis School of Medicine as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary. As the members of this university gather here today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring their service to the Sacramento region and its surrounding areas.

Since the first inaugural class in 1968, the UC Davis School of Medicine has put an emphasis on community engagement and understanding, which has laid the foundation for its success. As one of the leading medical and research schools in the nation, the university offers fully accredited master's degree programs and a combined M.D.-Ph.D. program, which recruit and inspire the next generation of physician-scientists who are dedicated to advancing the delivery of care in our region. With classrooms found only a block away from the UC Davis Medical Center, students have convenient access to one of the nation's premiere teaching hospitals, along with their various research laboratories.

The medical school's commitment to inclusive ideology, coupled with the diversity of the Sacramento region and surrounding areas, is truly reflected in its rigorous coursework and academic program offerings. Through the integration of programs such as the Community Health Scholars Program into the curriculum, students learn to tackle prevalent societal issues, and are well equipped with the ability to take complex issues and translate them into real-world applications that benefit our region's diverse patient population.

Mr. Speaker, as the members of the UC Davis School of Medicine celebrate their momentous years of service, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their dedication to educating the next generation of physician-scientists, and for their charitable work for the citizens in the Sacramento region and beyond.

SURRENDER OF THE EMPIRE OF  
JAPAN: SEPTEMBER 2, 1945

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the day was September 2, 1945. World War II was in

full swing, but the fighting was about to come to a close.

On August 15, the Empire of Japan announced that it would surrender to the Allies in accordance with the Allied terms laid out at the Potsdam Conference. In Japan, Emperor Hirohito spoke on the radio announcing his country's surrender. It was the first time the Japanese people had ever heard his voice.

Across the United States, soldiers and civilians rejoiced together in the streets. The Japanese announcement represented the end of nearly four long years of war. On foreign battlefields, thousands of brave, young Americans had lost their lives, and many more returned home with the wounds of war. On the home front, laborers worked long hours in the factories, kids collected scrap metal, and families endured rationing. From Kilroy to Rosie the Riveter, all Americans were ready to embrace victory.

The day of the formal surrender finally arrived, and in the morning of September 2, representatives from the Allied powers made their way to the USS *Missouri*. Anchored in Tokyo Bay, the *Missouri* proudly displayed the flag flown aboard Commodore Matthew Perry's flagship when he sailed into Tokyo Bay in 1853 to sign a treaty with Japan.

Admiral Chester Nimitz then welcomed aboard General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in the Pacific, and the two took their places behind the surrender table.

Finally, just before 9 a.m., the delegation from the Japanese surrender cabinet made their way on board.

After brief remarks from General MacArthur, Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu and General Yoshijiro Umezu signed the Instrument of Surrender on behalf of the government and armed forces respectively. General MacArthur and Admiral Nimitz each then signed the document and were followed by representatives from eight other nations. Once all of signatures were made, General MacArthur declared, "Let us pray that peace be now restored to the world and that God will preserve it always. These proceedings are now closed!"

Mr. Speaker, the costly victory won by the United States and her allies in World War II gave the world a new era of peace and prosperity. It allowed millions around the world who had previously been under the yoke of fascism to enjoy the blessings of liberty and freedom. American soldiers dethroned tyrannical regimes in Europe and Asia, and we must never forget the sacrifices they made defending our country. After all, the worst casualty of war is to be forgotten.

And that is just the way it is.

DAVID LEWIS

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of David Lewis on the occasion of his 20th year as the executive director of Save the Bay. A nationally renowned conservation leader, David's work has had a remarkable impact on the preservation and expansion of the Bay Area's natural environment.

Born in Palo Alto, California, David earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University. During his time in college, David became passionate about nuclear arms control, and after graduating in 1983, he went to work for Friends of the Earth in Washington, D.C. as an arms control specialist. By 1985, David became the Director of Policy and Legislation for Physicians for Social Responsibility and by 1991, he went to work for Senator Carl Levin as a senior legislative assistant. Finally, in 1996 he became the chief operations officer for the League of Conservation Voters where he would conclude his 14-year career in Washington, D.C.

By 1998, Mr. Lewis accepted an offer to become the Executive Director of Save the Bay and moved back to the Bay Area. David's leadership was promptly tested that year by a proposal put forward by the San Francisco International Airport to expand runways through bay fill. The proposal had wide support and appeared to be a lost cause to the conservation community at the time. David however, was able to provide cheaper and more effective alternatives that prevented further encroachment into the bay, a negotiating model for which Save the Bay has now become known. Through continued lobbying, negotiation, and community organizing, David was eventually able to get the airport to go with his proposal.

Save the Bay's actions and advocacy have continued to grow under Mr. Lewis' leadership. The organization has remained vigilant in fighting the encroachment of development into the bay, and has expanded community outreach and education to create broader public stewardship. David's leadership has also led to greater cooperation on conservation policies between conservation groups, businesses, and community organizations. Most recently, David led a successful campaign for a nine-county parcel tax that will provide needed revenue for wetland restoration to mitigate the dangerous impacts of climate change.

Mr. Speaker, as Bay Area shores become increasingly urbanized and sea levels continue to rise, the work done by organizations like Save the Bay will be critical for the long-term viability of the communities who call this region home. Therefore, please join me in thanking David Lewis for his ongoing leadership and service to the public.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEVE KING**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on May 10, 2018 due to an unforeseen delay. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YES on Roll Call No. 180.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, I missed

votes due to an illness. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

On Roll Call no. 382, on ordering the previous question, I would have voted Yes.

On Roll Call no. 383, the adoption of the Combined Rule Providing for Consideration of H.R. 1635 and H.R. 4606, I would have voted Yes.

On Roll Call no. 384, the Democrat Motion to Recommit, I would have voted No.

On Roll Call no. 385, passage of H.R. 1635, the Empowering Students through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act, I would have voted Yes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes on Tuesday, September 4. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On Roll Call Vote Number 380 (Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 6157, the Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019): YES.

On Roll Call Vote Number 381 (Passage of H.R. 6439, the Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program Authorization Act): YES.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote number 382, 383, 384, and 385 on September 5, 2018, due to recent surgery. Had I been present, I would have voted: on roll call vote no. 382, I would have voted NO; on roll call vote no. 383, I would have voted NO; on roll call vote no. 384, I would have voted YES; and on roll call vote no. 385, I would have voted YES.

CONGRATULATING HELEN KELLER SERVICES (HKS)

**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Helen Keller Services (HKS) on its 125th anniversary, which will be celebrated at its Gala at the Liberty Warehouse in Brooklyn, New York on September 13, 2018.

I am pleased to learn the news of the non-profit organization's move this fall of its headquarters to a new 44,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility located in my district at 180 Livingston Street in Brooklyn. This modern structure will house new classrooms and training rooms; a specialized gym for pre-kindergarten students; new offices and workstations, a Low Vision Center and a technology training space.

Since 1893, Helen Keller Services has been steadfastly committed to improving the lives of

individuals who are blind, visually impaired or have combined hearing and vision loss to live, work and thrive in communities of their choice in Brooklyn, the surrounding communities, and the entire New York Region.

On behalf of all residents of the 7th District and indeed all New Yorkers, I offer best wishes and heartiest congratulations to HKS.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on January 17, 2018 due to an unforeseen delay. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YES on Roll Call No. 21.

RECOGNIZING GREEHEY CHILDREN'S CANCER RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO

### HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, since 2004, the Greehey Children's Cancer Research Institute (Greehey CCRI) at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UT Health San Antonio) has advanced scientific knowledge relevant to childhood cancer, contributed to the understanding of causes of childhood cancer, and accelerated the translation of knowledge into novel therapies. Through discovery, development, and dissemination of new scientific knowledge, Greehey CCRI strives to have a national and global impact on the problem of childhood cancer.

Cancer biology, genomics, RNA metabolism and experimental therapeutics are among its many areas of strength in research. Additionally, Greehey CCRI is developing expertise in drug discovery, target identification and nanotechnology driven delivery of small molecule and RNA therapeutics.

Recently, Greehey CCRI partnered with the Mays Cancer Center at UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson to become a member of The Pediatric Oncology Experimental Therapeutics Investigators' Consortium (POETIC). Their studies focus on the biological basis for anti-cancer therapy, and discover and evaluate new agents and novel combinations of therapies early in clinical development.

The educational mission of the Greehey CCRI is to train the next generation of researchers in pediatric cancer research. This includes creating a pipeline of trainees through their program for undergraduates engaged in summer research, medical students within the MD with Distinction in Research program, fellows in the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education—approved hematology-oncology fellowship program, as well as the traditional graduate programs in Cancer Biology and other relevant areas.

I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting the critical research done by organizations like the Greehey CCRI.

#### THE PURPLE HEART

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, August 7th marked the 236th anniversary of the creation of one of our nation's most iconic military decorations: the Purple Heart.

On August 7, 1782, General George Washington ordered the creation of the Badge for Military Merit, to be presented to soldiers who demonstrated exceptional bravery in battle. The award was marked by a heart-shaped piece of purple cloth, intended to be worn on the left side of the recipient's chest.

Only three soldiers—Sergeants Daniel Bissell, William Brown, and Elijah Churchill—received this decoration during the Revolutionary War. Though this award was the precursor for our nation's highest military honor, the Congressional Medal of Honor, the government gave no other soldiers the Badge for Military Merit until the 20th Century. Then, it was General Douglas MacArthur, Chief of Staff of the Army at the time, who helped resurrect this award in 1932, when the War Department created the Order of the Purple Heart.

Since then, millions of American servicemen and women have received this decoration after being wounded in battle. From the World Wars to the current wars in the Middle East, the recipients of this decoration represent a special fraternity—Americans who have shed their blood defending our country and our liberties.

One such individual was Sergeant John W. Hall. Sergeant Hall served with the U.S. Army's 503rd Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, during the Korean War. In November 1950, his unit received orders to move from Kunu-ri to Sunchon, North Korea. Moving through an area dubbed "the Gauntlet" due to the high concentration of Chinese forces threatening the Americans' path to Sunchon, Hall went missing, but his fate was discovered after the war when a returning American prisoner of war reported that Hall had died at the Hofong POW Camp—more commonly known as "Death Valley"—in early 1951.

Over the next several decades, attempts were made to recover, identify, and ultimately return Hall's remains to the United States. Finally, in June 2017, state of the art DNA testing successfully identified remains found as his. On July 3rd of this year, his remains were finally transported back to the United States, to my home city of Houston, and under the Texas sun, he was buried with full military honors on American soil. At the ceremony, the Army posthumously awarded Hall the Purple Heart.

Mr. Speaker, the Purple Heart is a vital pillar of the American democracy. It honors the sacrifice of the American warrior, the rare breed, and it reminds us that freedom is not free. May we continue to remember those who wear the Purple Heart on their uniform, because the worst casualty of war is to be forgotten.

And that is just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNUAL  
DAIKIN NORTH AMERICA  
KONWAKAI

### HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Daikin Corporation and its North American "Konwakai," which is celebrating its tenth annual meeting this year. Daikin, the world's largest air conditioning company, produces commercial chillers at the Daikin Applied Staunton Facility in Verona, which I represent in Virginia's Sixth Congressional District. There are more than 500 people who work at the plant. They are among the 15,000 employees Daikin employs in the United States.

Daikin, which is based in Osaka, Japan, hosts the Konwakais around the world as a way to bring the company's leaders together with leaders in academia and experts in the industry to discuss the future of the HVAC industry and indoor air quality.

I am happy to recognize Mr. Yasushi Yamada, a Senior Executive Officer with Daikin. He launched the first North American Konwakai ten years ago. Mr. Yamada's leadership has produced ten gatherings of the group in various locations in the United States and other countries. The two-day conferences have resulted in important discussions about energy efficiency and even internet-of-things-connected products in Daikin's diversified global portfolio.

I wish Mr. Yamada and the folks attending Daikin's tenth annual North American "Konwakai" a productive meeting. I trust the get-together will result in important attention to advances in the air conditioning sector, leading to the creation of additional jobs in facilities like the one in Verona, Virginia and improvements in indoor air quality.

RECOGNIZING PROJECT NOW ON  
ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Project NOW from the Quad Cities on its 50th Anniversary. Project NOW has been joyfully serving thousands in Rock Island, Henry, and Mercer counties since 1968.

Project NOW (Neighborhood Outreach Work, Inc.) was founded by former Father Jim Real and Father Tom Murphy in the mid 1960's with the goal of providing residents in the area with the resources needed to meet basic needs. To accomplish their goal and address the needs of the community, Project NOW provides programs that assist with issues such as housing, nutrition, clothing, utilities, and more. The organization was first established and recognized by local governments in May of 1968. The following year, Project NOW earned designation from the federal government as a Community Action Agency and began to receive federal funds. Project NOW works to address the issue of poverty by taking action in the community and

also holding onto the words of Martin Luther King Jr., "Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle." Project NOW's commitment to strengthening our communities does not go unnoticed and I look forward to seeing their continued work.

It is because of dedicated and selfless groups such as the Project NOW that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Project NOW on its 50th Anniversary and thank the organization for all of its service to the community.

---

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEVE KING**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on January 10, 2018 due to an

unforeseen delay. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YES on Roll Call No. 10.

---

RECOGNIZING DONNIE McMASTER  
OF WESTVILLE, IL

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2018*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the exemplary community service of Donnie McMaster, a resident of Westville, IL.

Donnie is a Boy Scout in Troop 234 and for his Eagle Scout project he focused his attention on improving the lives of our local veterans. Cannon Place is an apartment where formerly homeless veterans and their families now reside. Donnie expanded the entertainment opportunities of the residents by building four cornhole sets, a board game set, and a

horseshoe pit. Donnie also added stepping stone walkways and fixed two flower beds. He then set walkways in mulch and bordered it with logs.

Donnie spent two months raising funds prior to starting the project, lining up local donors for the materials he used and raising money to cover the remaining parts of the planned improvements. His dedication and hard work means that today some of our veterans can spend time outside with their families enjoying the games and landscaping provided by this one individual.

Mr. Speaker, I want to acknowledge the efforts of Donnie McMaster to bring joy to our nation's veterans and congratulate him on completing his Eagle Scout Project. I wish Donnie success in all of his future endeavors.