

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING DAVE SNUGGS OF GREAT FALLS

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dave Snuggs of Great Falls who founded and leads My Neighbor in Need, a nonprofit organization that helps provide resources to people in need.

With the help of computer programmer Tom Penwell, Dave created myneighborinneed.org, a platform for people to anonymously request help. The organization evaluates a request and lists it on their website where members of the community can volunteer to meet the need.

My Neighbor in Need relies on the generosity of neighbors to fulfill essential needs, including winter clothes, beds, furniture, car and home repairs, help with utility bills, and transit passes or bicycles for people to get to and from work. The organization, which celebrates its seventh anniversary on March 20, has helped fulfill nearly 13,000 individual requests for help.

My Neighbor in Need has grown from a one-man operation to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization operating in Montana and nine cities in Wisconsin.

In 2013, Dave launched a similar concept to meet the needs of Montana students. My Student in Need now operates in over 160 schools throughout Montana and has helped fulfill over 2,800 requests from teachers on behalf of their students.

"I always have believed that people genuinely want to help their neighbors if they were made aware of their needs," Dave said. "My Neighbor in Need and My Student in Need truly represent the good in the communities we serve."

Madam Speaker, for his dedication to our communities and his innovative approach to helping those in need, I recognize Dave Snuggs for his spirit of Montana.

REMEMBERING THE KHOJALY MASSACRE

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of the Khojaly Massacre, and to honor the victims of this horrendous act.

The appalling massacre perpetrated on the innocent people of Khojaly in February 1992 is no less shocking 27 years later. One of the worst atrocities ever committed in the South Caucasus, justice has still not been delivered and 150 civilians are still missing.

As we demand respect for human rights and democratic accountability within the inter-

national community, it is important that we continue to remember what happened in Khojaly and bring those responsible to account.

BIPARTISAN BACKGROUND CHECKS ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 8) to require a background check for every firearm sale.

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Chair, I'm very proud to be a cosponsor of H.R. 8, the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019, the most significant gun violence legislation to be considered in the House in over a decade. H.R. 8 strengthens our current laws on background checks by closing loopholes and ensuring that dangerous people do not have the opportunity to purchase a weapon. This legislation is critical and long overdue because 40 percent of gun sales are made with no background check at all.

Over 70 percent of Americans, including a majority of gun owners, support universal background checks. Why? Because they help keep guns out of the hands of criminals. The current system has already stopped three million gun sales to convicted felons and others who are prohibited by law from owning a firearm. These checks do nothing to infringe upon the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and use firearms for recreation, subsistence, or even self-defense, and importantly, the vast majority of background checks are completed within minutes.

When the Supreme Court first recognized an individual's right to carry a gun in the 2008 case *District of Columbia v. Heller*, it also acknowledged that the Second Amendment does not prevent Congress from imposing reasonable restrictions on gun sales. The right of responsible citizens to keep and bear arms must be carefully weighed against the right of all Americans to live in a safe society, and I believe H.R. 8 strikes the right balance between protecting the latter without infringing upon the former.

For too long, unreasonable forces have prevented serious consideration of virtually any gun legislation, no matter how commonsense it is. Ninety-six Americans are killed by a gun every day, and we owe it to them, their families, and the people of Newtown, Orlando, Las Vegas, Parkland, and so many other communities to take meaningful action. Too many innocent lives have been taken and the American people deserve so much better.

I wish to thank the thousands of devoted activists, including Moms Demand Action, for raising their voices across my Congressional District and across our country to end gun violence in our nation.

RECOGNIZING MRS. WILLIE C. WOODSON ON THE CELEBRATION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, on Sunday, February 24, the People's Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas will celebrate Mrs. Willie C. Woodson on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Woodson was born in Burneysville, Oklahoma, on February 19, 1919—the third of fourteen children. She and her older brother, Thomas, were often tasked with caring for their younger siblings on top of school work. Shortly after starting the ninth grade at a local high school in Ardmore, Oklahoma, Mrs. Woodson's family came under hard times that left her without money to pay for books or school lunches. She was left with no choice but to forego her remaining years in school and focus on her family, her community, and her faith.

Upon her move to Dallas, Mrs. Woodson joined the People's Missionary Baptist Church and has been a devout member ever since. As one of the eldest active members of the church and a known mentor to all, she is commonly referred to as 'Mother Woodson' by family and friends alike. No matter how busy she is, she always makes the time to attend church every Sunday morning. She especially loves to attend the service on the first Sunday of the month because she enjoys sitting with the church's Mothers Board in their assigned row, dressed in white.

Mrs. Woodson refuses to let the limitations of old age stop her from a full schedule of activities. She has many hobbies that fill her free time, including reading, watching wrestling and cheering on the local Dallas sports teams. She also still prepares all of her meals and cleans the house on her own.

Madam Speaker, I want to commend Mrs. Willie C. Woodson for a life dedicated to her family, friends and church and want to wish her the happiest of birthdays. Congratulations are in order for her and her family as they celebrate this extraordinary milestone.

HONORING KEVIN CORBETT

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Kevin Corbett of Bristol, Virginia, who passed away on February 15, 2019, at the age of 63. Kevin was filled with devotion to the people of the City of Bristol.

In Kevin's younger years, he served his country by enlisting in the United States Army. As an Armor Crewman, he eventually rose to

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Staff Sergeant. He continued his service in Bristol by joining its Police Department in 1982. When he retired in 2006, he was a Detective Lieutenant in the Criminal Investigation Division.

Outside of his career, he remained a beloved and active presence in the Bristol community. I knew him for his work on the Ninth District Republican Committee, where he was the Bristol Unit Chairman and represented the district on the State Central Committee. As a member of St. Anne Catholic Church, he was devoted to his God and his parish.

Kevin will be long remembered by many for his kindnesses. Befitting a man who followed a career path of service, he was always willing to help others. His survivors include his two children, Allison and Shawn, five grandchildren, and his sister, Jackie Collins. I offer my condolences to them on the loss of this fine man.

RECOGNIZING TWO MAINE CONSTITUENTS, DR. MICHAEL TAYLOR AND WENDY TAYLOR

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize two of my Maine constituents, Dr. Michael Taylor and Wendy Taylor, whose shared vision, determination, and commitment have changed and saved lives in Northern Haiti and engaged countless Mainers in support of better health and better lives.

Over seventy years ago, the founding documents of the World Health Association proclaimed that "The enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition."

Michael and Wendy Taylor have long believed in this right, and they recognized the extraordinary need in Haiti. In establishing Konbit Sante in 2001, they committed to supporting the development of an improved health care system to meet the needs of the Cap Haitien community. Their vision was to ensure maximum local direction and partnerships within the existing system rather than the creation of a parallel system. And they knew that it was important to not just improve access to health care, but to improve the quality of that care.

The beauty of this effort has been in the Konbit—which, in Haitian Creole, loosely translates to working together for a common goal. Rather than providing short-term expertise, Konbit Sante's focus has been on strengthening infrastructure, enhancing training, and ensuring necessary resources. Right from the start, the Taylors recognized that real, sustainable improvements in an under-resourced health system required taking the long view. This has not been fast nor always easy, but this capacity building model—trusting and supporting Haitians to serve Haitians—has yielded extraordinary results.

Michael and Wendy have had successful careers, raised children, enjoyed art and music, nurtured deep and enduring friendships, and travelled the world—always coming back to coastal Maine. Along the way they

have invested their time, talents, and resources in doing good, making lasting contributions for the betterment of humankind and inspiring so many others to join them.

Dr. Taylor is receiving the 2019 Presidential Citation today from the American Academy of Dermatologists in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the people of Haiti. His wife and Konbit Sante cofounder, Wendy, will be at his side. I want to congratulate them both, as they make me proud to represent the good people of Maine.

TERMINATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE PRESIDENT ON FEBRUARY 15, 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, after failing to get federal funding for his ineffective and overpriced border wall, President Trump has declared a national emergency at our southern border to try and sidestep Congress's constitutional authority so he can fulfill a campaign promise.

After the President shut down the government for 35 days, my colleagues and I came to an agreement that wisely invested in effective solutions to secure the border. Some of these solutions included infrastructure improvements at ports of entry, the hiring of additional immigration judges and technology enhancements to detect border crossings. Clearly, with this national emergency declaration, the president and his administration would rather stick to a slogan than actually secure the border.

The emergency declaration signed by the president would rob taxpayer money from high priority military construction projects, including projects in the state of Texas, and instead redirects that funding towards his pet project. This egregious misuse of taxpayer funds leaves our country less safe by denying military personnel the essential training, readiness and quality of life necessary for them to do their job.

This unlawful action by the President cannot be tolerated. I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this joint resolution of disapproval so that we can do our solemn duty and uphold the Constitution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Monday, February 25. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call Vote Number 88 (Passage of H.R. 539, the Innovators to Entrepreneurs Act): YES; Roll Call Vote Number 89 (Passage of H.R. 328, the Recognizing Achievement in Classified School Employees Act): YES.

HONORING THE CITY OF AURORA AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL HERITAGE DINNER AND OFFICER SKYY CALICE AS THE 2019 AFRICAN-AMERICAN LEADER OF THE YEAR

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Skyy Calice as the recipient of the City of Aurora's African American Heritage Advisory Board's 2019 African-American Leader of the Year award.

Officer Calice with the Aurora Police Department has been a true star in our community. As a Community Oriented Policing Officer, she has used her perspective and experience to launch numerous initiatives to make a difference. She established the Girls Run the World mentoring program to help guide young ladies in our local high schools to reach their full potential. Programs like this have been crucial to so many of our community members and future leaders.

I would like to thank Officer Calice for her honorable commitment to her community. I would also like to express my support for the City of Aurora's African American Advisory Board Annual Heritage Dinner. The commitment of dedicated public servants like Officer Calice is an inspiration to all of us.

IN MEMORY OF LOU WACKER

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of Lou Wacker, who died on February 15, 2019, at the age of 84. Mr. Wacker was the celebrated football coach for 23 seasons at my alma mater, Emory & Henry College, where he compiled an impressive record and shaped the lives of many young men. The Richmond Times-Dispatch quoted him as saying on his retirement, "To say that Emory & Henry College and the football program have been a big part of my life for 23 years would be an understatement; it has been my life."

Coach Wacker was a native of Richmond and excelled at football during his time at the University of Richmond. Before his tenure at Emory & Henry, he was a defensive coordinator at Hampden-Sydney College. His arrival at Emory & Henry in 1982 started an incredible run for the Wasps. By the time he retired in 2004, his teams had compiled a 164–76 record, including seventeen consecutive winning seasons, a 37-game winning streak from 1991 to 1998, and eleven Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championships.

After retiring, Coach Wacker stayed close to Emory. For his great success, he received many honors, including induction into the Emory & Henry College Hall of Fame and the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame. The home grandstand at Emory & Henry's football stadium also bears his name. The many players and assistants he mentored over the years will remember him for his skill as a coach and for the impact he had on them.

Coach Wacker's survivors include his children Bruce, Kristen, and Louis, and his grandchildren Anna Whitehead, Adele Kraus, and Robin Kraus. I offer my condolences to them on their loss.

SITES RESERVOIR PROJECT ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Sites Reservoir Project Act," which would provide federal support for the 1.8 million acre-feet Sites Reservoir and related water infrastructure in Colusa and Glenn Counties.

Specifically, the "Sites Reservoir Project Act" would direct the Bureau of Reclamation to complete the feasibility study for the project and, if deemed feasible, authorize federal funding and technical support for its construction. The reservoir would be owned and operated by the Sites Joint Powers Authority, a regional consortium of local water agencies and counties formed in 2010.

Our state must make forward-looking investments to capture and store water during wet years for use during drought. The Sites Reservoir is one such critical infrastructure project needed to meet California's future water needs, given climate change. The project is essential to integrated water management in the Sacramento Valley and would maximize storage of excess Sacramento River flows during winter storms for use later in the year. The Sites Reservoir Project would increase storage capacity north of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, improving resiliency in our statewide water system, and helping to advance California's renewable energy goals with the pumped-storage component planned for phase II of the project.

To date, more than \$1.2 billion in public funding has been committed to the Sites Reservoir Project, including \$816 million from California's State Water Bond (2014 Proposition 1) and federal funding from the Bureau of Reclamation for the feasibility study and related work. In November 2018, the U.S. Department of Agriculture committed \$449 million in low-interest financing from the Rural Development Program, recognizing the project's importance to California's farming communities.

Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague and northern California neighbor Congressman DOUG LAMALFA (R-CA) for his support as the bill's original cosponsor and for sponsoring similar legislation in previous Congresses.

I look forward to working with all members of the California delegation to advance this bipartisan bill and see this critical reservoir project completed.

JEREMIAH G. HAMILTON

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, as we celebrate Black History Month, I rise today to commemorate the life of Jeremiah G. Hamilton,

the first black millionaire in the United States, whose story has been absent from the history books. I have the honor of representing the district in which Mr. Hamilton lived and worked.

Born in the West Indies in 1807, Mr. Hamilton made his way to New York in 1828 and began amassing his fortune by selling stocks to both black and white entrepreneurs. He was touted as being astute in successfully predicting the markets and became a prominent financier and businessman on Wall Street in the pre-Civil War era.

Mr. Hamilton defied many conventions of his time as he rose to the top of the business world. He owned stock of railroad companies on whose trains he was not legally allowed to ride. He married a white woman named Eliza Morris and had a close relationship with his friend Benjamin Day, who was the publisher of the Sun Newspaper. He took on titans of industry, including battling Cornelius Vanderbilt over control of the Accessory Transit Company until he got a settlement. In fact, in Vanderbilt's obituary it is stated, "There was only one man who ever fought the Commodore to the end, and that was Jeremiah Hamilton . . . the Commodore respected him."

However, Mr. Hamilton faced the horrors of the rampant racism and violence against African-Americans in the mid-19th century. In the 1830s, insurance companies blackballed him and refused to underwrite his business ventures. During the draft riots in 1863, white men unsuccessfully sought to lynch Mr. Hamilton in his own home.

Jeremiah G. Hamilton died in 1875, leaving behind an estate of \$2 million, which would be around \$45 million today.

It is vital that the history of America reflects the lives of all Americans, and I am proud to help share some of the lost history from the 10th Congressional District.

Madam Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing not only the life of Jeremiah G. Hamilton but the dedicated work of both the Committee to Commemorate Jeremiah G. Hamilton and historian Shane White to create a permanent place in history for the first African-American millionaire.

The Committee to Commemorate Jeremiah G. Hamilton was established in February 2018 by community activists, including Dr. Sam D. Albert, Hon. Louise Dankberg, Hon. Alan J. Gerson, Gail Green, Barbara Guinan, Greg Lambert, Esq., Christine Merritt, Hon. Daisy Paez, Mark P. Thompson, Leona Zeplin and the Committee's Co-Chairs Dolores Leito and Hon. Michelle D. Winfield.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BETTIE MAE FIKES

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Ms. Bettie Mae Fikes, the "Voice of Selma."

At the age of 16, Ms. Fikes was one of the singers of the Civil Rights Movement and a member of the Students Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which was the only national civil rights organization led by young

people during the Movement. Ms. Fikes bravely led marches with songs, registered voters, boycotted buses, sat in at lunch-counters and led walkouts at R.B. Hudson High School to support the desegregation of the school.

From an early age, Ms. Fikes began singing with her parents, both of whom were from families of gospel singers and preachers. Ms. Fikes was exposed to classic hymns and songs and was encouraged to use her voice to sing with her parents. At the tender age of four, Ms. Fikes had her first big performance: her first church solo. With that success, she began to travel throughout the country with her parents' groups, the SB Gospel Singers and the Pilgrim Four. However, when Ms. Fikes's mother passed away when she was 10 years old, she moved around from Michigan, California, and finally to Selma, Alabama.

Ms. Fikes continued to be involved in singing in the church when she moved to Selma. She used every opportunity she could to let her voice be heard. It is no surprise, given her background that she proved to be an emerging music leader when she joined SNCC at age 16. The more she became involved with SNCC, the more it became apparent that she would go to jail.

The foot soldiers of the Civil Rights Movement prepared themselves for the eventuality that they would be arrested. If an officer announced that they were under arrest, they knew to fall to their knees and to force the officers to carry them to the bus. However, when the time came, Ms. Fikes and her friend Evelyn Manns realized the police were using cattle prods on the young men and women. Hoping to avoid this pain, both women stood up and loaded the bus to go to jail.

Ms. Fikes bounced between the county and city jail, Camp Selma and Camp Camden. She was brought before Judge Reynolds where she was repeatedly asked who organized the march. Judge Reynolds and others hoped that the students would implicate Martin Luther King, Jr. in hopes of building a case against Dr. King for contributing to the delinquency of minors. Instead, Ms. Fikes loudly declared: "Jesus lead me, and my mama feed me." This frustrated the judge and led to Ms. Fikes being jailed for nearly three weeks.

Instead of being defeated, Ms. Fikes used this time to organize other young people who were also sent to jail.

"I had been there so long I felt like a trustee there," she once said. With this new Trustee status and the assistance of Reverend F.D. Reese of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in Selma, Ms. Fikes was able to help others.

Ms. Fikes also bore witness to Bloody Sunday. That morning Ms. Fikes was a messenger, carrying messages from Brown Chapel AME to the head of the line at the base of the Edmund Pettus Bridge. She described the experience later, saying, "You know how it feels just before a storm—there was nobody walking on the streets . . . it was such a stillness that you can't explain."

As tensions rose, Ms. Fikes continued delivering messages back and forth, when, finally, a half block from the church, she heard the rumbling of Bloody Sunday: "Out of this stillness, this earthquake [sound], the ground it just shifted . . . and when I looked up . . . people were running everywhere." Despite the hate and the violence, Ms. Fikes saw the true spirit of the foot soldiers of Selma.

After her time in Selma, Ms. Fikes went on to become a very successful singer who has

graced the stages of Carnegie Hall and the Library of Congress, as well as the 2004 Democratic National Convention where she was introduced by Maya Angelou. She has had the opportunity to perform with Joe Turner, Lightnin' Hopkins, Albert King, James Brown, Bob Dylan, and Mavis Staples, among others. She continues to travel throughout the United States and Canada to speak about diversity and civil rights, because although we have come a long way, there is always work to be done to advance justice and equality.

On a personal note, I grew up in Selma hearing the voice of Bettie Mae Fikes. Her beautiful voice was the soundtrack of the historic march from Selma to Montgomery. I am so grateful that she faithfully returns on the pilgrimage to Selma each year with Congressman JOHN LEWIS and the Faith and Politics Institute to commemorate Bloody Sunday. Her beautiful music continues to move us all as we rededicate ourselves to the ideals of equality and justice for all. I know that I would not be Alabama's first black Congresswoman today had it not been for the bravery and sacrifice of freedom fighters like Bettie Mae Fikes.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the 7th Congressional District and the State of Alabama, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the activism and lasting contributions of Ms. Bettie Mae Fikes. Through song, her melodious voice was an inspiration for the Civil Rights Movement that changed a nation. Her work as an educator, her incredible voice and her story will be remembered in Alabama for many years to come.

TERMINATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE PRESIDENT ON FEBRUARY 15, 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to praise this House for its swift passage of H.J. Res 46, a bipartisan bill to terminate President Trump's declaration of a Fake National Emergency.

The President's declaration is not only an unconstitutional attempt to circumvent Congress and the will of the people. It also shows an unprecedented disregard for precedent, as well as the values and institutions enshrined in our Constitution.

To pay for his wall, President Trump will not get the funds from Mexico as he promised but from our troops, robbing \$3.5 billion from the Department of Defense, funds which were passed to improve military family housing, training facilities, security of overseas bases, and much more.

Just in Ohio, over \$90 million in military construction investment is being placed at risk, including \$61,000,000 for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base's Intelligence Production Complex and \$7,400,000 for Camp Ravenna's Automated Multipurpose Machine Gun Range.

Mr. Speaker, this declaration was not founded in the security of our nation, but in delivering on an ill-advised campaign promise. We cannot allow the President to ask those who have sacrificed already to sacrifice even

more—especially for an expensive border wall few think will even work. Now, it's on the Senate to take up and pass this resolution without delay.

RECOGNIZING MRS. INEZ DOROTHY YOUNG GIBSON ON THE CELE- BRATION OF HER 100TH BIRTH- DAY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am excited to recognize Inez Dorothy Young Gibson, a revered member of the Dallas, Texas, community, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on this upcoming March 26th.

Mrs. Gibson was raised in Rockwall, Texas, home of the Caddo Indians. Heavy racial and residential segregation in the area prompted a move to Dallas, Texas in 1936, for Mrs. Gibson and her family. She attended Burnett High School, an all-African-American school in Terrell, Texas, and graduated with honors.

Mrs. Gibson later became a Vocational Nurse at the Methodist Hospital of Dallas, where she served for an impressive 23 years. She has also been heavily involved in community engagement and social activism throughout her life, specifically work to improve the South Dallas/Fair Park area. Mrs. Gibson has donated countless hours of her time to volunteer with the Warren Avenue Christian Church and Dallas ISD's Reading is Fundamental Program, among others.

Mrs. Gibson married T.D. Gibson, Sr. on August 19, 1943, and had four children: Marilyn, T.D. Jr., Michael, and Charmin. She is now the affectionate matriarch of 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I wish to commend Mrs. Inez Dorothy Young Gibson for a life dedicated to her family, friends and the Dallas community, and want to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. Congratulations are in order as she celebrates this extraordinary milestone.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SECURING DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SE- CURITY FIREARMS ACT

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, regrettably, there have been too many instances in which Department of Homeland Security officers have misplaced or lost their Department-issued firearms due to a failure to properly secure such sensitive assets.

In October 2017, the DHS Office of Inspector General found that 2,142 sensitive assets—including 228 firearms and 1,889 badges—were misplaced between fiscal years 2014 and 2016. Most of these losses were due to DHS personnel who did not properly safeguard such sensitive assets. The Office of Inspector General identified the lack of a Department-wide firearm policy as a major reason why sensitive assets were not secured.

Therefore, I am introducing the Securing Department of Homeland Security Firearms

Act, which improves the accountability of DHS-issued firearms and other sensitive assets. Specifically, the bill directs DHS to develop and distribute a Department-wide directive for achieving adequate security over firearms and other sensitive assets. That directive must include reporting and recordkeeping requirements for lost assets. Additionally, the bill requires that DHS provide officers with training and guidance on how to follow safeguarding requirements and how to properly report the loss or theft of a firearm.

Due to its mission, DHS has a variety of highly sensitive equipment. Failure to safeguard those assets can have grave consequences for public safety and homeland security. This measure will foster greater accountability and security within DHS.

HONORING LIEUTENANT ERIC JI- MENEZ, U.S. NAVY, ON EIGHT YEARS OF ACTIVE DUTY SERV- ICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, today I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Lieutenant Eric Jimenez, a resident of Tulsa, Oklahoma, on eight years of dedicated active duty service to our Country in the United States Navy.

Lt. Jimenez currently serves as an Operations Research Analyst in the Naval Service Warfare Center in Bethesda, Maryland. He entered the USN in 2011, and served in numerous assignments and deployments throughout his distinguished career.

Lt. Jimenez has shown not only outstanding leadership, but uncommon technical skill. As a Reactor Control Officer on the USS *Santa Fe*, he managed a team of nine nuclear trained electronics technicians charged with maintaining nuclear reactor protection systems. He further trained an underperforming division by implementing a rigorous training and monitoring program resulting in a two-letter grade improvement in all categories of the Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE). As an Electrical Division Officer, Lt. Jimenez maintained a 100 percent electrical safety training performance and executed the ship's electrical safety program using the most up-to-date instructions and notices. As Assistant Weapons Officer, Lt. Jimenez led his team through several weapons exercises, earning the 2015 Commanders Submarines Squadron SEVEN Battle Efficiency and the Submarine Squadron Seven Weapons Excellence White "W" award.

Since November of 2016, Lt. Jimenez has led four studies, valued at \$3 million dollars, in the development, analysis, and interpretation of results of Defense Planning Scenarios designed to inform and influence Navy senior executive leadership. He further served as a co-chair on Technical Evaluation Boards, over-viewing contract proposals worth an estimated \$1.5 million.

On behalf of Oklahoma's First Congressional District, I commend and congratulate my constituent, Lieutenant Eric Jimenez, on his devoted service to the United States of

America. May we learn from this young man the virtues of self-sacrifice and fidelity to our beloved Nation.

HONORING DR. ADOLPHUS
HAILSTORK

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. TONKA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the work of Dr. Adolphus Hailstork.

Dr. Hailstork is a leading composer and professor who has dedicated his life to the study, composition, and continuation of musical excellence. He has written numerous works for chorus, chamber ensembles, piano, organ, band and orchestra, which are performed and celebrated around the world.

Born in Rochester, NY, but raised in Albany, Dr. Hailstork's remarkable musical career can be traced back to his membership in the historic Cathedral of All Saints Choir of Men and Boys, the oldest continually performing ensemble of its kind in the United States. His membership in the Choir was the catalyst to more than seventy years of creative expression and musical prowess.

Since his time with the Choir, he has pursued a career in music with relentless dedication. During his years at Albany High School, he began composing music regularly. He received degrees from Howard University and the Manhattan School of Music and studied in France with famed composer and teacher Nadia Boulanger before receiving his doctorate from Michigan State University in 1971.

What makes Dr. Hailstork truly admirable is not only his aptitude in making music, but his desire and skill in teaching it, passing on his substantial knowledge to future musicians. He has served as professor at Youngstown State University in Ohio and at Norfolk State University in Virginia. Currently, he works as a professor of music and Composer-in-Residence at Old Dominion University in Norfolk.

One of the most incredible aspects of music is its ability to connect individuals of all ages and backgrounds. Dr. Hailstork's work exemplifies this idea. He has studied, composed and taught a vast range of musical styles and genres, focusing on classical compositions with a blend of African American and European traditions. His masterful compositions have been performed by the New York Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic and numerous other prestigious orchestras.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of Dr. Hailstork's graduation from Albany High School. Since his time in New York's Capital Region, he has left an imprint on the districts culture and society that will not soon fade.

On behalf of the United States Congress, it is my great honor and privilege to recognize Dr. Hailstork's accomplishments. I offer my gratitude for his immeasurable dedication and wish him continued success in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE RAINWATER
FAMILY AND THEIR CONTRIBU-
TIONS TO THE CITY OF
CARROLLTON, TEXAS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate trailblazers for equality like the Rainwater Family of Carrollton, Texas during this Black History Month. Over the last 100 years, each generation of the Rainwater family has persistently worked to grow Carrollton, Texas, into a diverse, inclusive, and loving community.

Born on February 3, 1912, Annie Heads Rainwater was the sixth child of Walter and Nancy Heads. In 1932, Annie married Charlie "Wash" Rainwater, son of George W. Rainwater and Delia Bush. Annie and Charlie had eight children, two of which passed away as infants. Annie and Charlie lived on the family farm belonging to Annie's grandparents—located in present day Carrollton, Texas. Annie was a homemaker and Charlie managed the family farm. Together, they attended church and spent time instilling Christian values of charity, hard work, and friendship in their children.

In 1962, Dallas' school district desegregation plan was slowly being put into place. In Carrollton, a then-rural school district to the northwest, Annie Heads Rainwater's six children had no neighborhood high school. Under segregation laws and as was customary, black students were not allowed to attend the all-white Carrollton High School just minutes away from the Rainwater family farm. Black students were bused 20 miles to all-black Booker T. Washington High School in Dallas, and later, 30 miles north to Denton's all-black Fred Moore High.

To Mrs. Rainwater, the school system had failed her family. As a recent widow, Mrs. Rainwater filed civil action in U.S. District Court against Carrollton's school district, demanding desegregation. Her younger daughters, Nancy and Betty, were named as plaintiffs in the case. Later that year, Judge Sarah T. Hughes ordered Carrollton to integrate its high school. In fall 1963, Mrs. Rainwater watched as Nancy and other teenagers became the first black students to attend all-white R.L. Turner High School in Carrollton, Texas. Annie Heads Rainwater lived until 1992. In 1994, the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD recognized Annie for her bold perseverance against many odds by dedicating Annie Heads Rainwater Elementary in her honor.

Today, Annie Heads Rainwater's son, Rev. Willie Rainwater, continues to carry the torch for justice and freedom through his work at Christ Community Connection. Willie and his wife, Juanita, work diligently to provide scholarships to underprivileged students in Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD. Additionally, Willie and Juanita started the Martin Luther King, Jr. parade that celebrated its 25th anniversary last month.

Madam Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring the Rainwater Family for their significant contributions to the Carrollton, Texas community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Ms. FRANKEL. Madam Speaker, on roll call votes 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, and 95, I was not present because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA," "YEA," "YEA," "YEA," "YEA," and "YEA" respectively.

PASSING OF MRS. FANNIE MAE EVANS CORBETT AND IN RECOGNITION OF HER MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of a great woman and legend within the Wilson, North Carolina community, Mrs. Fannie Mae Evans Corbett. Mrs. Corbett passed away on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. She was 86 years old.

Born in Pitt County, North Carolina on May 23, 1932, Mrs. Corbett was the fourth of five children born to Bessie Evans and Sylvester Powell. Mrs. Corbett learned the meaning of hard work at a young age, spending much of her developmental years working in the cotton and tobacco fields. In 1955, Mrs. Corbett moved to Wilson, North Carolina, where she married and raised her family. After becoming a single mother of four children, Mrs. Corbett set out to improve her economic outlook by returning to school to earn her high school diploma and an associate's degree from Wilson Community Technical Institute.

Mrs. Corbett's influence in Wilson was transformational. In 1968, Mrs. Corbett became one of the key founders of the Wilson Community Improvement Association (WCIA). Mrs. Corbett led WCIA's growth from a local grassroots organization to a proactive movement that was a model for community development corporations across the country. Mrs. Corbett's indelible contributions to Wilson include coordinating voter registration drives across East Wilson and engaging the youth in educational and recreational programs. In 1973, under Mrs. Corbett's leadership, WCIA established the Wilson Senior Citizen Center, which was the first nutritional feeding program in Wilson County.

While championing the value of homeownership, Mrs. Corbett advocated for programs that would make owning a home an attainable goal even to those with modest means. In 1991, WCIA received a \$1.2 million grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to build 68 homes for low- and moderate-income people. Over 200 families applied for residency in the subdivision, Adventura East. After purchasing more land, WCIA completed an additional 30 units. Today, the Adventura East I & II subdivision is home to 148 families. In 1993, with WCIA's affordable housing momentum building, the organization acquired Sunset Terrace, a 104-unit housing complex. Two years later, WCIA

successfully purchased and restored Beacon Pointe Apartments in Wilson. In 1997, WCIA restored and renovated Mercy Hospital, which was built in 1913 as one of three African American hospitals in North Carolina.

Mrs. Corbett's service to her community has received national and international recognition and awards, including the prestigious Nancy Susan Reynolds award, the Citizen Award for Outstanding Service to Citizens of Wilson, and the Pioneering Award for Exemplary Service in Community Economic Development. Mrs. Corbett has also been featured in several publications and books, including "To Right These Wrongs" and "Greater Freedom."

Mrs. Corbett leaves to cherish her memory, four children, Barbara Claudette Blackston of Wilson, North Carolina; Christopher Evans of Apex, North Carolina; Donald Ray Evans of Portsmouth, Virginia; and Alvin Quintin Corbett of Eastampton, New Jersey; and a host of relatives, friends, and loved ones.

Madam Speaker, as a devoted mother, friend, and public servant, Mrs. Fannie Mae Evans Corbett's passing will surely be felt by all whose lives she touched. She will forever be missed, but never forgotten in the City of Wilson and across the State of North Carolina.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, I had a family health emergency that required my personal attention at home and returned to Florida on February 28, 2019. This family health emergency resulted in me missing votes on H.R. 1112—Enhanced Background Checks Act. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on the Schneider, Jackson Lee Amendment, YES on the Van Drew Cunningham Amendment, NO on the Motion to Recommit H.R. 1112, and YES on final passage of H.R. 1112.

RECOGNIZING THE MEMORIAL TO THE 1913 ITALIAN HALL DISASTER

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the dedication of the memorial to the Italian Hall disaster of 1913. Through their work to make this monument a reality, the village of Calumet and the Italian Hall Memorial Park Committee have ensured that the disaster and its victims are forever remembered by the people of Michigan.

For over 100 years, the area now known as Calumet was the heart of Copper Country, attracting thousands of Americans and immigrants from around the world, and producing more mineral wealth than the California Gold Rush. In response to long work days, low wages, and harsh work conditions, the Keweenaw chapters of the Western Federation of Miners voted to strike on July 23, 1913. The strike would last nine months—and though unsuccessful in achieving its goals in the short term, it marked a turning point for

Copper Country and the rights of the miners that called it home.

On Christmas Eve, 1913, hundreds of striking miners and their families gathered to celebrate the holiday on the second floor of Calumet's Italian Hall. However, a panic broke out after someone falsely shouted "fire" in the crowded hall. In the ensuing rush to escape the building, seventy-three people, including fifty-nine children, were killed. One hundred and six years later, the village of Calumet dedicated a new four-ton granite monument inscribed with the names of those lost in the Italian Hall disaster. The site of the Hall now serves as a place for quiet reflection and remembrance of tragedy as well as the history of the Upper Peninsula.

Madam Speaker, the Italian Hall disaster remains fixed in the memories of Michiganders more than one hundred years later. On behalf of my constituents, I would like to thank the Italian Hall Memorial Park Committee and the village of Calumet for their work to ensure that the tragedy and the lives lost there are never forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Ms. FRANKEL. Madam Speaker, on roll call vote 96, 97, 98, and 99, I was not present because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "NAY," "YEA," "NAY," and "YEA."

OBSERVING THE 27TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KHOJALY MASSACRE

HON. STEVE CHABOT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, I rise in observance of the victims of the Khojaly Massacre, a barbarous atrocity committed against innocent Azerbaijani civilians. Tuesday, February 26, marked the 27th anniversary of this bloody episode.

The story is all too tragic. Khojaly, in the region of Nagorno-Karabakh, was surrounded by Armenian and Soviet troops in the fall of 1991. After bombarding the city these troops attacked on the night of February 25 and 26, killing 600 innocent Azerbaijanis, including elderly people, women, and children. Hundreds more were left severely disabled from the attacks. Over fifty people were killed with wanton brutality, many children lost parents, and eight whole families were wiped out.

Human Rights Watch described these attacks as a "massacre" and in a 1992 report stated that the attacks by Armenian and Soviet forces, "deliberately disregarded [the] customary law restraint on attacks." This massacre remains the darkest chapter in the Azerbaijan-Armenian conflict.

Unfortunately, the dispute over Nagorno Karabakh is still ongoing, despite the United States and the international community not recognizing the independent rule of the region

and supporting a negotiated settlement. I call on all parties involved to find a peaceful resolution to this decades old conflict.

I encourage my colleagues to join with me and the Azerbaijani people as they remember this tragedy.

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE KEVIN P. McMAHON

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with great sadness to honor the life of Connecticut Superior Court Judge Kevin P. McMahon of Niantic, Connecticut who died too young at the age of 68 on February 18, 2019.

Madam Speaker, when news of Kevin's passing became known all across the state, there was an enormous outflowing of tributes and praise for the man described as "The People's Judge" for his amazing service in the criminal courts for over twenty-five years. He presided over big cases and small cases with great skill, displaying a warm and caring personality that balanced courtesy and adherence to the law with compassion for all who appeared before him. He had a sharp, delightful sense of humor and the court staff in every region he sat were professionally loyal to him because he treated them all with kindness and respect. He believed strongly in sharing his knowledge with his colleagues on the bench. He was an instructor at the Connecticut Judges' Institute and fellow judges often sought his advice on cases. Kevin was the president, and lone member, of the Black Point Judges Association, a position he was honored to hold. His knowledge of the law, his sense of humor, and, most importantly, his sense of fairness governed his decisions and made him a great judge.

Kevin was the past president of the New London/Washington County Providence College Alumni Club. He mentored students from Providence College, many of whom shadowed him during his time on the bench. The college honored him by presenting him with the Faithful Friar Award, and he was a season ticket holder for Providence College Basketball for many years.

Kevin spent summers at Black Point Beach at his family's summer home. Eventually, Patti and he became year-round residents. He was a member of the Black Point Association for many years. Kevin loved being a part of the beach community and over the years skillfully captained an array of powerboats. He was an avid reader and a serious student of history. Kevin was a sports enthusiast, as a loyal fan of the New York Giants, the Boston Red Sox, Boston Celtics and had great admiration for Tom Brady.

Kevin was also a devoted husband to the love of his life Patti McMahon and they had many happy years together at Black Point Beach which they made their permanent home. Patti is a highly skilled paralegal who worked for one of the premier law firms in Hartford—Riscassi and Davis—and their shared experience in the legal profession made them the perfect couple.

Mr. Speaker, I had known Kevin for many years when we were interns at the Hartford

Superior Criminal Court back in the 1970s. I knew from the first day we met that he was a special person whose sharp mind, quick wit, and infectious sense of humor stood out immediately. He was born to be a judge and it was wonderful to watch someone find the perfect spot on the bench to express his talents to the fullest.

Mr. Speaker we live in a time when cheap politics and cynical journalism constantly seek to delegitimize the importance of a strong, respected, independent judiciary. Kevin McMahon's life and record are the best rebuttal to this corrosive, dangerous trend. All who came in contact with him could believe in the honesty and goodness of our judicial system by observing the grace and integrity of his service. His example will be one for the ages.

Colleagues, please join me in expressing the condolences of the chamber for his friends and family—particularly his beloved wife Patti.

TRIBUTE TO HARVEY SCALES

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise to express my deepest condolences to Mrs. Rochella Scales and her family on the loss of Milwaukee's "Godfather of Soul", Harvey Scales. Harvey was born in Osceola, Arkansas, on September 27, 1941, and passed away on February 11, 2019. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, relative and friend to many here in Milwaukee and around the world.

Harvey's family moved to Milwaukee when he was a young child where his father found work at American Motors. He attended both Roosevelt Junior High and North Division High Schools. For over 60 years, Harvey Scales has entertained us all beginning as a teen with doo wop bands in the 50's with such renowned Milwaukee contemporaries as the late Al Jarreau until he ultimately formed the band, Harvey Scales and the Seven Sounds in 1961. Harvey Scales and the Seven Sounds' first gig was at the Wisconsin State Fair. Har-

vey was able to perform in places in Milwaukee and Wisconsin where African Americans were not allowed and sought to break barriers through his music by playing at venues that drew an integrated crowd.

He was signed at various record labels over the years including the legendary soul labels of Chess and Stax. Harvey was signed by Casablanca Records after co-writing the platinum-selling song "Disco Lady" in 1976 for Johnny Taylor. In fact, it would be the biggest hit of Taylor's career, and the first song certified as platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America. Casablanca Records released Harvey's albums "Confidential Affair" in 1978 and "Hot Foot: A Funque Dizco Opera" in 1979.

Harvey proved himself to be more than an entertainer; he was also a person who endeavored to unite everyone through the love of music. He was both a social and a fun person to be around; he had friends throughout the industry including MC Hammer and the late Aretha Franklin to name but a few. Harvey continued to perform well into his 70s; in fact, one of his last shows was at Summerfest in 2017. The songs he wrote would be later sampled and recorded by a new generation of musicians including the Beastie Boys and Pete Rock.

Harvey leaves family and friends to cherish his memory including his wife Rochella Scales; Children: Tonya Stoudermire, David Vela, Daniel Vela, Dorothea Felder, Theresa Sheppard, Rodney Sheppard, Cornell Scales, Eric Scales, Harvey Scales, Jr., Jewel Henry, Kim Brown, Michael Brown, Rochelle Brown, Michelle Brown, and Bobby Brown; 40 grandchildren and a host of other relatives.

Harvey Scales, my friend and fellow Blue Devil will be greatly missed because of the positive impact he left on the lives of so many. While his death leaves a huge void, he will be remembered for his lifetime as a music artist who continues to inspire future generations. The legacy of his music continues with his son, Harvey Scales, Jr., rapper JR Scalez who collaborated with his father, as well as, the many musicians who continue to both perform and record his music.

Madam Speaker, Harvey Scales has positively impacted the 4th Congressional District,

the State of Wisconsin and the world. As family and friends gather to remember and celebrate the life of this loving and remarkable man; I applaud him and his legacy.

CONDOLENCES IN LOVING MEMORY OF CHARLES NUNZIO DELPIZZO

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Ms. FUDGE. Madam Speaker, Charles Nunzio DelPizzo was one whose life and service enriched us and whose passing continues to leave a void in the community. He is sorely missed.

Mr. DelPizzo's service in the United States Army demonstrated his devotion to our nation. We will be forever indebted to him and all the brave men and women who have put their lives on the line for our beloved country. It gives me great pleasure to give him one final salute.

Mr. DelPizzo modeled a life of love, sustaining a 63-year marriage to Palma Antonia Santoro DelPizzo.

The pleasure of having known Charles DelPizzo is carried in the hearts and minds of his family and friends. Mr. DelPizzo's memory is forever cherished by his daughter Paula; Son-in-law Andrew; Grandchildren Angela, Melissa, and Andrew; great grandchildren Anthony, Talia, and Larissa; and all who knew and loved him.

I hope Paula continues to take comfort in the memories she has made with her beloved father. A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and minds; through us, they live on. May she continue to find solace in the memory of Charles DelPizzo's love and the celebration of his life.

On behalf of the constituents of Ohio's Eleventh Congressional District, I extend sincere condolences. May God bless and keep the family.