

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING STEPHAN KAMINSKY

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life Mr. Stephan Kaminsky, an esteemed veteran, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post Commander and community volunteer who passed away in January at the age of 73.

Mr. Kaminsky served four years in the Navy during the Vietnam War, where he was stationed on the USS *Epperson* DD719, a destroyer.

After his service, Mr. Kaminsky remained active with community veteran organizations as a member of the Mundelein American Legion No. 867 and Commander of the Libertyville VFW Post 8741. He also served as President of the USS *Epperson* DD-719 Association, participating in reunions of former shipmates around the United States every two years.

Within VFW, Mr. Kaminsky was particularly active in the Buddy Poppy Donation Drive. The poppy is the official flower of the VFW, and represents the blood shed by American service members. Mr. Kaminsky's work to ensure the drive's success benefitted local veterans' welfare in the Lake County area. He was also a vital leader in the VFW "Patriots' Pen" essay contest. He was also a member of the Color Guard and Honor Guard and could frequently be seen marching in community parades for events ranging from the high school homecoming dance to the Fourth of July.

A graduate of the University of Illinois Chicago, Mr. Kaminsky was Vice President of the First American Bank of Elk Grove Village. He was also an avid sports fan who enjoyed playing volleyball and rooting for Notre Dame and the White Sox.

I extend my sincere sympathies to his wife, Elizabeth, and the many family and friends who mourn his passing. It is my great honor to recognize Mr. Stephan Kaminsky today and celebrate his service to our nation and to the veterans in our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARTIN F. QUINN, RECIPIENT OF THE GREATER PITTSION FRIENDLY SONS 2019 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Martin F. Quinn who will receive the Achievement Award from the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick at their annual St. Patrick's Day dinner on Sunday, March 17, 2019. Martin is an active member of the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons, and

he was named Man of the Year by the organization in 2010.

Martin Quinn is the son of the late Martin J. Quinn and Margaret Mitchell Quinn. He was born and raised in the Cork Lane section of Pittston Township and graduated from Pittston Central Catholic High School in 1955. Motivated by the desire to serve his country, Martin served in the United States Army. Following an honorable discharge from the Army, Martin transitioned to civilian life. Martin is a licensed electrician and served as the recording secretary for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 1153. Prior to returning to Northeastern Pennsylvania in 1973, he worked in the trucking industry in New Jersey and was vice president of the Teamsters Union Local No. 701. He was employed by the Lehigh Valley Railroad and ConRail, Inc. for over thirty years, retiring as a Line Foreman in 1999.

Martin is an ardent supporter of education, having served on the Pittston Area School Board for 28 years. During his time on the board, he was instrumental in the construction of the Pittston Area Primary Center in Hughestown. In recognition of his efforts, the school was named in his honor in November 2016.

Martin is a steadfast community servant and dedicates his time to many local clubs, civic organizations, and community activities. He is a charter member of the Wolfe Tone Luzerne County Division 1 Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus John F. Kennedy Council No. 372 and its Fourth Degree Assembly. He also serves as a board member of the Parking Authority of the City of Pittston. Martin is active with the Third District Democrats, serving many years as the committeeman for his ward. He is a social member of the Polish Club in Dupont, the West Side Club in Avoca, and the Pittston Township Italian Club. He belongs to Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish.

Martin lives in Pittston with his wife Barbara. They are proud parents and proud in-law parents of Mitch and his wife Kim, Mike and his wife Tara, and Brian and his wife Denise. And they are equally proud grandparents of Zach, Jake, Samantha, Katie, and Kearney.

It is an honor to recognize Martin F. Quinn for a lifetime of community involvement and service. I am grateful for the work he has done on behalf of the people of the Greater Pittston Area and wish him all the best on this St. Patrick's Day.

INTRODUCTION OF DIGITAL GOODS AND SERVICES TAX FAIRNESS ACT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Digital Goods and Services Tax

Fairness Act, a bipartisan, bicameral bill I introduced earlier today along with my colleague on the Judiciary Committee, Representative JOHN RATCLIFFE from Texas, and in the Senate, Senators JOHN THUNE from South Dakota and RON WYDEN from Oregon, to curb discriminatory taxation of digital goods and services.

We live in an increasingly digitized world. Digital goods and services make consumption of entertainment media more convenient and have a lighter carbon footprint than their tangible analogs such as e-books, movies, online documents and much more. In addition, many vital health, education, and computer systems have turned to digital goods and services to increase the reliability and efficiency of access to important data.

The lack of a uniform framework for state taxation of digital goods and services has led to a patchwork of state tax laws that confuses consumers and unnecessarily challenges the digital economy. Consumers risk being taxed by multiple jurisdictions for a single download. For instance, three different states can currently tax the same purchase of a digital good or service.

Discriminatory taxes also discourage the new, innovative, emerging technologies and products that American inventors continue to develop.

The Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness Act would ensure that consumers are not taxed at a higher rate for purchasing digital goods than they are for purchasing tangible goods by establishing a national framework to determine which state has the right to decide whether to tax a digital transaction. It would also protect consumers from potential multiple state taxes on a single digital purchase.

This is common sense legislation that is necessary in our booming digital economy. I urge both the House and the Senate to swiftly pass this bill.

HONORING CLAUS IHLEMANN FOR RECEIVING THE TIDEWATER CHAPTER HUMANITARIAN AWARD

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Claus Ihlemann on receiving the 2019 Humanitarian Award for the Tidewater Chapter of the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities. This is an amazing accomplishment.

This award recognizes Claus' lifetime of service and commitment to the promotion of respect among people of diverse backgrounds. His commitment to Equality Virginia, the Tidewater AIDS Crisis Task Force, and his involvement in the Hope House Foundation are just some examples of his service to the community.

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

Claus' dedication to strengthening bonds among people of different racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds is truly inspiring. I am proud to honor and recognize Claus' leadership and the role he plays in making our community a better place. The Tidewater Region has significantly benefited from his presence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SEAN CASTEN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. CASTEN of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I missed Roll Call vote number 121. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: H. Res. 156, Calling for accountability and justice for the assassination of Boris Nemtsov—Yes.

RECOGNIZING JIM ROBBINS

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jim Robbins, a veteran of the Marine Corps who honorably served our country and his community, and who passed away in January at the age of 90.

Upon graduating from Libertyville High School in 1946, Mr. Robbins immediately enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in China and Guam in the years following World War II. During his service, Mr. Robbins was stationed in Tangku, China and was one of the Marines who defended the Hsin Ho Ammunition Supply Depot against attack in April 1947.

After returning to the U.S. in 1950, he served as Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8741's commander for several years and as the Post's quartermaster for 32 years. He was especially known for his work with young people and recent veterans.

In addition, Mr. Robbins was the primary leader in making the veterans' monument in Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville a reality. Every Memorial Day, Jim read off the names of former Libertyville township residents who had died in service to our nation at a community observance ceremony. He viewed this as a great honor and carefully wrote down their names phonetically in a personal notebook to ensure he properly pronounced the name of each fallen hero.

In his professional life, Mr. Robbins was a contract glazing salesman for 30 years. He also worked with the Lake County Forest Preserve for many years at the Fox River Preserve. He leaves behind two children, five beloved grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

It is my great honor and privilege to recognize the life of Jim Robbins and thank him for his service to our country and tireless work on behalf of other veterans in our community.

RECOGNIZING RONALD E. POWELL

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Ronald E. Powell for a lifetime of vigorous and effective advocacy protecting the rights of workers in my home state of Illinois, and for working men and women across the United States.

Ron's service in the labor movement began in 1961, when he was hired as a Field Representative for the United Retail Workers Union (URW). Thanks to his effectiveness as an organizer, he rose quickly through the ranks, becoming a Supervisor of Field Staff in 1968, and the Vice President and Director of Field Operations in 1973.

In 1981, the URW, with a membership totaling 6,000 workers, affiliated with the United Food and Commercial Workers Union and formed Local 881 of the UFCW. (The name "Local 881" was chosen to commemorate the date of its affiliation—August of 1981.)

Ron was elected president of Local 881 in 1983. Under his leadership, Local 881 has grown to represent 34,000 workers and is one of the largest affiliates in the UFCW family of unions that represent over 1.3 million workers across the world. While managing that growth, Ron found time to shoulder other responsibilities, including serving as Vice President on the International Executive Board of UFCW, Vice President of the state of Illinois AFL-CIO, Chairman of the Illinois State Investment Board, and as a member of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Advisory Board, the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Board, and the board of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois.

Ron's distinguished resumé does not tell the full story of his service to our community. He has worked tirelessly to advocate for the men and women who provide essential but often invisible services in a world increasingly indifferent to their rights and needs. Countless families are grateful to Ron and the efforts of Local 881 for improved wages and safety conditions in industries that include food service and preparation, meat packing, groceries, chemical manufacturing and retail. I know Ron takes great pride in the part he played in the recent enactment of the City of Chicago Paid Sick Leave Ordinance, extending paid leave protection for the first time to thousands of workers (and UFCW members) who live in our community.

Both personally and in furtherance of his work for the UFCW, Ron has been civically engaged, serving as a Trustee on the Village Board of Mundelein, and as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. Over the years Ron has supported countless candidates that were committed to protecting the rights of working men and women, including a young United States Senator named Barack Obama who ultimately served two terms as President of the United States.

Many charities owe thanks to Ron as well. Under his stewardship, the Local 881 Charitable Foundation has been a strong supporter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Ron also organized fundraising efforts for Jackson Park Hospital in Chicago and the Little City Foundation, which serves developmentally dis-

abled children and adults in the Chicagoland area.

Ron is blessed with four children—one of whom, Steven, currently serves as President of Local 881 and an International Vice President of the UFCW—and many children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is held in esteem by numerous organizers and union officials he has mentored over the course of his career, and the thousands of workers whose lives have been made better through his efforts.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the 34,000 members of Local 881 of the UFCW, and the millions of hard-working men and women of the state of Illinois who owe so much to Ron Powell, I offer my thanks for nearly 60 years of dedicated and selfless service to our community. Although Ron may have retired from his positions with the UFCW, I know he has not retired from his commitment to service, and on behalf of all Illinoisans and Americans I wish him great success in his next chapter.

TWENTY YEARS OF REPRESENTING SOUTH DAKOTA AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, it will be the 20th time Spearfish High School will represent South Dakota at the national "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" competition this spring.

The team won the state competition Thursday at Black Hills State University.

"It's commendable that you guys do this . . . I think this will be a memorable experience for you," Wes Brown, of the Vantage Institute, a nonprofit organization that provides education, training, and support for issues facing communities, said. He thanked the students for their hard work, the judges for their time, and everyone involved for making the event possible.

The We the People program promotes civic competence and responsibility for upper elementary and secondary students. The program was created in 1987, directed by the Center for Civic Education and funded by the U.S. Department of Education under the Education for Democracy Act.

During the competition, student units take on simulated congressional hearing questions, demonstrating their knowledge and understanding of the Constitution and Bill of Rights and current constitutional issues. Each unit prepares a four-minute statement to present to the panel of judges acting as a congressional committee, and they then answer follow-up questions posed by the committee members. The units are scored on understanding, Constitutional application, reasoning, supporting evidence, responsiveness, and participation.

The Spearfish team is made up of seniors Lily Dennison, Gene Glover, Paxton Klug, Rigel Roberdeau, Kenna Comer, Kennedy Kaitfors, Rylee Niesent, Taylor Hersch, Justin Steedley, Hannah Tysdal, Ana Buchholz, Peter Marich, Morgan Roberts, Zach Tipton, Sophia Caldwell, Nathan Davis, Thomas Friedrich, Ella Neiman, Tim Doerges, Izzy Drumm, Jay Saylor, and Chelsea Williams. Patrick Gainey teaches the class.

Unit 4, made up of Buchholz, Marich, Roberts, and Tipton, were named the best unit for the Spearfish team, and Friedrich was named the Larson Best Speaker Award for the team.

Lead-Deadwood High School, taught by Matthew Campbell, also competed. The team is made up of students Chayton Bower, Carter Nelson, Eric Schumacher, Kyler Farmer-Winsell, Hunter Gudith, Chase Ladner, Michael Crawford, Harley Priest, Jasmine Riter, Luke Fish, Keegan Huntington, Zak Mau, Wyatt VandeVelde, Dylan Arehart, Dylan Janke, CJ Murray, Megan Snow, Raygan Mattson, Maxx Percy, Mackenzie Wetz, Zoe Bourgo, Brianna Pfeiffer-Munoz, Kaitlin Wilks, Carly Mehlberg, Abiah Morrison, and Alexis Morrison.

Unit 6a, made up of Bourgo, Pfeiffer-Munoz, and Wilks, was named best unit, and Pfeiffer-Munoz was named the Larson Best Speaker Award for the team.

Brown encouraged everyone to spread the word about the program. He said in the last decade, the most teams that participated in South Dakota were seven, versus the two teams competing this year. He added that Wyoming has 18 teams competing to represent the state.

"Thanks so much for putting in the effort," Brown said.

Spearfish High School will join approximately 1,200 students from 56 high school classes from across the nation to compete in the We the People National Finals April 26–29 at the National Conference Center in Washington, D.C.

"I'm really proud of how hard the kids worked," Gainey said of the students. "They put in—it's not just class time—they meet outside of school, they meet at each other's houses, they go and interview professionals, they talk to lawyers and public officials, to get information for their presentations. It's a class, I think, that inspires a lot of devotion and commitment to each other. I like it because it's a little bit like football or basketball in that you could have the smartest kid in the state and you still might not win because it's a team effort."

RECOGNIZING FEMALE LEADERS OF COLLIN COUNTY

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, celebrated each March, "Women's History Month" serves as a time to honor and recognize the momentous achievements of women who have and continue to shape the United States today.

What began as a week-long celebration in 1981, has evolved into a month reserved to celebrate female leaders across the nation. Established annually by Presidential Proclamations since 1995, each March, we hear stories of incredible women who have broken barriers, set records, and inspired us all from coast to coast.

This year, I am especially proud to highlight a group of women making history right in Texas' Third Congressional District.

Collin County, Texas contains eleven District Courts, with eleven presiding judges, and seven County Courts at Law, with seven presiding judges.

In 2017, the addition of new judges brought the total number of female judges serving on the District Courts to six, meaning, for the first time in history, the majority of the court seats were held by women. But, just this year, with the election of another judge in Texas' 219th District Court, there are now seven women serving on the county's district benches.

Making the accomplishment even more remarkable, just twelve years ago, there was only one female judge on the county's benches.

While only 33 percent of judges throughout the United States are women, Collin County is leading the way for women in law and justice careers with 64 percent of the district benches served by female judges.

To our great female judges, Judge Corrine Mason, Judge Angela Tucker, Judge Jennifer Edgeworth, Judge Andrea Thompson, Judge Cynthia Wheless, Judge Jill Willis, Judge Piper McCraw, and Judge Emily Miskel, I thank them for their service to our county, to Texas, and as an inspiration to so many.

Madam Speaker, today, and every day, let us honor those women setting course for the next generation of American leaders.

IN RECOGNITION OF GLOBAL RECYCLING DAY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to draw my colleagues' attention to Global Recycling Day on March 18. Global Recycling Day was created in 2018 to help recognize, and celebrate, the importance recycling plays in preserving our primary resources and securing the future of our planet.

The creation of Global Recycling Day is aimed at the promotion of a global and united approach to recycling. The mission of Global Recycling Day is to help world leaders understand that recycling is too important not to be a global issue, and to ask all citizens of the world to think of recyclables in terms of what they are: valuable resources, not waste. By combining as many voices and efforts as possible on a single day, together we are raising awareness of the urgent need to be more reliable recyclers and more conscientious consumers.

There are six major natural resources on the planet, Madam Speaker—water, air, coal, oil, natural gas and minerals. I think recyclables ought to be thought of as the world's Seventh Resource.

Recycling prevents more CO₂ emissions each year than those generated by the entire aviation industry, while simultaneously reducing the need to extract the Earth's finite virgin natural resources. Without recycling, all our used refrigerators, plastic bottles, packing boxes, cars, cell phones and paper cups would contribute to the growing waste mountains, which are either incinerated or sent to landfill—never to be used again.

In the United States alone, we recycle more than 130 million metric tons of scrap materials every year and employ more than 130,000 American workers. These valuable materials go directly back into the manufacturing chain, helping manufacturers be more energy efficient.

Global Recycling Day 2019 will work to get more young people engaged with the power of the Seventh Resource through a variety of key partnerships. The initiative will also work with businesses and entrepreneurs globally to share their innovation, concepts and ideas for better recycling practices in the future.

As the House Recycling Caucus Co-Chair, I am committed to helping foster economically viable and sustainable recycling in the United States to protect our environment, save energy and conserve natural resources for my kid's and their kid's futures.

Recycling is the easiest way all of us can make a positive difference in our planet's future while supporting our economy through the creation of tens of thousands of jobs.

Madam Speaker, I would like to ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating Global Recycling Day by getting involved and, of course, by recycling.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE WATKINS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. WATKINS. Madam Speaker, on March 12, 2019 I was absent from the floor due to a visit to the Oval Office for a bill signing. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 121.

HONORING REGINA DARDEN FOR RECEIVING THE TIDEWATER CHAPTER HUMANITARIAN AWARD

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Regina Darden on receiving the 2019 Humanitarian Award for the Tidewater Chapter of the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities. This is an amazing accomplishment.

This award recognizes Regina's lifetime of service and commitment to the promotion of respect among people of diverse backgrounds. I am inspired by her commitment to create and establish the first summer homeless shelter in Hampton Roads, called Helping Others Pursue Excellence (H.O.P.E.). H.O.P.E. is an exceptional organization that has served over 600 homeless guests during the summer of 2017 and continues to grow.

Regina's dedication to strengthening bonds among people of different racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds is truly inspiring. I am proud to recognize Regina's leadership and the role she plays in making our community a better place. The Tidewater Region has significantly benefited from her presence.

SUMMARY OF REVENUE ESTIMATE ON H.R. 1 FROM JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following summary of revenue estimate from the Joint Committee on Taxation.

SUMMARY OF REVENUE ESTIMATE FROM JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

(3/4/2019—Very Preliminary)

Estimate of proposed 2.75% special assessment on criminal penalties and civil penalties, generally limit nontax penalties to organizational defendants. All estimates below are in millions of dollars, by fiscal year. Details may not add to totals due to rounding.

NON-TAX CIVIL PENALTIES AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES

[By fiscal year—in millions of dollars]

Table with columns Year and Amount. Rows include Transfers to Freedom from Influence Fund, Net Revenue Change, and Reductions in transfers to other funds.

CIVIL TAX PENALTIES—EXEMPTING INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS WHOSE TAXABLE INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED THE DOLLAR AMOUNT AT WHICH THE TOP TAX BRACKET BEGINS—Continued

[By fiscal year—in millions of dollars]

Table with columns Year and Amount. Rows include Net revenue change and Memo: increase (+) or decrease (-) in the deficit if all Fund balances spent immediately.

TOTALS

[By fiscal year—in millions of dollars]

Table with columns Year and Amount. Rows include Transfers to Freedom from Influence Fund, Net revenue change, and Memo: increase (+) or decrease (-) in the deficit if all Fund balances spent immediately.

Laura's work on behalf of the AEMA has led this organization to become the largest membership-based mining industry trade association in the United States. Laura's career began as a lawyer in Missouri, but eventually took her through various positions in the natural resources industry.

Laura has also been widely acknowledged for her efforts on behalf of the AEMA. Among her many awards and accolades, Laura has been named President of the Independent Petroleum Association Mountain States, Regional Vice President of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, and a member of Colorado's Minerals, Energy and Geology Policy Advisory Board.

I appreciate Laura's work on behalf of the AEMA and the positive example she provides to the people of Eastern Washington. I wish her the best in this next chapter of her life.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENSURING FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE CENSUS ACT OF 2019

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Ensuring Full Participation in the Census Act of 2019, which would prohibit the U.S. Census Bureau from including questions on the decennial census about citizenship, nationality or immigration status.

This bill is essential because the Department of Justice has written to the Bureau that it "reinstate on the 2020 Census questionnaire a question regarding citizenship." From 1970 to 2000, this question was sent to only approximately 16 percent of the population during any decennial census through the so-called "long-form."

HONORING LAURA SKAER

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Laura Skaer, Executive Director of the American Exploration & Mining Association. Laura is retiring this month, after serving as Executive Director of the AEMA for the last 22 years.

CIVIL TAX PENALTIES—EXEMPTING INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS WHOSE TAXABLE INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED THE DOLLAR AMOUNT AT WHICH THE TOP TAX BRACKET BEGINS

[By fiscal year—in millions of dollars]

Table with columns Year and Amount. Rows include Transfers to Freedom from Influence Fund, authorized to be spent.

ACS is more than sufficient to determine citizenship statistics within the U.S. We must ensure that all individuals are counted in the decennial census, thereby providing accurate allocation of federal funds and representation in Congress, not reduce participation by already undercounted minorities because they fear answering questions that are already addressed elsewhere.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING KEVIN TURPIN FOR RECEIVING THE TIDEWATER CHAPTER HUMANITARIAN AWARD

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Kevin Turpin on receiving the 2019 Humanitarian Award for the Tidewater Chapter of the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities. This is an amazing accomplishment.

This award recognizes Kevin's lifetime of service and commitment to the promotion of respect among people of diverse backgrounds. As Executive Director of the Life Enrichment Center, he serves the local community by providing tutors for children struggling in school or at home. He has gathered over 250 volunteers to serve the children, and the ministry continues to expand. The positive impact will be seen for many generations.

Kevin's dedication to strengthening bonds among people of different racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds is truly inspiring. I am proud to honor and recognize his leadership and the role he plays in making our community a better place. The Tidewater Region has significantly benefited from his presence.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of The American Legion, the nation's largest wartime veterans' service organization.

Through the years, The American Legion has evolved from a group of World War I veterans into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Today, membership stands at over two million in more than 13,000 posts worldwide. The posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico, and the Philippines.

The Legion is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization, with a strong grassroots involvement in politics and the legislative process. The Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation, and vol-

unteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives.

The Legion stands behind the issues most important to our nation's veterans, backed by resolutions passed by volunteer leadership. Legionnaires' sense of obligation to their community, state, and nation drives their advocacy for veterans and their needs.

On March 15, 1919, members of the American Expeditionary Force convened in Paris for the first American Legion caucus. Congress chartered the group that September. That November, delegates to The American Legion's first National Convention established the Legion's values of service to community, state, and nation. Those values would form the Legion's four pillars upon which this great organization of men and women still stands: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth.

These pillars remain in place to support veterans, national security, patriotism, and the children and youth of America, the future of our great nation. Based on these pillars, the Legion has built programs with an unparalleled impact on American society during its first century of service.

The Legion has influenced considerable social change in America and won substantial victories for veterans, advocating for the establishment of the Veterans Administration, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the G.I. Bill. The G.I. Bill helped make higher education, home ownership, and future employment possible for veterans; it also provided an opportunity for veterans to dispute the characterization of military discharge, which had been at the discretion of the commanding officer without an explanation. Eventually, this policy led to the founding of the Board of Veterans Appeals.

For decades, the Legion also fought to strengthen the nation through a non-mandatory "Universal Military Training" so our country would be prepared in the event of war. Out of this belief came the Reserve Forces Act of 1955, which launched the modern Reserve component of our military, as well as the National Guard.

The Legion has also produced or supported many important programs for children and youth. Some of these are well-known to many Americans, including American Legion Baseball, one of the nation's most successful amateur athletic programs; Boys & Girls State and Girls & Boys Nation; the National Oratorical Contest; The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation; the Boy Scouts; and scholarships. Around the country, the Legion has also sponsored the Junior ROTC, youth law enforcement academies, and a Junior Shooting Sports program.

Since 1989, victims of disasters have received tens of millions of dollars from the Legion's National Emergency Fund. The Legion has also funded research to help veterans who have suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder, Gulf War Illness, burn pits, and other service-connected problems and diseases. In the 1980s, the Legion partnered with Columbia University to prove Agent Orange killed thousands of Vietnam War veterans, made many more sick, and caused birth defects among their children. Eventually, the Legion sued the federal government so that affected

veterans and their families could get the necessary care they needed and were owed.

These are just some of the accomplishments and programs The American Legion provides for our veterans and youth. Our country would not be as strong as we are today without the Legion's advocacy, services, and compassion for its fellow Americans during times of war and times of peace.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating and thanking The American Legion for its 100 years of exemplary leadership, dedicated service, and outstanding commitment to ensuring our country remains strong for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING APRYLE CRISWELL JACKSON

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I want to recognize Apryle Criswell Jackson, an educator for the School District of Osceola County, Florida. Apryle graduated Cum Laude from California University of Pennsylvania with a double major. She was one of a very few women in the 1970s to participate in the coaching certification program there.

Apryle has taught for 39 years. She started in the Elizabeth Forward School District in Pennsylvania and has spent the last 36 years in Osceola County. She has always taught "at risk students" in grades kindergarten through Adult Ed.

Apryle has always been an advocate for children. She has donated her time to various athletic programs in Osceola County. Apryle was one of the first coaches when Buenaventura Lakes started their Little League program. She has served on the board of directors for numerous organizations throughout Osceola County. She is a First-Class Girl Scout and recognized the need for a program in Osceola County. Apryle worked diligently to start the Friendship Service Unit for Girl Scouts. She is also an advocate for children with disabilities in the county. She encouraged the music director at Harmony High School to start a music program for special needs students this school year.

Apryle has been active in the Osceola County Education Association for over 35 years. She has been president for the last eight years fighting for better working conditions of all educators in Osceola County. Under her leadership, OCEA has held numerous events for children. They recently distributed over 10,000 books to students. In 2017, following the tragedy of Hurricane Maria, Apryle worked with local agencies to host an event where evacuee students, and their families from Puerto Rico, could get the assistance they needed and distributed books to all children in Spanish and English. Under her leadership OCEA has developed numerous programs to support children in our community.

Apryle's dedication to serving those in our community is an inspiration to all. Apryle Criswell Jackson, for that we honor you.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARILYN PRYLE, 2019 PENNSYLVANIA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marilyn Pryle, who was named the 2019 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year by the Pennsylvania Department of Education at their annual professional development conference on December 10, 2018. Marilyn was selected as the Teacher of the Year from a competitive field of twelve finalists for her dedication to students, unparalleled commitment to her field, and her innovative methods of pedagogy.

After receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Scranton, Marilyn began her teaching career with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Kathmandu, Nepal. In 1996, she received her Master's degree in education, also from the University of Scranton. While teaching in Braintree, Massachusetts, Marilyn earned her Master of Fine Arts in creative writing from Emerson College. She is a National Board Certified teacher in secondary English and reading instruction and has experience teaching at the middle school, high school, and college levels.

In addition to extolling the virtues of literature and the art of writing to high school students, Marilyn has devoted much of her career to educating educators. She is steadfastly dedicated to the field of teaching and has challenged educators to "create an inspired classroom." She is also an advocate for the indispensable place the humanities have in our education system. Marilyn is the author of seven books about teaching reading and writing, and she speaks regularly at local, state, and national conferences. As Teacher of the Year, she will continue to speak, educate, and inspire both pre-service teachers and experienced teachers at events and meetings across Pennsylvania.

In addition to her work in the classroom and many speaking engagements, Marilyn is an ardent community volunteer and advocate. Together with Catholic Social Services, she facilitates an English-as-a-second-language conversation group for refugees in the Scranton area.

It is an honor to recognize Marilyn Pryle as the 2019 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year. Her level of dedication to her students, her profession, and her community has been remarkable. Marilyn has always possessed an unwavering zeal for teaching and a belief that, with the right tutelage, any student can succeed, and that has produced wonderful results. May she continue to energize and inspire students and teachers alike for many years to come.

HONORING DR. CASSANDRA NEWBY-ALEXANDER FOR RECEIVING THE TIDEWATER CHAPTER HUMANITARIAN AWARD

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Dr. Cassandra Newby-Alexander on receiving the 2019 Humanitarian Award for the Tidewater Chapter of the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities. This is an amazing accomplishment.

This award recognizes Dr. Newby-Alexander's lifetime of service and commitment to the promotion of respect among people of diverse backgrounds. Her thought-provoking books, such as *Virginia Waterways* and *the Underground Railroad*, have educated many on the importance of the Underground Railroad for freedom seekers in our state. Dr. Newby-Alexander's input on the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, Virginia Law Foundation, and the Historical Commission of the Supreme Court of Virginia is invaluable.

Dr. Newby-Alexander's work shows her dedication to strengthening bonds among people of different racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. I am proud to honor and recognize Dr. Newby-Alexander's leadership and the role she plays in making our community a better place. The Tidewater Region has significantly benefited from her presence.

CONGRATULATING SENIOR OFFICER SCOTT RHODES ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Scott Rhodes on his well-earned retirement from the City of Grapevine, Texas Police Department after twenty-nine years of dedicated service as a law enforcement officer.

Scott is a hardworking and highly respected officer of the Grapevine Police Department. He has honorably served his community since beginning his distinguished career with the Paris, Texas Police Department in 1990. Scott would go on to serve as an officer in Grand Prairie, Texas and then Glen Heights, Texas until joining the Grapevine Police Department in 1996 as a patrol officer.

Throughout his twenty-two years as an officer in Grapevine, Scott has received 34 police commendations as evidence of his outstanding service and professionalism. Furthermore, he has earned meritorious service bars for Special Service, Certificate of Merit, Good Conduct, Safe Driving, Police Service, FTO Officer, Honor Guard Member, Crime Prevention, Police Instructor, Police Diver, and U.S. Presidential Protection.

Scott is a Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) instructor, Firearms Instructor, Crime Prevention & Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Spe-

cialist, and Mental Health Peace Officer. He also holds certifications in ATV, Advanced Diver, Dry Suit Diver, and Nitrox Gas Diver and specializes in active shooter preparedness and asset protection training. Additionally, Scott served on the Board of Directors for the Texas Crime Prevention Association Inc. (TPCA) as Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, and President. He serves as Chairman of the TCPA/TCOLE Training Advisory Review Board and has been instrumental in the inception, planning, collaboration, and implementation of the statewide TCOLE recognized Certified Crime Prevention Specialist Certification. In 2012, Scott was awarded Life Membership to the organization and received the Overall Crime Prevention Specialist Award in July of 2014. Scott is a member of the Texas Chisholm Trail Crime Prevention association and was awarded their Crime Prevention Specialist of the Year award in 2012.

Scott's contributions to the law enforcement operations in the City of Grapevine and beyond have helped to ensure countless officers were adequately trained and prepared for the challenges they face in their everyday duties. His legacy will leave a lasting mark on the City of Grapevine and the Grapevine Police Department for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize the exhaustive efforts Scott has contributed to the City of Grapevine, and the State of Texas. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Senior Officer Scott Rhodes for his many years of service.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR ULISSES TAYMES

HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the service of Major Ulisses Taymes, who was the Executive Officer for the 9th Mission Support Theater Support Group—Pacific Battalion located in American Samoa.

In American Samoa, our men and women of the Armed Forces are very important to us. The people of our islands take great pride in being patriotic Americans and our people are known for a high rate of service in our military. In particular, our U.S. Army recruiting center ranks number one in the nation in enlistment rate.

To that end I would like to recognize all the work Major Taymes has done to prepare our Army Reserve Soldiers for success by providing them with the necessary resources and guidance, and for his efforts to instill pride and professionalism in the units.

He has an extensive list of military awards and decorations including the Bronze Star, two Meritorious Service Medals, a Joint Service Commendation Medal, and numerous other awards. He is a graduate of the prestigious Harvard University.

In honoring this outstanding officer today, we also express our deep appreciation to all who serve, including the many in uniform from American Samoa serving with distinction all over the world.

In American Samoa, we've come to appreciate Major Taymes as one of our own, and

the end of his assignment in American Samoa is bittersweet. I thank Ulisses for his outstanding leadership and commitment to our Soldiers, American Samoa and our great Nation. Best wishes to him and his family as he departs American Samoa. Congratulations to him on his next assignment and the great future ahead of him. Thank you for your service and your time on our beautiful islands. God bless your path and goodbye. Fa'amanuia le Atua i ou ala. Soifua

IN MEMORY OF THE 23 LIVES
LOST IN THE MARCH 3RD TOR-
NADOES

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the lives of the 23 victims who died in the severe weather and tornadoes that ravaged Lee County on March 3, 2019.

Of the 23 who died, their ages range from 6 years old to 89 years old. Four of the victims were children, four victims were two sets of couples engaged to be married and 10 victims were part of one family. The following names are those who lost their lives:

Ryan Pence, 22; Felicia Woodall, 22; Eric Jamal Stenson, 38; Florel Tate Stenson, 63; Henry Lewis Stenson, 65; James Henry Tate, 86; Maggie Delight Robinson, 57; Raymond Robinson, Jr., 63; Tresia Robinson, 62; Emmanuel Jones, 53; Jimmy Lee Jones, 89; Mary Louise Jones, 83.

Jonathan Marquez Bowen, 9; Mykhala Waldon, 8; Taylor Thornton, 10; Shelia Creech, 59; Marshal Lynn Grimes, 59; Armando "A.J." Hernandez, 6; Vicki Braswell, 69; David Wayne Dean, 53; Mamie Roberts Koon, 68; Charlotte Ann Miller, 59; Irma Gomez Moran, 41.

Madam Speaker, please join me in remembering these 23 victims and praying for the families and friends they left behind and recognizing the brave First Responders across the area. It has been amazing to see Alabamians come together to support Lee County after this tragedy.

HONORING PATRICIA WAINGER
FOR RECEIVING THE TIDEWATER
CHAPTER HUMANITARIAN
AWARD

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Patricia Wainger on receiving the 2019 Humanitarian Award for the Tidewater Chapter of the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities. This is an amazing accomplishment.

This award recognizes Patricia's lifetime of service and commitment to the promotion of respect among people of diverse backgrounds. As the founding director of Norfolk Academy's Learning Bridge, an academic enrichment program, Patricia ensured that students have the best tools and resources to ac-

complish their long-term goals and achieve success in their future endeavors. Through her work at the Park Place school, she continues to empower children, their families, and their communities in the urban neighborhoods of Norfolk. Students with extra preparation for college will be well-equipped to make our community a better place.

In addition, Patricia's dedication to strengthening bonds among people of different racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds is truly inspiring. I am proud to honor and recognize Patricia's leadership and the role she plays in making our community a better place. The Tidewater Region has significantly benefited from her presence.

RECOGNIZING LOUJAIN AL-
HATHLOUL

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Ms. FRANKEL. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of Loujain al-Hathloul, a Saudi women's rights activist and political prisoner who stands trial today in Saudi Arabia. Loujain has been imprisoned for her political activism, including for women's equality under the law. She was arrested in May 2018, along with a dozen other peaceful women's rights advocates. These activists have been held as prisoners, and have reportedly faced torture and abuse, including sexual violence, beatings, and electric shocks.

Loujain was arrested for her advocacy on behalf of an end to the male guardianship system and the ban on women driving. Fighting for women's rights is a fundamental American value that we have long championed worldwide. Today marks the first day of her sham trial. She has been denied a lawyer and any real form of defense against the Saudi government. The United States cannot stand by and watch while justice and democracy are devalued by our partners. We must hold the Saudi government accountable for such human rights violations.

That is why I introduced a bipartisan resolution condemning Saudi Arabia's continued detention and alleged abuse of women's rights activists. Saudi Arabia must release these advocates and end the discriminatory male guardianship system that restricts women's decisions about their livelihood. Let this serve as a reminder to the world that women's rights are human rights.

REMEMBERING GREG JAYNES

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Greg Jaynes, an elegant writer and reporter who began his professional writing career at The Commercial Appeal in Memphis covering the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mr. Jaynes died March 5 in New Orleans. After Memphis, Mr. Jaynes joined The New York Times as a foreign correspondent in East Africa, based in Nairobi.

He later worked for Time, Life and The National Geographic and wrote two well-reviewed memoirs, *Sketches from a Dirt Road* and *Come Hell On High Water: A Really Sullen Memoir*, the latter about a voyage from Britain to Tahiti aboard a Russian freighter. Describing Jaynes, one reviewer called him "irascible but sociable, tormented and laughable, a man whose tough, cranky exterior conceals a warm heart and a capacity for compassion . . . We are richer for the grace of his pen and the strength of his high good humor." I knew Greg as a thoughtful reader and writer and agree with the reviewer. We met when I noticed him walking down my street in Memphis and, shortly thereafter, returning with a copy of The New York Times; we were neighbors. Seeing him walking back up the street with The New York Times was a rather unusual sight and prompted me to introduce myself, and we became friends. He was an unusually prolific reader and was always a font of knowledge and information. I want to extend my condolences to his son Todd Jaynes and his daughter, Whitney Ann Laidlaw, his extended family and friends and his loyal readers.

HONORING CONGRESSWOMAN
SLAUGHTER

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, first, I would like to thank Congressman MCGOVERN and Congressman TONKO for leading this effort in memory of our beloved friend and colleague Congresswoman Louise Slaughter.

Madam Speaker, it's almost hard to believe it's been a year since the passing of my dear friend and mentor, Louise. Her death was a monumental loss for Congress, our country, and the world. But I know we can all find solace in the amazing legacy she left for all of us.

Louise stayed true to the communities that believed in her. She loved the people of Rochester fiercely and fought for them with every breath.

Right after I was elected, Louise invited me to come with her to attend the Seneca Falls 150th anniversary in her district. She didn't even know me that well, but she said "Honey, I want to be your friend and I want you to see my district." I knew right then that Louise was something special.

A trailblazer in every respect, she made history by becoming the first woman to chair the powerful House Rules Committee. She would work late into the night, staying engaged and energized no matter how late the Committee worked. She never stopped fighting for everyday families, children, women, and communities of color.

What I miss the most about Louise was her humor. She was just hilarious. Ask any Member of Congress—Republican or Democrat—and they'll have a story about her cracking a joke.

Louise's legacy will live on in the millions of lives that she has touched and enriched. And she will live on in the halls of Congress, where none of us will ever forget her passion, her grace, or her infectious sense of humor.

We all miss Louise so much.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH—HAROLD JACKSON

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a third-generation servant leader from my community of Tampa, Florida, Harold A. Jackson, Jr. who was born at Tampa Negro Hospital to the late Jacqueline Haynes Jackson and the late Harold A. Jackson, Sr. Jackson learned about service at a young age as his father served in the U.S. Army during World War II and returned to Tampa to become one of our hometown's pioneering African American civil rights attorneys and led local desegregation efforts. His mother was a beloved educator and retired after 33 years as an elementary school teacher in Tampa.

Mr. Jackson followed in his parents' footsteps of service and dedicated his professional life to the health and well-being of our community. In 1978, Mr. Jackson started a 30-year plus career with the Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department. He rose through the ranks to become a Recreation Area Supervisor during a time of tremendous growth and change for this county. He planned, organized and directed the overall operations of community-based recreation programs, which are critical in promoting healthy, prosperous and connected communities as well as building social equity and support for working families. During his tenure with Hillsborough County, he continued to build on his legacy of community service. For 27 years, he served on the board of directors for Tampa Family Health Centers, a federally qualified health center. He was elected chair and vice chair of the board of directors on several occasions. During this time, Tampa Family Health Centers grew from one clinic to 14 and greatly expanded access to comprehensive health care services for hundreds of thousands of our neighbors, especially uninsured or underinsured individuals.

After retiring from the Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department, Mr. Jackson began a leadership role for Tampa Family Health Centers as Community Relations Liaison. He truly extends himself to help meet the needs of the medically underserved, whoever and wherever they are. His efforts while serving on my 14th Congressional District of Florida Puerto Rico Recovery and Assistance Task Force were nothing short of extraordinary and very meaningful at a time when displaced Puerto Rican families faced significant challenges in re-establishing their lives following the devastating landfall of Hurricane Maria in 2017. Mr. Jackson ensured families who relocated to Tampa had access without barriers to the services of Tampa Family Health Centers, facilitating their medical appointments to cut down on wait times with scheduling and transportation challenges.

He is a graduate of St. Peter Claver Catholic School in Tampa, a 125-year old historically black school that today proudly continues to provide families and students excellence in education. Mr. Jackson returned to St. Peter Claver to serve on the school's board of directors and in 1994, as president of the school's development council, he launched a \$2 million capital campaign to establish a state-of-the-art

learning environment. Mr. Jackson also graduated from Tampa Catholic High School in 1974 and went on to complete his criminal justice degree from the University of Tampa.

Mr. Jackson strongly exhibits the unequivocal mark of a servant leader, one who quietly aspires and inspires leadership by consummately doing good—going the extra mile. His contributions to community initiatives are numerous—helping to launch the University Area Community Development Corporation, co-founding a youth council in our community that has now grown to be one of its largest and serving as organizer for Tampa's largest Veterans Day Parade.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Tampa Bay community, I am proud to recognize Mr. Harold A. Jackson, Jr. for his servant's heart and carrying forth his family's legacy of community service across the Tampa Bay Area.

HONORING ALOK K. VERMA FOR RECEIVING THE TIDEWATER CHAPTER HUMANITARIAN AWARD

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Dr. Alok Verma on receiving the 2019 Humanitarian Award for the Tidewater Chapter of the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities. This is an amazing accomplishment.

This award recognizes Dr. Verma's lifetime of service and commitment to the promotion of respect among people of diverse backgrounds. Dr. Verma generously serves the students of Old Dominion University and the community as a whole. His input at international conferences and in scholarly publications is exceptional. His service to the Norfolk Sister City Association, World Affairs Council, and Asian Indians of Hampton Roads demonstrates his heart for service.

Dr. Verma's dedication to strengthening bonds among people of different racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds is truly inspiring. I am proud to honor and recognize Dr. Verma's leadership and the role he plays in making our community a better place. The Tidewater Region has significantly benefited from his presence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Monday, March 11. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote Number 119 (Passage of H.R. 1122, the Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration Act): YES

Roll Call Vote Number 120 (Passage of H.R. 758, the Cooperate with Law Enforcement Agencies and Watch Act): YES

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAHANA HAYES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mrs. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes on March 11th due to unavoidable travel delays. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 119; and YEA on Roll Call No. 120.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARK O'CONNOR

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Hillsborough Police Chief Mark O'Connor upon the occasion of his retirement after a total of 33 years in law enforcement, 32 of those years with the Town of Hillsborough. Chief O'Connor is an uncommon law enforcement professional, and the residents of Hillsborough have been extraordinarily lucky to have his services for over three decades.

Hillsborough is a town of 11,500 persons nestled in the hills of the San Francisco Peninsula. Mark O'Connor joined the police department of this beautiful town in 1986 after serving for a year in the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office. He began as a Police Officer and then served as Canine Officer, Motorcycle Officer, Field Training Officer, Police Corporal, Press Information Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Administrative Captain, Patrol Captain and, finally, as the Chief of Police. However, Mark is a highly talented person, and for a while the town also tapped him to be Public Works Director. Apparently, he enjoyed catching burglars more than fixing broken sewer mains, so that stint was relatively short-lived.

Chief O'Connor served on a committee of the San Mateo County Police Chiefs' and Sheriffs Association working on technology issues and was responsible for upgrading Hillsborough's department to take advantage of computers in patrol cars, officer body cameras, and Computer Aided Dispatch equipment, among many innovations. During Mark's time in charge, Hillsborough residents were protected by the latest technology available.

As an institutional source of "lessons learned" for the department, Mark excels. For example, he once pointed out that making it easier to navigate a community isn't necessarily good for public safety. Among its many features, Hillsborough is a hard place to navigate at night without a lot of experience. Many pizzas have gone cold in the hills of Hillsborough. Burglars would also occasionally get lost. They would then meander repeatedly through the town seeking frantically to escape. The police would notice, and the thieves would become future candidates to make public endorsements on behalf of the Google Maps app for smart phones—after they were released from jail and subject to any applicable terms of probation. This story illustrates Mark's wisdom from years of on-the-ground experience. He is a walking library of such lessons.

Mark O'Connor has many obvious skills. He is respected by his staff because he is authentic. He mentors others with ease. He is smart

and has what the military calls “command presence.” My office works regularly with him on security issues that impact my office and the broader community. He is a rock-solid source of advice, even outside his formal job duties.

For example, in 2010, a 30-inch high pressure natural gas transmission pipeline operated by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company exploded in San Bruno, north of Hillsborough, killing eight persons and injuring dozens more. Mark O’Connor is a master welder. Through the months after the explosion, he lent his judgments to my staff and to federal and state officials as they sought the cause of the rupture. He also noticed the vulnerability of Hillsborough and other cities to a similar disaster. In part because of his recommendations to me and to others, new pipes have been installed. Thousands have been removed from the path of possible harm, in part due to the insights lent by Chief Mark O’Connor.

It is Chief O’Connor’s integrity, grit, and determination to be of service to all law-abiding residents that has been the secret to his success. It’s hard to imagine a man with such an active mind sitting still. Maybe, he’ll write a book about his years in law enforcement. Hillsborough is visited regularly by Presidents, Ambassadors and other global leaders. Mark’s career-based police thriller might be entitled, “I Saw The President—But He Never Saw Me.” It’s likely that many citizens and luminaries never saw Mark O’Connor, but we know that he had their backs all along their way through the community. This, in the end, is the highest mark of police service in any town—no flash, just skill and professionalism. That’s Mark O’Connor, the retiring Chief of Police of Hillsborough, California.

HONORING JOAN BROCK FOR RECEIVING THE 2019 LENORA MATHEWS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Ms. Joan Brock for receiving the 2019 Lenora Mathews Lifetime Achievement Award through Volunteer Hampton Roads. This is an amazing accomplishment.

This award recognizes Joan’s lifetime of hard work and service to the community. Her dedication to improving global health and the Chesapeake Bay is truly inspiring. Her input on various boards and councils such as Virginia Wesleyan University’s Board of Trustees, the National Board of the United Way Women’s Leadership Council, the Chrysler Museum Board, and her leadership on the ACCESS College Foundation—just to name a few—has been invaluable. Joan’s generosity with her time and resources to improve the environment, education, and health of our community is exceptional.

I want to thank Joan for her leadership in philanthropy and the role she plays in making our community a better place. Hampton Roads has significantly benefited from her presence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSH HARDER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. HARDER of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, my voting card did not properly register my vote, so I was counted not present. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 123.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH—BETTY REED

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor beloved community leader, Florida State Representative Betty Reed. She was raised in Thomasville, Georgia, in a close-knit family of hardworking sharecroppers and with 12 other siblings Representative Reed and her husband, James, moved to Tampa after he was discharged from the military to raise a family of their own.

Representative Reed was an active parent while her children attended school, and her involvement grew over time in the Parent Teacher Student Association, then the Hillsborough County Council of PTSA and all the way to the Florida State PTA.

As her children became older, she was prompted to complete her own high school diploma by attending night and weekend classes. Her pursuits only grew over time—she earned an associate’s degree from Hillsborough Community College, then her bachelor’s degree in behavioral science from National Louis University.

Representative Reed’s commitment to access to education grew as a financial aid assistant for Education America (which eventually became Remington College) and then as its director of financial aid. All the while, she was active in her own community, becoming president of the Lucy Dell Civic Association. But advocating for her community didn’t stop there. She was elected as a Florida State Representative for the 59th District, a seat she held until she was elected to represent the 61th District in 2012.

During her tenure as a Florida State Representative, she passed meaningful legislation, including the Black Health Practice Initiative (BIHPI, pronounced “Bippy”), which passed both chambers of the Florida Legislature without a single dissenting vote. With stark disparities between the infant mortality rates of different races—in some areas, the rate of black infant mortality was more than four times the rate for whites—the legislation funded state grants to local Healthy Start coalitions that served counties with significant disparities: Hillsborough, Gadsden, Palm Beach, Orange, Broward, Duval, Putnam and Miami-Dade. The University of South Florida and Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University were selected to provide technical assistance and scientific guidance. BIHPI produced positive outcomes and was particularly meaningful due to the relationships built in communities with the greatest needs. She also championed and helped

to secure state funding to help open numerous Tampa Family Health Centers and expand the robust safety net of comprehensive health services to medically underserved communities. Representative Reed passed legislation to end shackling incarcerated pregnant women during labor, delivery as well as postpartum, and legislation to provide additional funds to combat homelessness throughout the state of Florida. In her final two years, she served as the Democratic Ranking member of the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee.

Representative Reed is a compassionate leader, who immersed herself in the challenges of her neighbors, and that allowed her to serve as a strong advocate. Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Tampa Bay community, I am proud to recognize Representative Betty Reed for her drive for meaningful progress on behalf of our children, students, women, families and communities across the State of Florida.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ROSE ENG

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Rose Eng, who turned 100 years old on February 22, 2019.

Rose is a model citizen who truly encapsulates the highest ideals of the American dream.

She came to the United States from China in 1948, and together with her husband Bill Y.F. Eng, a veteran of World War II, owned and operated the Canton Cafe in Walla Walla, Washington between 1949 and 1980.

Through hard work, sacrifice and perseverance, Rose and her husband were not only able to send all five of their children to college, a remarkable feat onto itself, but were also able to put a down payment on the first home for each of their children, laying the foundation for a prosperous future.

In the words of her daughter, they are “forever grateful to such amazing parents.”

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating her on this milestone birthday and wish her the best in the future.

HONORING SUSAN COLPITTS FOR RECEIVING THE 2019 CORPORATE VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARD

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Ms. Susan Colpitts on receiving the 2019 Corporate VOLUNTEER Excellence Award through Volunteer Hampton Roads. This is an amazing accomplishment.

This award recognizes Susan’s lifetime of hard work and service to her community. Her dedication to her company and to her community is truly inspiring. She founded a highly competitive firm and led a group of advisors in the service of ensuring that clients have their

financial needs met. Her dedication to offer the best financial strategic and philanthropic planning stands out.

In addition to Susan's dedication to her work, she has held multiple leadership roles in the Hampton Roads community, such as Director of the Hampton Roads Community Foundation, Vice-Chair of Virginia Humanities, and Director of Building Goodness Foundation—just to name a few. Susan's commitment to various organizations, such as United for Children and Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore, displays her passion for the welfare of others and her community.

I want to thank Susan for her leadership in service and the role she plays in making our community a better place. Hampton Roads has significantly benefited from her presence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, due to my attendance at a public lands management event with President Trump at the White House, I was delayed in returning for votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 121 on H. Res 156.

IN MEMORIAM OF FORMER TEXAS CONGRESSMAN AND HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY CHAIRMAN RALPH HALL

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the entire Texas Congressional Delegation, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the life and legacy of former Congressman, Chairman of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, fellow Texan, and my friend Ralph Moody Hall for a life dedicated to his family, his country, and his constituents.

Congressman Hall first served his country as a Navy pilot during World War II. After the war ended, he served the people of the great state of Texas for nearly half a century; 10 years as a Texas State Senator from the 9th district and 34 years as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Texas's 4th district. He genuinely enjoyed public service, and he was good at it.

Congressman Hall and I first met and became friends in the Texas State legislature. When I was elected to the House of Representatives, he was the first to reach out and offer his assistance. He helped me learn the ins and outs of Washington. No matter the party affiliation or political leaning, Congressman Hall was a man that could always be counted on—and one who enjoyed a good joke.

Congressman Hall made the difficult decision to switch party affiliation in 2004, a move that irritated many Democrats. I fondly recall reaching out to him to let him know he was

still loved despite his decision. He admitted to being so happy to hear my message because his wife was mad at him.

Congressman Hall was known throughout the halls of Congress as an effective legislator. He made strides in science and technology policy and was a reliable advocate for the country's space program during his time as both Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

Congressman Hall's service on the Science Committee was a significant milestone in his service to our nation. In many ways, he was able to transcend the extreme partisan climate which exists in Washington today. From the first time we met to that last time I visited him at his home in Rockwall, he remained the same caring, thoughtful, humorous, and hard-working man.

Congressman Hall was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ellen Murphy Hall, sister Rosemary Hall Scott, and brother Hugh Hall. He is survived by his three sons; Hamp, Brett, and Blakeley Hall, and many wonderful grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my sympathy to his family, many friends across the country, and the people of his district. The Texas community will miss him dearly.

IN RECOGNITION OF KATHY LEROUX

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Katharine S. Leroux for almost three decades of outstanding public service to the town of Hillsborough, California, the last three years as the first female city manager. Kathy is a remarkable community leader and a force to be reckoned with.

After leaving her career in the telecommunication industry, Kathy started her public service career as a water rationing coordinator in 1990, in the midst of a severe drought. She credits that job with deeply connecting her with Hillsborough residents. When her second child was born in 1991, she took some time off to focus on her family and then returned to the city in 1992 as an account clerk in the Finance Department. In 1995, she was promoted to City Clerk in which role she updated the city council agenda process and the municipal code. She also attained her Certified Municipal Clerk designation.

In 2003, Kathy was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager and then two years later to Assistant City Manager where her responsibilities increased tremendously. She oversaw the office she formerly held, City Clerk, and Human Resources. She led labor negotiations, developed annual operating budgets and served as the Acting Director for the Building and Planning Department and the Public Works Department when there were vacancies.

Working in and with all of these departments perfectly prepared Kathy to become City Manager and to effectively run the town's business. In May 2015, she became Interim City Manager and the following January City Manager. She maintained Hillsborough's fiscal

stability and General Fund reserves, navigated State mandated water use reductions, developed a process for small wire development, revamped the website, developed the Climate Action Plan, expanded management teambuilding and employment recognition, and enhanced communication with residents—an impressive list of accomplishments that has benefitted the town and will continue to do so long after her retirement.

Kathy says she was afforded amazing growth opportunities by taking two life-changing educational programs. The first one was Continuing Education for Public Officials which she completed in Santa Barbara in the late 1990s. The second was the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program at the Harvard University Kennedy School which she completed in 2007.

During her tenure, Kathy served on several boards including The Cities Group, San Mateo County Telecommunications Authority, and the Association of Bay Area Governments. She was also the Administrative Officer for the Central County Fire Department.

Born in San Francisco, Kathy grew up in South San Francisco and attended El Camino High School. She took classes at San Diego State University, Michigan State University, Skyline College and the College of San Mateo and then spent three years working in the private sector for PacTel InfoSystems in San Francisco.

Kathy and Bert, her husband of 32 years, are devoted parents of Louie and Victoria. In her well-deserved retirement, Kathy plans to remodel her San Bruno house, adopt a dog, take golf lessons and spend more time reading, cooking and traveling.

Madam Speaker, I ask the members of the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Katharine Leroux, an exemplary public servant and dear friend, who leaves behind big shoes to fill for the next City Manager of Hillsborough. Her contributions to the town over the last 28 years will be felt for years to come.

HONORING ANNE SHUMADINE FOR RECEIVING THE 2019 CORPORATE VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARD, IN MEMORIAM

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the late Anne Shumadine for receiving the 2019 Corporate VOLUNTEER Excellence Award through Volunteer Hampton Roads, in memoriam.

This award recognizes Anne's lifetime of hard work and service to the community. Her dedication to her company and to her community was truly inspiring. Anne founded a highly competitive firm and led a group of advisors in the service of ensuring that clients have their financial needs met. Anne's dedication to offer the best financial strategic and philanthropic planning stood out.

In addition to Anne's dedication to her work, she held multiple leadership roles in the Hampton Roads community, including the President of the Norfolk Day Nursery Association, the President of the ACCESS College

Foundation, and a Trustee of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation—just to name a few. Anne’s commitment to these organizations showed her passion for the welfare of others and the community as a whole.

Anne will be missed. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from her presence; she made our community a better place.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH—JUEL SMITH

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the living legacy of Dr. Juel Smith. Her story starts in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, where she was born and graduated from Sapulpa High School in 1960. She married and became a mother of five children. Tragedy struck her and her family when her husband suddenly passed away, and Dr. Smith became a widow. She realized that pursuing higher education was her best shot for her to secure a better future for her family. Dr. Smith persevered and earned her degree in elementary education in 1972 from Langston University, Oklahoma’s only historically Black college. Dr. Smith relocated to Tampa and received her master’s degree and education specialist degree with a thesis on “Women Who Combine Career and Family,” a field of study in which she was personally invested. In 1987, she received her doctorate in counselor education from the University of South Florida (USF).

Always fueled by her faith and perseverance, Dr. Smith has been driven to serve others and find solutions. As a counselor at USF, she started her life’s work helping and guiding students, particularly African American students who could not afford to continue their education. She engaged Tampa’s African American community to “give more, do more and help more” to recruit and retain students. She created the Institute on Black Life in 1986 and the Center for Africa and the Diaspora, with a mission to bridge USF’s resources with the needs of the Black community and Africa as well as provide support for Black students and faculty. The Institute on Black Life produced an annual Black family conference, the campus Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday celebrations each year and a weekly television show titled “The Bridge.” The Institute also sponsored nationally renowned guest speakers and artists. As a partner with the Urban League, they established an African American advisory board and inner-city office to plan strategies and share problems. Student enrichment programs, scholarships, graduate fellowships, faculty research, community service and fundraising activities resulted. The African center sponsored international faculty research travel to Gabon that resulted in a USF and International Center for Bantu Civilization collaboration. Dr. Smith’s effectiveness in community relations, organizing special campus initiatives and philanthropic fundraising were unmatched at other Florida colleges and universities.

In the early 2000s, motivated by research regarding the desire of professional women to support female students, Dr. Smith and USF

leaders launched a vision and plan to establish the USF Women in Leadership and Philanthropy program. Dr. Smith served as WLP’s founding executive director. The initiative raised an extraordinary amount of money in the first 18 months to create scholarships and programmatic initiatives for women faculty and students. In addition, Dr. Smith became the first African American woman to serve as president of the Tampa Athena Society. She is a trustee of the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, Inc. and a life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. In addition to her local involvement, she served as international director of The LINKS, Inc., building more than 50 schools in South Africa and Nigeria, and served with President Jimmy Carter on the International Habitat for Humanity Board.

Her beloved husband, Professor John Smith, ensured her living legacy by establishing the Dr. Juel Hickman Shannon Smith Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship is designed to support full-time undergraduate students pursuing a major in Africana studies or elementary education.

Dr. Smith’s legacy of enhancing student, faculty and community opportunities, passionate endeavors that are now part of USF’s fabric, will live on through the students and educators who have more opportunities due to her leadership. Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Tampa Bay community, I am proud to recognize Dr. Juel Smith for her lifelong exemplary service to education, students, women and leaders in education everywhere.

RECOGNIZING GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize several outstanding young citizens in Bucks and Montgomery counties on their attainment of the rank of the Girl Scout Gold Award: Jessica E. Aniloff, Langhorne; India C. Bickley, Lansdale; Aurora J. Budson, Doylestown; Maia J. Costanzo, Quakertown; Audrey M. Dansberry, Morrisville; Nicole DeCicco, Quakertown; Nicole L. Didenko, Perkasia; Natalie S. Douglass, Doylestown; Evelyn P. Howarth, Doylestown; Jacqueline Johnson, Langhorne; Stephanie M. Krauss, Holland; Marie U. Larounis, Newtown.

Katherine M. Loftus, Churchville; Nicole A. Middleton, Yardley; Laura L. Nagg, Doylestown; Kareena Rogers, Yardley; Danielle E. Samalonis, Quakertown; Kelly A. Sassaman, Levittown; Jasmine L. Scavo-Treiber, Yardley; Alaina G. Tarallo, Yardley; Alesandra Temerte, Jamison; Katharine Trojak, Churchville; Hope E. Walsh, Yardley; Lauren E. Wolfe, Lansdale.

As we celebrate the 107th anniversary of the Girl Scouts, let us honor the thoughtful young women who contribute immensely to our country. I appreciate their service to the community and wish them all of the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING DREW UNGVARSKY FOR RECEIVING THE 2019 HARVEY L. LINDSAY, JR. CHANGEMAKER AWARD

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Drew Ungvarsky for receiving the 2019 Harvey L. Lindsay, Jr. Changemaker Award through Volunteer Hampton Roads. This is an amazing accomplishment.

This award recognizes Drew’s many years of hard work and innovative accomplishments. His dedication transformed an idea into a highly competitive company while simultaneously giving back to the Hampton Roads community. I am inspired by Drew’s commitment to support local businesses and charities. By renting out his company’s work space for “pop ups,” and requiring each “pop up” to donate some of the proceeds to charity, he demonstrates the true meaning of a change-maker. Drew’s innovative and thoughtful business ideas are not simply benefiting his company, but the entire Hampton Roads community.

I want to thank Drew for his leadership in the digital sphere and the role he plays in making the community a better place. Hampton Roads has significantly benefited from his leadership.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 26

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program.

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor,
and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine imple-
menting the 21st Century Cures Act, fo-
cusing on making electronic health in-
formation available to patients and
providers.

SD-430

MARCH 27

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on SeaPower
To hold hearings to examine Navy ship-
building programs in review of the De-
fense Authorization Request for fiscal
year 2020 and the Future Years Defense
Program.

SR-232A

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
To hold hearings to examine military
space operations, policy, and programs.
SR-222
Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
sources
Subcommittee on Water and Power
To hold hearings to examine the Colo-
rado River drought contingency plan.
SD-366