

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ROBERT BEATO 2019 MICHIGAN
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Robert Beato, Principal of South Lake High School in St. Clair Shores, who was named the 2019 Michigan Principal of the Year by the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP).

Mr. Beato has spent his entire career at South Lake High School, beginning in 1999 when he started teaching history, world history, and government. Currently in his third year as Principal, Mr. Beato served as Dean of Students and as Assistant Principal at South Lake.

The MASSP requires nominees for Principal of the Year to demonstrate collaborative leadership; involvement in curriculum, instruction, and assessment; and personal involvement with students, their families, and staff. After being selected as Principal of the Year, Mr. Beato summed up his philosophy to the St. Clair Shores Sentinel, saying “I pretty much want to do everything I can for my staff. Therefore, they can do everything they can for the students . . . at the end of the day, if it works for kids, let’s try it; let’s do it.” Students at South Lake High School certainly believe that he lives up to his words, as several of them told the Sentinel that he inspires them to learn, to achieve their goals, and to make their voices heard about issues important to them. His South Lake colleagues also agree, including Assistant Principal Rebecca Scholl-Riedel, who nominated Beato and who said, “He’s my sixth principal that I’ve worked for, and it’s what he was meant to do.”

As Vice Chair of the Education and Labor Committee, I strongly believe that students can achieve their goals with the support of people like Mr. Beato in leadership positions: leaders who focus on the academic and personal well-being of their students, leaders who promote collaboration among the education professionals in their schools, and leaders who inspire excellence and celebrate the achievements of everyone in their schools—even in unconventional ways. Mr. Beato has been known to tell high school juniors that if their class earns a higher SAT score than the previous year’s juniors, he will shave his head or spend the night on the roof of the high school, and he honors those commitments, noting to the Sentinel, “I’ve done it before.”

Madam Speaker, this Friday, October 25, 2019, the South Lake High School community will come together at an assembly to show their pride that Robert Beato was named this year’s Michigan Principal of the Year. I encourage my colleagues to join me in congratulating him for this richly deserved recognition, and in wishing him, his students, and his colleagues continued success.

HONORING THE 74TH BIRTHDAY
AND 40 YEARS OF SERVICE OF
JUDGE WAYNE C. SHELTON

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Judge Wayne C. Shelton of Clarksville, Tennessee on the occasion of his 74th birthday and 40 years of service as a judge.

Judge Shelton was appointed as the judge for Montgomery County’s General Sessions and Juvenile Court Div. II by Governor Lamar Alexander on July 1, 1979. At present, he is the longest-serving judge in the State of Tennessee. For the past 40 years, Judge Shelton has served with distinction and devotion.

Fittingly, the Tennessee Juvenile Judges Association recently presented Judge Shelton with a lifetime achievement award to honor Judge Shelton’s decades of faithful service to the people of Tennessee as a judge.

As the father of a son with Down’s Syndrome, Judge Shelton is a strong advocate for those with special needs. His family is establishing a scholarship in his honor at Austin Peay State University for students who intend to work with people like his son, William Isaac Shelton, to help them lead successful and fulfilling lives.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in commending Judge Shelton for his faithful service to the law and his contributions towards improving the lives of those in need.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT DOUGLAS CHAPMAN, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS’ THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2019 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, it is my privilege to honor twelve distinguished military veterans from Texas’ Third Congressional District who answered the call to serve their Nation honorably, both in uniform and following their return to civilian life. The recipients of the 2019 Congressional Veteran Commendation exemplify the time-honored qualities of patriotism, service before self, and bold leadership. Following their time in service, their efforts in our community have earned these fine individuals recognition as the recipients of this prestigious commendation. Their stories of sacrifice will encourage future generations to pursue a life dedicated to the very values we cherish as Americans: faith, freedom, and democracy. One such hero is Sergeant Douglas Chapman of McKinney, Texas.

Sergeant Douglas Chapman proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 1964 to 1969. During a tour of duty in Vietnam, Sergeant Chapman was stationed in Da Nang where he provided service to four different types of aircraft in his capacity as an Aviation Photographic Electronics Technician. He also provided training on specialized reconnaissance equipment repair to the Air Force, and was deployed to Yuma, Arizona; Key West, Florida; and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. For his outstanding and dedicated service, Sergeant Chapman was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Rifle Marksmanship Badge.

Following his time in uniform, Mr. Chapman received degrees from Saddleback College, California State University-Fullerton, and his Teaching Credential from National University in Quantico. Having been recognized as a State of Texas Educator of the Year by Project Learning Tree, and as the Math and Science Teacher of the Year by the Air Force Association’s State of Texas Chapter, Mr. Chapman has focused on meeting the individual needs of the students he serves. He further exhibited selfless volunteerism in his work with Lions International where he was recognized for his service as a recipient of their highest honor, the Melvin Jones Fellowship and Jack Welch Fellowship. His work with Lions continued in his active roles with both the Plano Early Lions Club and the McKinney Morning Pride Lions where he assisted in efforts to provide services for the vision impaired and those with diabetes. As a member of the Collin County Marine Corps League, he volunteered his time in programs including Toys for Tots and the Marine Corps Ball. Mr. Chapman also serves as a Court Appointed Special Advocate where he actively works to support children who have been removed from their home environment due to neglect or abuse. Sergeant Douglas Chapman is a wonderful example of a servant leader who has used his experiences to better the community around him.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Sergeant Chapman for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2019 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

IN RECOGNITION OF ACCESS’S 12TH ANNUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM DINNER

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 12th Annual Domestic

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Violence Program Dinner hosted by the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services. The organization's commitment to supporting our Arab American community is worthy of commendation.

The Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) is the largest Arab American community nonprofit organization in the nation. Founded by a group of volunteers in 1971, ACCESS was created to help the Arab immigrant population adapt to life within the United States. Ever since, ACCESS has been devoted to promoting a just and equitable society where all can flourish. Today, with 11 locations, ACCESS provides community members a wide range of educational, social, economic, and health services to assist, improve, and empower people in need.

The 12th Annual Domestic Violence Program Dinner exemplifies ACCESS's continued commitment to assisting people in distress. Every year, the dinner brings countless community members together to raise proceeds to benefit survivors of domestic violence. In addition, the important program generates a greater awareness for the prevalence of domestic violence and its negative impacts on children, families, and even entire communities. ACCESS is a vital resource for people facing domestic violence, and the organization's annual dinner dedicated to empowering hundreds of survivors truly makes a difference in our community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services as they host their 12th Annual Domestic Violence Program Dinner. ACCESS's mission to assist, improve, and empower people in our community truly changes lives, and I am deeply appreciative of their remarkable work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I was absent due to a family emergency.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 571; NAY on Roll Call No. 572; YEA on Roll Call No. 573; NAY on Roll Call No. 574; YEA on Roll Call No. 575; YEA on Roll Call No. 576; and NAY on Roll Call No. 577.

OPIOID EPIDEMIC

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, the opioid epidemic and our efforts to

H.R. 6, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, was a highlight for me last Congress.

Because it was a moment where Congress was focused on legislating and actually getting things done.

The House took 39 bipartisan bills, moved them through the legislative process, and gave

each member a chance to vote for or against them.

We didn't include any partisan, poison pills—we gave both sides an opportunity to legislate on an issue that doesn't see party lines and we got something done.

Now, we're seeing progress—the majority, 1.27 million Americans, are now receiving treatment for their addiction and we're seeing the overdose deaths decline in this country.

But we can't let up.

I am hoping we can repeat the success of this legislation—on many issues, including continuing to help communities fight opioid addiction.

This week, I'm introducing a bill that came from a local police officer in my district.

A police officer from the Normal Police Department was trying to track down a case of 'pharmacy shopping,' where someone had come down from Chicago and was trying to get an opioid prescription for someone else filled at multiple pharmacies.

But there was no way to track who had tried to fill this prescription because no ID is required to pick up these highly addictive pain killers.

My bill, the Opioid Prescription Verification Act, changes that by requiring pharmacists to record the ID of a person picking up an opioid prescription.

This is similar to ID requirements that were placed on Sudafed sales in 2005 to combat the meth epidemic.

I'm looking forward to hopefully passing this bill to continue fighting this epidemic from all angles.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT STEVEN DEFFIBAUGH, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2019 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

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OF TEXAS

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A native of Borger, Texas, Sergeant Steven Deffibaugh served in the United States Marine Corps in the 5th Marine Division from 1969 to 1972. For his distinguished service to our Nation, he was awarded the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Marksman Rifle Badge. He received degrees from Grayson County College and Abilene Christian University at Dallas.

After returning from his time in service, Sergeant Deffibaugh chose to pursue a new ave-

nue of leadership in law enforcement, serving in both the Van Alstyne and McKinney Police Departments prior to working as a Collin County Deputy Sheriff. Mr. Deffibaugh would later begin a career as an investigator with the Collin County District Attorney's office where he would remain until his retirement in 2011. Due to his deep commitment in Collin County, he would also serve as Reserve Deputy Constable for Precinct 2. In addition to his stellar service in law enforcement, Mr. Deffibaugh also played a role as a volunteer fireman, County Fire Marshall, and Assistant Fire Chief for the City of Princeton until his retirement in 2018. Mr. Deffibaugh's leadership and commitment to his community was further reflected in his role as the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore of Princeton, and through his efforts as the President of the Princeton Community Development Corporation.

In his civic life, Mr. Deffibaugh has volunteered as a Scoutmaster, Little League Coach, and church deacon. He is also a founding member of the Jacob D. Hayes Marine Corps League, where he has tirelessly coordinated the Collin County Toys for Tots program and led the organization as the Chaplain. Sergeant Steven Deffibaugh has led a remarkable life of service to his community and is to be commended for his tireless efforts.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Sergeant Deffibaugh for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2019 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, due to Ways & Means Committee business, I was unavoidably detained and missed the vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 573.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of Wayne County Parks. Its century of dedication to the Wayne County community is worthy of commendation, and it is my honor and privilege to recognize their important milestone today.

In 1919, Elizabeth Park in Trenton was donated to Wayne County by the children of Elizabeth Slocum. The acceptance of this donation marks the beginning of the Wayne County Park System, the first county park system in the state of Michigan. In the years and decades that followed, the county began to accumulate different outdoor locations throughout

the area to add to its park system, seeking to discover new outdoor recreational opportunities that could enhance the quality of life for the families and residents of Wayne County.

Over the course of 100 years, the Wayne County Park System has significantly transformed. From humble beginnings in Elizabeth Park in 1919, Wayne County Parks have since become an invaluable pillar of our community, serving as spaces for community members to gather and enjoy the outdoors, compete in sports, participate in various community events, and simply have fun. Today, nearly 40 parks including nature trails, golf courses, playscapes, swimming pools, dog parks, picnic shelters, and baseball diamonds, to name a few, comprise the entire Wayne County Park System. Without a doubt, Wayne County Parks play an important role in our community and have been improving the lives of our residents for a century. Wayne County Parks truly foster inclusive, lively, and enjoyable environments where all feel welcome, and I cannot thank the Wayne County Parks System enough for its century of exceptional service to our community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the centennial anniversary of Wayne County Parks. We are grateful for their impactful contributions to our community and wish the parks many more years of continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF THE MALTA CONFERENCES

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the greatest example of science diplomacy, the Malta Conferences, their founder and president Professor Zafra Lerman, and the important work that the conferences facilitate. This year marks the ninth meeting of the Malta Conferences. The conferences help identify unique opportunities for collaboration to meet the scientific and technological challenges of the Middle East region. In the Malta Conferences, the common language of science is used for science diplomacy, which serves as a bridge to peace, tolerance and understanding.

These peace congresses have made it possible for scientists from countries that are often on opposing sides of political and cultural conflicts to meet in a politically neutral environment, where they can collaborate on solving regional problems, and forge relationships that bridge deep chasms of mistrust and intolerance. These unique gatherings draw scientists from many Middle East countries, including Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.

In each of the Malta Conferences, Middle East scientists meet with science Nobel Laureates to catalyze enduring collaborations on scientific and technological problems, including water scarcity, environmental degradation, nuclear and chemical security, science and technology education for all, energy, and climate change.

The founder and president of the Malta Conferences, Professor Zafra Lerman, is my friend and constituent. Professor Lerman is a life-long champion for human rights, freedom, and peace. For more than four decades, she has worked tirelessly to promote peace and justice around the globe, especially among nations whose governments are hostile to one another.

Professor Lerman has received over 40 international awards, including the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring from President Clinton, the Royal Society of Chemistry Nyholm Education Award, the American Chemical Society George C. Pimentel Award, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Award for Science and Diplomacy, the American Physical Society Andrei Sakharov Prize, and the UN NOVUS Summit Peace and Justice Award. Professor Lerman received her bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry at Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, and her Ph.D. from the Weizmann Institute of Science.

Despite many obstacles to success, the Malta Conferences have developed several avenues for change: Jordan, Palestine, Israel, Egypt, and Kuwait formed a working group on Drinking Water Quality Assessment in the Middle East; Palestinian students from Al Quds University in Palestine are pursuing PhD studies at Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel; a women's group was formed in order to empower women scientists across the region, and encourage young girls to pursue careers in STEM; and a unified science curriculum for the Middle East is being developed which will include climate change, chemistry, nuclear security, and ethics. More than 700 Middle East scientists and 15 Nobel Laureates are now in the network.

I would like to thank Professor Zafra Lerman and the Malta Conferences for their continued hard work to bring peace to the Middle East.

RECOGNIZING CORPORAL RONNIE
“RD” FOSTER, RECIPIENT OF
TEXAS’ THIRD CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT 2019 CONGRESSIONAL
VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Corporal Ronnie Davenport Foster, known to his friends as “RD” served in the United States Marine Corps from 1966 to 1969. Originally from Farmersville, Texas, as the son of a WWII veteran, Ronnie’s sense of patriotism was developed early on. Shortly after graduating from high school, RD would be assigned to the 1st Force Logistics Command driving resupply and gun trucks out of Da Nang, Vietnam in 1967 as a part of the “Rough Riders” motor transport Battalion. For his efforts, RD was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Rifle Sharpshooter Badge.

In the decades that would follow, RD pursued a music career as a singer songwriter and worked as a tour bus operator for famed musicians and performers. In an effort to recognize the patriotism of our Vietnam Veterans who were often shunned upon their return from service, RD organized a concert to raise awareness and funds for the Texas Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Fair Park in the 1980s. Later, RD would embark on an extensive mission to identify all the men and women from Collin County who died while serving our Nation going back to the Great War. Upon conclusion of his painstaking research efforts, he would lobby local governmental entities and spearhead a fundraising effort to construct a Veterans Memorial to remember and honor the legacies of our fallen warriors from Collin County. In response, the City of McKinney created the Armed Services Memorial Board, of which RD was a founding member. The result was the Collin County Veterans Memorial, which was dedicated in November 2011. Further in 2013, RD cofounded the Collin County Fallen Warrior Portrait Project which has resulted in 70 portraits of fallen warriors on permanent display at the Collin County Courthouse. Corporal Foster would also organize the efforts to rename Courthouse to the Russell A. Steindam Courts Building in honor of the posthumously awarded Medal of Honor recipient. Foster’s recognitions include Patriot of the Year by the Texas Veterans Commission and recognition as a recipient of the Distinguished Citizens Medal from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Corporal Foster for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2019 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I was not present for a vote on Tuesday, October 23, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted on rollcall No. 573, “aye.”

INTRODUCTION OF WHITE HOUSE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR DIVERSITY ACT

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, after President Trump's inauguration, the White House deleted Spanish-language content from the official White House website. At the time, the White House claimed that a Spanish-language site was under development, but, more than two years later, such a website has yet to materialize. Meanwhile, the previous two administrations offered Spanish-language content on the official White House website.

There are many taxpayers whose first language is not English. Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and French are among the most spoken languages in the United States. People benefit tremendously from having different options to access their government and receive information that may impact their lives. This is why it is imperative that the White House and federal agencies continue to be accessible to all taxpayers.

Therefore, I am reintroducing the White House Accountability for Diversity Act. It is vital for all Americans to be able to follow issues that affect their lives. This legislation will allow for content to be translated into Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, French and any other language deemed necessary by the Office of Management and Budget. This will ensure that all taxpayers have the option of accessing up-to-date information in their preferred language.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BOB AND ANNA RENAUD TRAIN BARN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Renaud Family and celebrate the opening of the "Bob and Anna Renaud Train Barn." The Renaud Family's generosity and life-long commitment to our community are worthy of commendation.

The Renaud Family is a central fixture of the Southgate community. Since moving to Southgate in 1947, Bob and Anna Renaud have fully dedicated their lives to serving the city. Anna, a retired councilwoman, served on the Southgate City Council for 16 years, and her husband Bob was a United States veteran who dutifully served our country in World War II. Throughout the decades, Bob and Anna have become pillars of Southgate and are widely recognized for their lifetime of generosity and philanthropy. To the great sadness of our community, Bob Renaud passed away last August, yet his remarkable work alongside his wife will always be remembered, honored, and appreciated.

The opening of the Bob and Anna Renaud Train Barn was only made possible due to the continued generosity of the Renaud Family. Named in recognition of Anna and in honor of the legacy of Bob, the barn will provide the

Great Lakes Live Steamers crews a place to store and work on their trains. More importantly though, the barn will serve as a welcoming place for our community to gather and learn more about something Bob loved: trains.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the dedication of the Bob and Anna Renaud Train Barn. We are grateful for Bob and Anna's 70 years of meaningful service to Southgate and their efforts are truly deserving of this recognition. The Renaud Family is cherished by so many within our community, and I am glad the train barn will bear their name for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING SPECIALIST ERIC HALL, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2019 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

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OF TEXAS

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Specialist Eric Hall began his career in the United States Army as an infantryman, in both Scout and Reconnaissance Platoons. He was deployed to Iraq and continued his active duty service until June 2010. For his valiant efforts in the Army, he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Combat Infantry Badge to name a few.

Mr. Hall would spend the next few years of his career in the Army National Guard, during which time he attended the University of Texas at Dallas, earning a Bachelor of Art in Political Science and a Masters in Constitutional Law. As a student, Eric developed a passion for servant leadership in organizations including the Young Conservatives of Texas, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, the Cares Team, and as a member of the Rugby team. His deep desire to ensure equality, as instilled by the teachings of family members, led him to continue to serve in a multitude of organizations including the Equal Rights Voting Institute, 22 Fellowship Program, and as a Board Member for the DFW Chapter of the Martin Luther King Jr. Association of Texas.

As an advocate for our military and veterans, Eric has maintained an active role in organizations including the Association of the United States Army, Veterans of Foreign

Wars, and Carry the Load. Specialist Eric Hall is a leader of service and sacrifice who is wholly deserving of this recognition.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Specialist Hall for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2019 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on October 22, 2019, I was absent for a vote on H.R. 2426, the CASE Act of 2019, due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 578.

RECOGNIZING SGT. JEFF HEWITT AND DEPUTY JARED S. HEWITT

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sgt. Jeff Hewitt and Deputy Jared S. Hewitt of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for their courageous actions during the Eastpoint, FL fire that took place last June devastating the community and stretching over 1,000 acres.

The father and son received a call over dispatch that a family was trapped in a burning vehicle, and without hesitation, the two of them hurried to the scene. Placing their lives at risk, they fought through the heavy smoke and engulfing fire to free a young boy, his parents, and their cat from the emblazoned truck.

Because of their bravery and swift action, this family was safely rescued and there were no deaths as a result of the horrific fire in Eastpoint.

Their heroic actions have not gone unnoticed. Sgt. Jeff Hewitt and Deputy Jared Hewitt were named as the 2019 Law Enforcement Officers of the Year at the Florida Sheriff's Association annual summer conference. As a nation, we are indebted to our first responders and law enforcement officers for their daily acts of heroism.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking this father and son for risking their lives not only during this fire, but every day to ensure that the people of Franklin County can live safe and prosperous lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I was attending a committee meeting. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 579.

RECOGNIZING SPECIALIST PAUL HUFF, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2019 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

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Paul Huff entered the United States Army in 1962 and was assigned to the 5th Missile Battalion, 517th Artillery Division in Abilene, Texas following his completion of basic training. Following his promotion to Fire Control Specialist, Paul was assigned to the United States Army Signal School and later served under the United States Army Intelligence Training Center in Fort Ritchie, Maryland. Mr. Huff was promoted to a Specialist E-6 rank and was assigned with the Signal Corps in Vietnam and Thailand. In 1967, Paul returned home to his wife and children. For his service, Specialist Huff was awarded the National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star, and Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with the Palm Unit Citation Badge.

Upon reentering civilian life, Paul worked in the computer and data processing field before later retiring. Since that time, Paul has dedicated his life to assisting veterans and furthering the cause of those who have worn the uniform as evidenced by his role as President of the Collin County Vietnam Veterans of America (Chapter 1122), and active membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Allen Post 2195), American Legion (Bill Bryan Post 110), and the Association of the United States Army (Audie Murphy Chapter).

In his role as Treasurer for the Disabled American Veterans (McKinney Chapter 38), Paul also serves as a certified DAV Chapter Service Advisor where he has assisted many veterans obtain Compensation and Pension benefits from the Veterans Benefits Administration. Mr. Huff further demonstrates his ability to benefit the lives of those around him by giving selflessly of his time with the Veterans Center of North Texas, an all-volunteer organization that serves as a free resource center for veterans offering health, employment, housing, mental health and benefits assistance. Mr. Paul Huff has continuously found new ways to exhibit service before self to those within our community and deserves our unwavering gratitude for his many efforts.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Specialist Huff for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2019 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

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HONORING MAHOMED AKBAR KHAN

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mahomed Akbar Khan for his dedication to our youth and the Muslim community. With over 30 years of commitment to the people of Southern California, Mr. Khan has focused on conflict resolution, interfaith programs, humanitarian aid, and youth development.

In 1970, at age 9, Mr. Khan's family immigrated to the United States from South Africa during the apartheid. By the early 1990s, Mr. Khan co-founded over 25 Muslim student unions and campus organizations across the United States, including the Muslim Youth of North America (M.Y.N.A) which is the largest American Muslim youth organization today.

Mr. Khan's 30 years of experience in interfaith dialog and conflict resolution is exemplified by his notable accomplishments. As a student, he served as a Muslim Chaplain and provided impactful religious services to prison inmates. This service influenced many former gang leaders to return to their communities and devote their lives to gang intervention, easing tensions, and creating a peace movement on the streets.

Mr. Khan traveled to Israel as an ambassador of peace alongside Martin Luther King III, a "civil rights Rabbi," advocating for an end to violence. Mr. Khan sat on the Economic and Poverty Alleviation Advisory Board for Xhosa King Sandile, where he was heavily involved in alleviating poverty and building peace strategies throughout South Africa.

Currently, Mr. Khan continues to bring impact and attention to local and global issues. Mr. Khan brought national attention to the Rohingya humanitarian crisis when he helped to organize a hearing before the House Foreign Affairs Committee in Washington, D.C. in 2018. This hearing brought over \$130 million in emergency aid to the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

Today, we celebrate the many humanitarian efforts and accomplishments of Mahomed Akbar Khan. His has committed his life to serving his local and global community by continuing to advocate for tolerance, peace, and non-violence. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and recognizing Mahomed Akbar Khan.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I was unavailable and missed rollcall Vote 570. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 570.

IN RECOGNITION OF DETECTIVE SERGEANT JASON HOHNER

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Detective Sergeant Jason Hohner and congratulate him on receiving The Washtenaw 100 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award. Detective Sergeant Jason Hohner's selfless dedication to protecting the Washtenaw County community is worthy of commendation.

The Washtenaw 100 is a non-profit organization committed to supporting our hometown heroes. The organization's mission is to provide immediate financial funding to families of law enforcement and firefighting personnel in Washtenaw County who have died in the line of duty, helping them through their grief. In addition, the organization strives to serve active duty law enforcement officers and firefighters by providing grants to local departments and offering annual scholarships to their children to bolster their educational opportunities.

The Washtenaw 100's Annual Dinner exemplifies the organization's continued dedication to supporting our community's firefighters and law enforcement officers and serves as a great way to recognize their outstanding efforts. This year, The Washtenaw 100 is proud to recognize Detective Sergeant Jason Hohner as the 2019 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Detective Sergeant Jason Hohner is an experienced and valuable member of the Pittsfield Police Department. Nominated by Chief Matthew Harshberger, Det. Sgt. Hohner is a leader who consistently goes above and beyond what is expected of him in his position. Although Det. Sgt. Hohner has a host of outstanding accomplishments that make him deserving of the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award, some of his most noteworthy achievements include his leadership in a recent homicide investigation that involved over 90 law enforcement personnel and his crucial coordination between the Pittsfield Police Department and a variety of other agencies to ensure crucial information was not left unnoticed. Det. Sgt. Hohner is known amongst his peers as a driven problem-solver who humbly strives for excellence without seeking praise or recognition for any of his remarkable accomplishments.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Detective Sergeant Jason Hohner. His bravery, dedication, and service to the citizens of Washtenaw County is deeply appreciated and truly makes a difference in our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF IVAN “BUD” WARREN ATWOOD, JR.’S LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO THE VETERAN COMMUNITY

HON. JAHANA HAYES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mrs. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ivan “Bud” Warren Atwood, Jr., of Torrington, Connecticut, who passed away on October 20, 2019 after a long battle with cancer. As a decorated member of the U.S. Army and a longtime advocate for veterans, Mr. Atwood lived a life that was truly emblematic of service to his community.

During his time in the U.S. Army, Mr. Atwood proved himself to be a dedicated and brave soldier. As a result, he was awarded a series of medals and decorations, including the National Defense Service Medal, the Marksman (Rifle), the Good Conduct Medal, a Korean War Service Medal, and a Letter of Appreciation.

However, work for the Armed Services and his country continued long after he left the Army. After retiring, Mr. Atwood turned his attention to veterans. He became the Director of the Torrington Veterans Service Office, where he had the privilege of providing services and final honors to countless veterans for at least eighteen years. In addition to this, Mr. Atwood served with the Northwest Connecticut Honor Guard and was instrumental in organizing local events for veterans such as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Veterans Day, National Vietnam War Veterans Day, National Korean War Armistice Day, and many more.

Mr. Atwood’s work in the military community shows his character and integrity. His legacy lives on through the veterans for whom he advocated tirelessly, the organization which he championed, and his family members who have inherited his commitment to service. It cannot be understated how much he will be missed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ivan Warren Atwood, Jr. as he rests in peace after such an extraordinary life. He truly made our community a better place.

HONORING RABBI MORLEY FEINSTEIN

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a leader in the Jewish community, Rabbi Morley Feinstein.

Ordained in 1981 at Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Rabbi Feinstein served as the assistant and first associate rabbi of Temple Beth-El in San Antonio, Texas. From 1987 to 2002, he served as senior rabbi of Temple Beth-El in South Bend, Indiana. During his tenure there, Indiana’s Governor recognized Rabbi Feinstein with the state’s highest citizen honor, The Sagamore of the Wabash, for his efforts in promoting peace and justice.

Rabbi Feinstein has devoted time for thirty-four summers teaching at the camps of the

Union for Reform Judaism. In addition, he has served in leadership roles with the Los Angeles Council of Religious Leaders, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and the Board of Rabbis of Southern California.

For the past 17 years, Rabbi Feinstein has served as senior rabbi at University Synagogue in Los Angeles, where he has shared his love for teaching Torah and helped to grow a vibrant Jewish community. He has also brought his passion for music to this sacred work.

I have had the privilege of attending services officiated by Rabbi Feinstein and have seen firsthand the welcoming spiritual home he has fostered at University Synagogue.

In his role as rabbi emeritus, Rabbi Feinstein will remain a treasured resource to our community. Rabbi Feinstein is loved by his wife Dr. Margarete Myers Feinstein, sons, Aaron and Ari, twin daughters, Eliana and Renata, and his two grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I wish to thank Rabbi Feinstein for his service to our community.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE MARYSVILLE-PILCHUCK HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate a solemn anniversary.

Five years ago, on October 24, 2014, the Marysville, Washington and Tulalip communities were violently ripped apart by a tragic shooting at Marysville-Pilchuck High School. The victims—Zoe Galasso (14), Shaylee Chuckulnaskit (14), Gia Soriano (14) and Andrew Fryberg (15)—were filled with ambition and excitement for life.

Jaylen Fryberg (15), also died.

Nate Hatch survived the shooting and spent months fighting for his life.

As a father of two boys, my heart still hurts when I think of those parents who received the worst news imaginable.

Today, five years later, I recognize the strength and resilience of the victims’ families, the Tulalip tribes, the Marysville-Pilchuck High School community and the city of Marysville, Washington. When faced with unimaginable tragedy, the community came together to celebrate the young victims and give thanks for their lives which were cut short in a senseless act of violence.

CONGRATULATING DR. C. DIANE MOSBY FOR 10 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE ANOINTED NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Ms. SPANBERGER. Madam Speaker, it is my true pleasure to congratulate Dr. C. Diane Mosby on her deeply deserved recognition for 10 years of service as a Senior Pastor for the Anointed New Life Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia.

Over the past decade and beyond, Dr. Mosby has served as a leader in her faith and community. Her dedication is evident through her Doctor of Ministry and Master of Divinity degrees from Virginia Union University. Moreover, her work in the Commonwealth, as well as completion of international ministry assignments in Ghana, France, and the Philippines, exhibits remarkable commitment to the communities she serves. In Dr. Mosby’s daily work, she has made a positive impact on countless lives and has honored the values she preaches at the Anointed New Life Baptist Church.

Dr. Mosby’s commitment is both inspiring and humbling. I hope to emulate her service as the Representative for Virginia’s 7th District and would like to thank her for all her work. I look forward to celebrating her continued service in years to come.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE AMERICAN SYRIAN ARAB CULTURAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BANQUET

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Syrian Arab Cultural Association and celebrate its 2019 Annual Banquet. The association’s lasting commitment to supporting our Syrian Arab American community is worthy of commendation.

The American Syrian Arab Cultural Association (ASACA) is a non-profit and non-sectarian cultural and education organization with a mission to “acquaint the American public with the rich Arabic culture and heritage through the promotion of lectures, educational seminars and cultural events.” The association aspires to strengthen ties and promote friendly relations by building bridges between Arabic culture and the American community at large. In addition, ASACA tirelessly strives to preserve and instill Arabic language, culture, and heritage within the youth of the Arab community, ensuring it will be shared with generations to come.

ASACA’s Annual Banquet exemplifies the association’s continued commitment to our Arab American community. This year, the banquet will support Syrian Youth Empowerment (SYE), a non-profit initiative that empowers Syrian youth by providing paths to higher education. Established by a group of Syrian refugees who personally experienced the challenges of pursuing higher education both inside and outside Syria, SYE was created to support students in conflict areas and help them navigate the barriers they encounter throughout the college application process. ASACA’s important work alongside SYE will generate a greater awareness for the obstacles many Syrians face due to ongoing conflicts, and ASACA’s dedicated efforts will help better support students who wish to obtain their college degrees.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the American Syrian Arab Cultural Association as it hosts its annual banquet. ASACA’s commitment to empowering Syrian youth truly changes lives, and I am deeply appreciative of the association’s remarkable work.

GEORGIA SUPPORT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 598, the Georgia Support Act. This bill helps strengthen the vital U.S.—Georgia partnership, a strategically important relationship in a critical part of the world. In 2008, Georgia was invaded by Russia and the Kremlin continues to attack Georgia through subversive disinformation campaigns and cyberattacks. This bill provides Georgia with assistance to combat this threat and support its democratic institutions.

The Georgian government has long made closer integration with the EU and NATO a priority. According to recent polls, almost 80 percent of the Georgian population supports membership in the EU and over 70 percent supports membership in NATO. As a member of the U.S. delegation to NATO Parliamentary Assembly, I am pleased that the bill recognizes that Georgia has been a longstanding NATO-aspirant country.

I urge all of my colleagues to support the Georgia Support Act. Passing this bill shows our support for Georgia's sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity, as well as for its democratic development, Euro-Atlantic integration, and peaceful conflict resolution in Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

GEORGIANA VINES

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, today I recognize longtime East Tennessee journalist Georgiana Vines as she celebrates her 80th birthday this week.

Over the last five decades, Georgiana has had a successful career as a reporter and editor. She retired from full-time work in 2005 but continues to cover East Tennessee news and politics as a newspaper freelancer. In addition to working in the news industry, Georgiana has spent a great deal of time teaching and sharing her experience with future journalists at the University of Tennessee's College of Communications and Information.

I am honored to call her my friend, and I know I speak for many in East Tennessee when I say Happy Birthday, Georgiana.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of the Society for Neuroscience, an organization at the forefront of medical research and positively affecting the lives of people across America and all over the world. The Society for Neuroscience

is the world's largest organization of scientists and physicians devoted to understanding the brain and nervous system.

Over the past few days, more than 30,000 scientists from more than 70 countries have gathered at the Society's Neuroscience 2019 Conference in Chicago to present emerging science, learn from experts, forge collaborations with peers, and explore new tools and technologies. Some of the research being presented includes the latest projects and discoveries surrounding Alzheimer's and opioid addiction research, both of which are issues I care deeply about and have advocated for here in Congress.

At the annual conference, the state of Illinois is represented by nearly 1,400 attendees who are sharing cutting-edge research conducted by Illinois' research institutions and academic centers. One of these institutions taking part in the gathering of minds is Northern Illinois University (NIU), which I proudly represent in Illinois's 16th Congressional District. NIU had 10 researchers showcasing their dedicated work to the Society, representing their passion to better the sciences and find answers to questions we all hope to uncover.

In Fiscal Year 2019, the state of Illinois received over \$485 million in funding through grants from the National Institute of Health (NIH). Of that funding, \$424,000 went to IL-16 and included funding to conduct research aimed at better understanding the nervous system and to improve the treatment and prevention of brain and nervous system disorders. I want to commend the institutions in my district and state, as well as the Society for Neuroscience, for being leaders in neuroscience research and highlighting the importance of scientific research to advance our understanding of the nervous system to ultimately improve the health of people across the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT MICHAEL GRISSEY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Michael Grissom and congratulate him on receiving The Washtenaw 100 Firefighter of the Year Award. Lieutenant Grissom's selfless dedication to protecting the Washtenaw County community is worthy of commendation.

The Washtenaw 100 is a non-profit organization committed to supporting our hometown heroes. The organization's mission is to provide immediate financial funding to families of law enforcement and firefighting personnel in Washtenaw County who have died in the line of duty, helping them through their grief. In addition, the organization strives to serve active duty law enforcement officers and firefighters by providing grants to local departments and offering annual scholarships to their children to bolster their educational opportunities.

The Washtenaw 100's Annual Dinner exemplifies the organization's continued commitment to supporting our community's firefighters and law enforcement officers and serves as a great way to recognize their outstanding efforts. This year, The Washtenaw

100 is proud to recognize Lieutenant Michael Grissom as the 2019 Firefighter of the Year.

Lieutenant Michael Grissom is an experienced and valuable member of the Dexter Area Fire Department. Nominated by Chief Robert Smith, Lieutenant Grissom is known as a leader who consistently goes above and beyond what is expected of him in his position. Lieutenant Grissom has a host of remarkable accomplishments that make him deserving of the Firefighter of the Year Award, but some of his most noteworthy achievements include his involvement with Active 911, a mobile app that enables responders to easily access pertinent information and communicate effectively with one another, and his leadership in repurposing old radios.

When asked about his impressive work, Lieutenant Grissom responded, "It's not about me." Lieutenant Grissom truly embodies all the qualities of a dedicated firefighter—he humbly strives for excellence without seeking praise or recognition for any of his significant accomplishments.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lieutenant Michael Grissom. His bravery, dedication, and service to the citizens of Washtenaw County is deeply appreciated and truly makes a difference in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE COTTONDALE HIGH SCHOOL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA CHAPTER

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cottontdale High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter for winning the 2019 state championship for both Agriculture Communication and Parliamentary Procedure.

Cottontdale FFA Chapter members Josh Scurlock, Addison Griffin, Taylor Dumas, Lillie Livingston, Blayton See, Carl Young, Joey Jackson and their Advisor Stan Scurlock did an outstanding job preparing and practicing for this competition.

Agriculture will always be vital to the sustainability of this great nation and we are fortunate to have FFA Chapters across the country that instill its importance in our youth.

The Cottontdale FFA members will compete at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana for the national title.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Cottontdale FFA chapter and wishing them luck at the National FFA Convention next week.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF MICHAEL SCHNEIDER

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of my good friend, and true leader of labor, Mike Schneider of Rochelle Park, New Jersey. After thirty-

five years with the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local No. 32, Mike leaves his indelible legacy.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Mike is a third generation Insulator, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, father, uncle and brother, and he is rightly proud of this legacy. Since joining as an apprentice member in 1984, Mike worked his way up to foreman, earning leadership positions as Vice President, President, and Fund Trustee. Mike's story is emblematic of the great American story, and he has always pushed himself and those around him to be the best they could be. It is precisely these values that make me proud to call Mike a dear friend.

I would especially like to commend Mike for his work to help New Jersey workers succeed in the 21st Century economy. As President of the Bergen County Central Trades and Labor Council and President of the United Labor Agency of Northern NJ, Mike worked tirelessly to secure his members the benefits they deserve. The hard-working brothers and sisters of labor, including Local No. 32, helped build our great country, and our towering economy, and have continued to contribute to the most competitive workforce in the world.

As dedicated as Mike has been to his craft and his career, his commitment to his family and community has been even stronger. Mike is a devoted husband to Josette and dedicated father to Brian and Kelly. Despite working long days, he never missed a wrestling match or cheerleading competition. The same drive that makes Mike such a community and labor leader has also made him a successful wrestling coach for the Hackensack Junior Wrestling Program and for the workers he trains every day.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mike for his tireless efforts on behalf of working men and women in North Jersey. As Mike departs Local No. 32, I hope he can enjoy more time with his loving family and pursue his passions of cycling and golf. I am elated he is keeping a leadership role on the Council, so we can continue to work together. I thank Mike, a true public servant, and wish him all the best.

IN MEMORY OF ALBERT R.
PERAZA

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Albert R. Peraza. Mr. Peraza was my constituent and a prominent member of the community, whose passion in life service to the Anaheim community. His work in education impacted countless lives. On behalf of the community, I wish to thank him for his contributions.

Mr. Peraza was born in 1933 in Jerome, Arizona. He began his professional career by receiving his Bachelor of Arts in Education at Northern Arizona University. After college, he moved to Anaheim, California and spent 19 years as an elementary school teacher. Furthering his own education, he received a master's degree in education from the California State University, Fullerton, and completed his post graduate work both in psychometry at

California State University, Fullerton and in administration at Chapman University. He was subsequently hired by the La Habra City School District, where he served as an elementary school principle and Director of the Head Start Program for 15 years.

Mr. Peraza served as the Anaheim Planning Commissioner for nine years and on the Utility Board Commission for eight years. Mr. Peraza also dedicated himself to the Anaheim City School District, serving as a Member of School Board of Education for 13 years. Furthermore, he was also an active Member of Board of Directors of the Anaheim YMCA.

Mr. Peraza was loved by his family, friends and community. He is preceded in death by his loving wife, Rachel. He leaves behind his daughters, Patricia Peraza and Kathleen Garcia, his son-in-law, Valentin Garcia, grandchildren Michelle (David) Scharfe, Andrew (Jessica) Garcia, Matthew Garcia, Amanda Garcia, and his great-grandchildren, Eli, Evangeline, Ezekiel, Ephraim Scharfe, and Benjamin Garcia.

I ask my colleagues to join me, in celebrating the successful life of Albert R. Peraza and honoring his decades of hard work for our community. May he rest in peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 21, 2019 during roll call no. 568, On Motion to Table, H.Res. 647, Raising a question of the privileges of the House. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 569, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 4406, Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 570, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 4407, SCORE for Small Business Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MUSLIM
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF
ANN ARBOR AND VICINITY
MOSQUE OPEN HOUSE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Muslim Community Association of Ann Arbor and Vicinity's Mosque Open House.

The Muslim community is an important component of Michigan's identity. Since the community's humble beginnings in the state over 100 years ago, the Muslim community in Michigan has grown significantly and today represents one of the most diverse groups in the nation. In 1972, the Muslim Community Association of Ann Arbor and Vicinity (MCA) was founded by a dedicated group of Muslims to better serve the needs of Michigan's Muslim

community. The purpose of this association was to practice, propagate, and preserve Islam and Islamic heritage. Today, the association tirelessly works to serve the religious needs of Muslims, but also strives to meet the social, cultural, and educational needs of the community, as well. In addition, the association provides opportunities for people to learn more about the teachings of the Holy Qur'an and Sunnah through classes and prayer and aspires to enhance friendly relations between Muslims and non-Muslims throughout the state.

MCA's Mosque Open House exemplifies the association's continued commitment to uniting our community. By opening the mosque's doors and encouraging community members to visit, countless people will be introduced to—or gain a better understanding of—Islam. Moreover, the open house presents a new opportunity for visitors to meet and speak with more of their Muslim neighbors. Thanks to the open house, MCA will advance its mission to facilitate greater unification for all members of our community, and importantly will create a welcoming space for both Muslims and non-Muslims of Ann Arbor to come together to learn more about one another.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Muslim Community Association of Ann Arbor and Vicinity and thank them for hosting their Mosque Open House. We are grateful for the association's dedicated efforts to serve the Muslims of Ann Arbor and promote friendly relations communitywide.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, I was not present for roll call vote 568, the Motion to Table on H. Res. 647, which took place on October 21, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

INTRODUCTION OF THE VISION
ZERO ACT OF 2019

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Vision Zero Act of 2019. This bipartisan legislation makes the development and implementation of Vision Zero plans eligible for federal transportation funding under the Surface Transportation Block Grant program, the Highway Safety Improvement Program, and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program.

Traffic fatalities in the United States claim more than 36,000 lives every year, that is one life approximately every 14 minutes. Fatal crashes are especially common for the most vulnerable road users, that is, pedestrians, cyclists, older Americans, and children. Just yesterday, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released their annual traffic fatalities report which found a decrease

in total traffic fatalities but an increase for vulnerable road users like pedestrians and cyclists. We need a new approach. The only acceptable number of traffic fatalities is zero.

In more than 40 urban, rural, and suburban communities across America, residents, activists, and elected officials have come together to adopt and implement Vision Zero plans. The goal of Vision Zero is the elimination of all transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries. This includes pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, and passengers. Vision Zero is an innovative, multifaceted approach to improve transportation safety across all transportation modes by using data, new partnerships, safe planning, and community-focused solutions toward zero traffic fatalities.

The Vision Zero Act of 2019 integrates Vision Zero into federal transportation policy so that safety, equity, and proper planning are finally prioritized.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes between October 15 and 23 due to a long standing family commitment. While this would not have changed the outcome, below is how I would have voted on each rollcall. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 556; “yea” on rollcall No. 557; “nay” on rollcall No. 558; “nay” on rollcall No. 559; “nay” on rollcall No. 560; “yea” on rollcall No. 561; “nay” on rollcall No. 562; “yea” on rollcall No. 563; “nay” on rollcall No. 564; “yea” on rollcall No. 565; “yea” on rollcall No. 566; “nay” on rollcall No. 567; “nay” on rollcall No. 568; “yea” on rollcall No. 569; “yea” on rollcall No. 570; “nay” on rollcall No. 571; “nay” on rollcall No. 572; “yea” on rollcall No. 573; “nay” on rollcall No. 574; and “yea” on rollcall No. 575.

IN RECOGNITION OF FAYROUZ BAZZI FOR HER HEROISM

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fayrouz Bazzi for her heroism. Her courageous response to a vehicle fire saved the lives of six people and greatly deserves commendation.

On August 14, 2019, Fayrouz Bazzi's vehicle overheated and was engulfed in flames on Interstate 275 as she and her family drove to buy school supplies at Oak Park Mall. Through her remarkable efforts and heroism, Ms. Bazzi was able to stay calm and quickly maneuver the car through three lanes of traffic without harming any other motorists. As she directed the car into safety, her sons recall watching flames shoot from the hood while she provided escape instructions to ensure everyone had a clear exit route once the vehicle stopped. As the car burned, all six of Ms. Bazzi's children were able to escape without

serious injury. Ms. Bazzi left the vehicle only after she confirmed all six family members were safe.

I am proud that a strong, brave, and courageous woman like Fayrouz Bazzi is a part of our Dearborn community. As a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, an ICU nurse, a business-woman, and a mother, Ms. Bazzi is not a stranger to adversity and has consistently displayed a tremendous amount of motivation to tackling and solving every problem she encounters. Her quick-thinking and levelheaded actions in the face of crisis saved the lives of six children. Undoubtedly, Ms. Bazzi's commitment to helping others makes the community a better place.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dearborn resident, Fayrouz Bazzi. Her outstanding efforts in a time of panic ensured the safety of her family and other motorists in the community. I am deeply appreciative of her selfless actions and heroism.

CONGRATULATING BRIAN MORIZUCHI ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brian Moriguchi on his retirement from a remarkable career in public service and law enforcement.

For the past 34 years, Brian has served in multiple capacities with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. From the start of his career, Brian fought tirelessly for systemic change within law enforcement, devoting his professional and personal life to fighting for justice and fairness. While working as a Sergeant, Brian helped develop the Sheriff's Department's hate crime policy. He then became the chairperson for the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission's Network Against Hate Crimes, which develops programs to combat racism and prejudice in the county.

In 2008, Brian was elected president of the Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association (PPOA), which represents over 9,000 active and retired law enforcement officials. He held this position for more than 10 years, becoming the longest serving president in PPOA's 68-year history. As president, Brian successfully undertook a variety of initiatives. He improved communications with PPOA's members, modernized its digital presence, and improved its outreach. Brian also increased funding for the organization's Star & Shield Foundation, enabling PPOA to better assist the families of fallen officers. Moreover, Brian is also lauded for protecting the members' pensions, negotiating better contracts, and providing support for numerous local charities.

Outside of his career, Brian has engaged in a variety of civic activities to continuously improve the communities around him. He served as president of the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the oldest national Asian-Pacific American civil rights organization in the country. As president, Brian helped organize protests, educational programs, field trips, and other activities to cultivate awareness of

Asian-Pacific American history and the ongoing fight to combat injustice and bigotry. Brian also devoted time to other significant community organizations, serving as a board member for the McKinley Children's Center and A Safer California Foundation.

Brian's lifetime of service is a testament to the tremendous impact one person can have on a community. I thank him for his 34 years of contributions to Los Angeles and wish him nothing but the best in retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS LUDWIG JOHN D'ALE SANDRO III TRANSFORMATIONAL MAYOR OF BALTIMORE, CHAMPION OF CIVIL RIGHTS FOR ALL, AND SCION OF GREAT AMERICAN FAMILY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Thomas Ludwig John D'Alesandro III, the Mayor of Baltimore from 1967 to 1971, a champion of civil rights and equal treatment for all persons, the son of a former Member of Congress and Mayor of Baltimore, and the older brother of House Speaker NANCY PELOSI, the first and only woman to ascend to the height of national legislative power.

Thomas Ludwig John D'Alesandro III died October 20, 2019 at his home in North Baltimore at the age of 90.

Thomas Ludwig John D'Alesandro III was elected president of the Baltimore City Council in 1963 before winning election as Mayor of Baltimore in 1967 and served until 1971 and whose patience and care ushered Baltimore through a very difficult period.

Thomas Ludwig John D'Alesandro III was born on July 24, 1929, in Baltimore, the first of seven children of Thomas Jr. and Annuciata (Lombardi) D'Alesandro.

Thomas Ludwig John D'Alesandro III graduated from Loyola High School and Loyola College, and the University of Maryland School of Law, before serving in the United States Army from 1952 to 1955.

When Thomas Ludwig John D'Alesandro III was elected mayor, Baltimore's public housing was in a state of terrible disrepair, crime was rising, and the middle class was retreating to the suburbs.

Under the mayoral leadership of Thomas Ludwig John D'Alesandro III, things changed as civil rights laws were enacted in the city, neighborhood centers were opened, and a housing and community development department was created. He stood for justice and he wasn't afraid to fight for equal rights. He was privileged to meet Dr. Martin Luther King. He wanted all to live the American dream.

During his first four months in office, Thomas Ludwig John D'Alesandro III appointed more African American persons to governmental offices than any predecessor did over an entire term.

Once, at a neighborhood meeting with a conservative civic group in northeast Baltimore in 1967 and right before becoming mayor, “was the only person in the room to speak in favor of equal housing.”

According to his sister and House Speaker NANCY PELOSI, “Tommy dedicated his life to

our city" and was a "champion for civil rights," who "worked tirelessly for all who called Baltimore home."

Thomas Ludwig John D'Alesandro III leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Margaret; his children, Thomas, Dominic, Nicholas, Patricia and Gregory; a brother, Nicholas; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and countless neighbors and friends who will always remember this family man and transformational mayor who opened up the City of Baltimore politically. My deepest sympathy to his entire family.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF REVEREND GREG JACKSON

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of my good friend, and a great leader in New Jersey, Pastor Greg Jackson. For the last thirty-five years, after growing up in South Carolina, Reverend Jackson has shared his warmth, integrity, and compassion with our blessed community in Hackensack, New Jersey.

Reverend Jackson is the longest-serving pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church in the congregation's remarkable 130 years. Under the Pastor's leadership, Mount Olive has continued to flourish; it serves not only as a vibrant spiritual center, but also as a community dedicated to serving others, especially for those in need. Among other accomplishments, during his tenure, Mount Olive Church built the Logan Family Life Center, providing emergency assistance, social services and educational programs, and advancing the church's goal of serving humanity. Without question Mount Olive's success is reflective of the compassion and selflessness of its spiritual leader. We are truly lucky to have Reverend Jackson in North Jersey, and I am especially lucky to call him a friend. He has, more than once, invited me to speak from his pulpit. I have often joked that I spent more time praying with Pastor Jackson than my own Rabbi.

Reverend Jackson's efforts to improve the lives of others extends beyond his work as pastor at Mount Olive. He founded the Inter-faith Brotherhood and Sisterhood breakfast, has served on Hackensack City committees, and the Bergen County Council of Churches. Even in retirement, Reverend Jackson's service will endure as President of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missions Convention.

Over the course of his incredible career, Reverend Jackson has traveled across the world to preach, including in South Africa, China, India, Brazil, Cuba, and right here on the floor of the House of Representatives, where he offered the opening prayer as the Guest Chaplain. He has also welcomed transformational leaders to his church, including JOHN LEWIS and so many other civil rights leaders. I only wish my colleagues had the opportunity to experience the passion, smarts, warmth, wisdom, and conviction of Reverend Jackson for themselves.

I am proud to recognize Reverend Jackson on his remarkable career and wish him many years of happiness alongside his wife Barbara

and their children, Michael, Monique and Aashon, and their grandchildren Jorden, Kennedy and Madison. In the years to come, I know he will remain a pillar of our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GROUNDBREAKING OF MICHIGAN MEDICINE'S "HOSPITAL OF THE FUTURE"

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the groundbreaking of Michigan Medicine's new "Hospital of the Future." The construction of Michigan Medicine's new adult hospital on its main medical campus will transform patients' medical and surgical care, improving the lives of many within our community. This endeavor is worthy of commendation.

Since the opening of the University of Michigan Medical School in 1850, Michigan Medicine has been the site of many transformative medical and technological advancements. Since its humble beginnings, Michigan Medicine has grown to become one of the largest health care complexes in the state of Michigan. Today, the institution continues to advance the future of healthcare and lead the nation in health care reform, education, and biomedical innovation.

The groundbreaking of Michigan Medicine's new hospital exemplifies the institution's lasting commitment to meeting the increasingly complex health care demands of communities across Michigan. The new 12-story facility will include a revolutionary neurological and neurosurgical center, specialty care services for cardiovascular and thoracic patients, and 264 private rooms equipped with universal intensive care. Measuring around 690,000 square feet, the hospital will expand Michigan Medicine's breadth of services and significantly heighten access to medical care community-wide.

Notably, the new facility aligns with the University of Michigan's commitment to enhancing environmental sustainability and continued efforts to reduce the institution's carbon footprint. Working alongside a team of expert architects and engineers, Michigan Medicine hopes the new hospital will be a highly efficient "green" facility and achieve LEED gold status.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the groundbreaking of Michigan Medicine's new hospital. It is critical that healthcare providers adapt to meet the changing medical needs of communities nationwide. I am grateful for Michigan's support in this endeavor. Their revolutionary vision propels our country forward and truly makes them part of our nation's leaders and best.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

SPEECH OF

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with affection in memoriam of Congressman Elijah E. Cummings of Baltimore, Maryland. He was a man for our time.

Today, I join a grateful nation in honoring the life, as well as, mourning the death of an exceptional American, a man of deep faith in his creator and fellow human beings. As I learned of Elijah's passing, I was deeply saddened by the loss of such a magnanimous human being, a devoted patriot, and a man whose heart for others never stopped beating. During my tenure in the House of Representatives, I had the honor to serve alongside Elijah for over 23 years, but it is the greatest privilege of all to call him my friend. All Members who served with him know this similar affinity. The word great is often overused, but Elijah was truly a great man. He served his district in a way that made clear to everyone his unshakable love for the City of Baltimore and its people. His love was enduring. His service and passion touched those of us serving in any capacity.

A graduate of Howard University in 1973, Elijah received his bachelor's in political science and served as the student government president. Following the completion of his undergraduate degree, he attended the University of Maryland where he studied law, which led to two-decades of legal practice in the private sector. Elijah also served as the Chief Judge on the Maryland Moot Court, where he aided law students in their studies on appellate casework.

Prior to winning his election to the House of Representatives in 1996, in 1982, at only 31 years old, Elijah became the youngest chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus in the Maryland House of Delegates. With not only an impressive 16 years to show for this service, he successfully climbed the ranks to become the first African American to serve as Speaker pro tem—one of the many groundbreaking milestones in his illustrious career. As a trailblazer, Elijah advocated for economic and racial justice, and human rights. He was constantly working to improve the condition of his community that had been devastated by the loss of over 30,000 steel jobs, which brought about great despair. Elijah persevered for his people and community using every opportunity to revitalize and to improve his hometown.

Joining the House of Representatives in 1996, Elijah became the Representative for the seventh district in Maryland, serving and dedicated to Baltimore and its suburbs. He was truly a crusader, as he tirelessly fought as an advocate against drug abuse, gun violence, and a visionary for home ownership for all and labor unions—issues that so deeply impact our nation and his district. Amid racial conflict in his home city, Elijah was able to stand above the fray in such a riot-torn landscape and bring peace and reason. As a man who lived by example, his mantra of standing up for one's beliefs was reflected through his years of diligent service and his grace under fire.

I can attest, during his medical challenge, which had been significant and prolonged, he never yielded. His dutiful work sustained the hope of his family and colleagues. History will attest his vision will have laid the foundation for a more honorable and respectful approach to governance of a free people.

May I extend my deepest condolences to his family, his devoted wife Maya, daughter Jennifer, and the people of greater Baltimore for sending a man of such substance and bearing to serve the people of the United States.

Elijah, the proud son of Baltimore, left his community, our nation, and this world a better place through his service. And for that, we shall remain eternally grateful. May God rest his soul peacefully and in full communion with the power of creation.

**HONORING THE STRAND THEATRE
ON THE OCCASION OF ITS RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor The Strand Theatre on the occasion of its Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

At nearly a century old, the Strand theatre has been a staple of the Hudson River community since the 1920s. It has played host to the evolving nature of entertainment since that time. First being used as a Vaudeville theatre, it evolved with the times to start featuring films. Over the years, the Strand fell into disrepair. However, Hudson River Music Hall Productions stepped in and has just finished a full renovation and modernization project to bring the Strand back to its former glory.

On behalf of New York's 21st district, I want to congratulate Hudson River Music Hall Productions and all those who worked so hard to revive this historic venue. Historic places like the Strand connect us with our history while we chart our own paths forward. I look forward to seeing its renewed role as a centerpiece of the Hudson Falls community and to the new memories being created there.

**COMMEMORATING IDAHO WHEAT
60TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, Idaho is recognized around the world for producing high-quality wheat. Sixty years ago, Idaho wheat farmers decided to join together and form the Idaho Wheat Commission to develop export markets, conduct research, and educate growers.

Much has changed over the past 60 years. In 2018, Idaho was the highest yielding state in the nation with an average of 90 bushels per acre. Idaho ranked fifth among wheat producing states at more than 100 million bushels.

Idaho has one of the most consistent harvests of any wheat-growing area. Wet springs

and warm, dry summers combined with rich volcanic soils create ideal conditions for our high-quality wheat. Nearly two-thirds of Idaho wheat is grown under irrigation, allowing for Idaho growers to manage the crop to customers' specifications.

Idaho is one of few states that grows all five classes of wheat.

About half of the 100 million bushels produced each year in Idaho are exported. Idaho is uniquely positioned to access the global marketplace by moving grain through the Columbia-Snake River system to Portland, and then onto foreign customers, particularly Asian markets.

The other half of Idaho's wheat production goes to domestic markets via trucks and rail into products we all know and love like Pepperidge Farms Goldfish Crackers, Wheaties and Wheat Chex cereals, pasta, cookies and pastries.

This year, the Idaho Wheat Commission is celebrating 60 years of service to wheat growers in Idaho providing growers with market development, research, and education.

Let it be known that Idaho wheat is Quality Wheat Simply Grown and let us join Idaho's wheat growers in celebrating 60 years of the Idaho Wheat Commission.

**CELEBRATING BRYAN K. EXUM'S
RETIREMENT**

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of Bryan K. Exum. Bryan began his career with Farmers Home Administration (aka Rural Development) as a Student Trainee Agriculture Management Specialist on May 18, 1980, in the Pine Bluff, Jefferson County Office. He worked in that office for three months and then was transferred as a Student Trainee to the Paragould, Greene County Office. While working Bryan was attending Arkansas State University in Jonesboro and received a degree in Agriculture Business. In December 1982, he was hired as the Assistant County Supervisor in the Greene County Office. In 1989, Bryan was transferred to the Marianna, Lee County Office and in 1992 he was selected as the County Supervisor.

In 1995 Bryan was selected as the Rural development Manager for Greene, Craighead and Poinsett Counties and was an Area Specialist from August 16, 2007 until January 2011, in the Jonesboro Area Office. On January 16, 2011, Bryan was selected as the Area Director for the Jonesboro Area Office. In addition to his duties as Area Director in Jonesboro, he was Acting Area Director for the Forrest City Area Office on two different occasions for an extended amount of time.

Bryan K. Exum, throughout his lifetime of service, has played a significant impact on eastern rural Arkansas. Bryan is a loyal and dedicated Arkansan, and we are a better State because of his service to the agriculture business.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL
JOHN CLAYTON REPPERT

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Brigadier General John Clayton Reppert of Anna, Illinois, who passed away peacefully earlier this month. General Reppert dedicated his life to his God, his country, his family and his friends.

As a young man, John was a star on his high school football team and worked at his hometown, family-owned newspaper, the Anna Gazette-Democrat. While attending Kansas State, he met and later married Patricia Ann Rash. Soon after graduating, John was drafted as a private and assigned to Officer Candidate School before serving in Vietnam as a Signal Corps Officer. General Reppert proudly served in the Army for 33 years, with a focus on issues impacting relations between the United States and former Soviet Union. General Reppert became the Defense Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, playing a key role in shaping American military and diplomatic policy.

General Reppert earned a master's degree and a Ph.D., leading him to an influential career as a professor. He later taught classes at schools such as Harvard University and West Point. He eventually served as Harvard's Executive Director for Research. Though he maintained an extremely busy life after his military and educational careers, General Reppert remained involved in his community as a Sunday School teacher at his local church. A devoted husband, father and grandfather, General Reppert lived his life in full measure, leaving his mark on all on who knew him.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Brigadier General John Reppert of Anna, Illinois, and celebrate the incredible life he lived. May he rest in peace.

ELIJAH MARLER EAGLE SCOUT

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elijah Marler of Boy Scouts of America Troop 46 from Fort Morgan, Colorado. On August 28, 2019, Elijah was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout for his outstanding accomplishments. Since 1920, the Boy Scouts of America has helped mold young men in a disciplined environment with only a fraction achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Over the years, the Eagle Scout rank has become an American icon symbolizing the core principles of honor, duty, resourcefulness, and courage.

Throughout his time as a scout, Elijah has grown as a leader among his peers and is dedicated to serving others. For his Eagle Scout service project, Elijah helped organize a creative mural project at the Converge Daytime Treatment Center in Brush, Colorado. This specialized treatment center provides a therapeutic treatment program and targeted academic instruction in a structured, small

group setting for students with emotional disabilities or autism spectrum disorders in the northeastern Colorado region. Artwork is a critical component of many therapy programs, and I commend Elijah for his commitment to serving his community in this capacity.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Elijah Marler for his many accomplishments, including earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call Vote 571 which took place on October 22, 2019. However, if I had been present, I would have voted “NAY” on Ordering the Previous Question; Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2513) Corporate Transparency Act.

COMMENDING PASTOR TOMMY LEGRAND

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I wish to commend Pastor Tommy Legrand, who has been a leader in our community for 50 years.

After Tommy Legrand served our country, he served in a different capacity as a Pastor of the Faith Temple Church of God and Christ in Hamlet, NC. Starting with street-side sermons, Legrand has shepherded the church to become a figure in the local community. He has started several ministries within the church such as the Southview Learning Center, Faith Academy, Prayer and Faith Temple Food Pantry and Life Center which continue to serve countless members of our society.

Pastor Legrand continued to follow his calling and later graduated from Shaw University with a Master’s degree in religion and philosophy, and later from Family Bible Institute with a Doctorate in divinity 2015. As a prayer leader in the National Church of God in Christ and the Greater North Carolina jurisdiction, and even on his own radio ministry, Pastor Legrand is a true example of a life dedicated to service in every sense of the word. It is a pleasure and an honor to represent him in Congress.

COMMEMORATING THE COMPLETION OF A RAIL SPUR TRANSFER IN MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the completion of project critical

to the economic development and prosperity of Mountain Home, Idaho: the official transfer of a rail spur from the Mountain Home Air Force Base to the City of Mountain Home. With this transfer, the City of Mountain Home will attract new businesses to the adjoining rail industrial park and increase economic activity in the region.

This rail spur transfer represents the extraordinary teamwork that is so often displayed in Southern Idaho. It took the combined efforts of the City of Mountain Home civic leaders, including Mayor Richard Sykes; the Mountain Home Economic Development team; the Special Military Liaison to the Governor of Idaho; Mountain Home Air Force Base personnel; and more to complete the transfer. I also wish to thank the Air Force House Liaison Office, House Armed Service Committee professional staff, and Billy Valderrama and Katherine Myers on my personal staff for facilitating the inclusion of the transfer language in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2018.

Congratulations to all parties, and I look forward to following the progress of new economic development in Mountain Home as a result of this rail spur transfer.

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, October 24, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 29

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lisa W. Hershman, of Indiana, to be Chief Management Officer, Dana S. Deasy, of Virginia, to be Chief Information Officer, and Robert John Sandner, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine aviation safety and the future of Boeing’s 737 MAX.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Roxanne Cabral, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Robert S. Gilchrist, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, and Yuri Kim, of Guam, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

OCTOBER 30

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold hearings to examine the use of technology and innovation to increase water security and enable economic development in the West.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sean O’Donnell, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on Health Care

To hold hearings to examine Medicaid, focusing on compliance with eligibility requirements.

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity

To receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations.

SVC-217

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990.

SD-608

Committee on Homeland Security and

Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management

To hold hearings to examine the unauthorized and unaccountable government.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property

To hold hearings to examine promoting the useful arts, focusing on how Congress can prevent the issuance of poor quality patents.

SD-226

OCTOBER 31

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine supply chain security, global competitiveness, and 5G.

SD-342