

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING 50 YEARS OF BATES HOUSE OF TURKEY IN GREENVILLE, ALABAMA

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Bates House of Turkey in the City of Greenville, Alabama.

On March 1, 1970, the late W.C. "Bill" Bates, Jr. and wife, Teresa Carlton Bates, opened the doors of legendary Bates House of Turkey in Greenville, Alabama for the first time. As the second generation of Bates Turkey Farm, they became a driving force behind not only the farm's success, but also in the success of the iconic restaurant.

Following the completion of Interstate 65, the entrepreneurial visionaries, Bill and Teresa Bates, decided to buy property and build the restaurant in Greenville, making the conscious decision to serve only turkey dishes made from free-range birds grown on their farm. In addition to Bates House of Turkey being one of the most unique restaurants in Alabama, it has also become one of the most popular spots for commuters to stop and grab a bite to eat while traveling through Butler County along I-65.

Now, over 50 years later, Bates House of Turkey is still a family-owned restaurant where locals and non-locals alike gather for dishes such as their famous hickory smoked turkey sandwich or their old-fashioned roast turkey dinner. The Bates children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren have been successful in continuing the family legacy and keeping the restaurant alive and thriving.

As the staff and loyal patrons gather to celebrate this wonderful achievement, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the Bates family for their profoundly positive contributions to the Greenville community and surrounding area.

WELCOME KATHERINE MILLER KESSLER

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I am happy to congratulate Hannah and Adam Kessler of Birmingham, Michigan, on the birth of their new baby girl, Katherine Miller Kessler. Katherine Miller Kessler was born on December 19, 2019, at Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield, Michigan. Katherine weighed nine pounds and .05 ounces and measured 19 inches long.

I would also like to congratulate Katherine's big sister, Emerson Roslyn Kessler, and her grandparents, John and Andrea Kessler of

Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, Lorie Kessler of West Bloomfield, Michigan, and Sally Hirst and Doug Miller of Rochester, New York. Congratulations to the entire family as they welcome their newest addition of pure pride and joy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, regrettably, I was unable to attend the vote series for March 3, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 81, H. Res. 387, Condemning continued violence against civilians by armed groups in the Central African Republic and supporting efforts to achieve a lasting political solution to the conflict, and Yea on Roll Call No. 82, H.R. 4508, Malala Yousafzai Scholarship Act.

RECOGNIZING JAY VOGT

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Jay Vogt for his appointment to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP).

A South Dakota native, Mr. Vogt has been a passionate servant for the preservation historical places across the state of South Dakota and the entire nation.

Mr. Vogt served as Director of the South Dakota State Historical Society and State Historic Preservation Officer. In the past, he served as the president of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) and represented NCSHPO on the ACHP for several years. After a decade of service, Mr. Vogt was appointed Deputy Director of the South Dakota State Historical Society in 1999, where he spearheaded the preservation of historic Deadwood.

Mr. Vogt has directed the State Historical Society since 2003 and oversees the management of the five programs—archaeology, archives, museum, historic preservation, research and publishing—and the administrative and development units.

I commend Mr. Vogt for his outstanding record of service, dedication, and hard work. I extend my deepest congratulations to Jay Vogt for his contributions to South Dakota and our nation's historical places. I look forward to working with Mr. Vogt's as he advises both the president and Congress on historical preservation efforts across our nation.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 181 IN BREA, CALIFORNIA

HON. GILBERT RAY CISNEROS, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. CISNEROS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the centennial of one of the finest institutions in the 39th Congressional District. On Monday night, January 5, 1920, a cold wind blew out of the San Gabriel Mountains, through the Brea-Olinda Oil Field, the goat and sheep pastures, and into orange groves that surrounded the tiny hamlet of Brea. With little more than a thousand residents, Brea could hardly host a U.S. Post Office, but it held a small group of proud, determined men. They were American veterans of the Great War, and only 10 months after the founding of the national parent organization, with the ink still wet on national charter, they founded American Legion Post 181 in Brea, California.

The founders of Brea Post 181 were men like Ted Craig who returned home to Brea in 1919 and helped secure the charter and property for the new Post only a few months after returning from "Over There." Many had seen things, carried traumas off the battlefield and certainly bore emotional and physical scars of the first fully industrialized conflict. But their commitment to the Legion gave them a new mission, a common purpose and a way to channel the evils of war into a peace and prosperity that was good. The first line of the Legion's mission statement pledges every member to re-dedicate themselves to "uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States." But it requires more. Built into the very fiber of the Legion's national mission is a commitment to programs that build better communities and a better country in five areas: From honoring America's war dead and supporting the rehabilitation of our nations wounded warriors, to supporting a strong national defense, the patriotic education of younger generations and, most broadly, to build support for American ideals and values. And Brea Post 181 has been an exemplary participant in all five areas from its beginning with a city-wide Armistice Day Celebration on November 11, 1920, just ten months and five days after the Post's founding. Carnivals, dances, bingo nights and parades have been an important part of the Post's connection to the community. But the Post's work has also included scholarship funding, the Boy's Nation Program, voter registration, and a long-standing collaboration with the city's patriotic celebrations, especially the annual 4th of July Country Fair. And our Brea Legion Post has always been there in times of crisis. In 1933, Brea Legionnaires reacted heroically to the major earthquake that so heavily impacted Long Beach. The Post hosted displaced families, took care of the injured victims, and even stepped in to direct and coordinate recovery

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resources. World War II may have been 181's finest hour. With the founding generation being too old for direct military service, men like Eugene Streed—a proud Marine who had fought Bolshevism in Vladivostok in 1918–1919—led war drives, supervised civil defense activities and put on remembrances and memorials. In Streed's case, this included handcrafting more than 1000 white crosses to identify veterans' graves. He was also the co-founder of Brea's Memory Garden, where American flags with the names of Brea's lost soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines are displayed on Memorial Day.

Brea is not such a small town as it was in Eugene Streed's day. One hundred years later, its population, at well over forty thousand, is 40 times the size of a rural village that gave birth to Brea Post 181. Yet, for all the city's growth and for all that the Post has done to underwrite that growth, our local Brea Legion has not always prospered in the same way. Indeed, I would be remiss if I failed to point out the struggles. The demographic shift from the mid-twentieth century, when service was almost universal for physically qualified men, to today's all-volunteer force has dramatically changed the recruiting and financing picture of the Legion. Local membership had declined so precipitously that by 2014, the Post had to sell a property it owned to avoid insolvency. It might have collapsed, and the story might have ended before this centennial celebration. But the warrior spirit has always been fierce among the veterans of Brea, and Post 181 has evolved to thrive in its new demographic environment. The membership has made smart business decisions and even smarter partnership arrangements with other veterans and civic groups like Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5384 and St. Angela Merici Church. The Post has come through its crisis. It is more intergenerational than ever before with former Brea Mayor Carrey Nelson—a retired Navy Master Chief who served in both the Second World and Korean Wars—still an active contributing member alongside current Brea Mayor Pro Tem and Brea Post 181 Commander Steven Vargas, who is also a Chief Petty Officer in the Naval Reserves. I hope that other Legion Posts are beginning to thrive and reinvent themselves to meet a rapidly changing country that, however different, still needs a strong American Legion. As a member of the neighboring Legion Post 277 in Placentia, as the son of a Vietnam combat veteran and grandson of two World War II combat veterans, but most of all, as a member of the House Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committees, I congratulate and commend the Legionaries of Brea Post 181 and wish them another century of excellence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENVER RIGGLEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes on March 2, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 79, and YEA on Roll Call No. 80.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANAN AMERI
AS SHE IS NAMED THE 2020
ARAB AMERICAN OF THE YEAR

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Anan Ameri as she is named the 2020 Arab American of the Year by ACCESS. Dr. Ameri's lifetime of community service and activism is worthy of commendation, and we are proud to recognize her achievements today.

Anan Ameri is a pillar of Washtenaw County. For over forty years, she has dedicated her career to advocating for social justice and equity, upholding immigrant rights, and preserving Arab American stories. Dr. Ameri, an author, educator, and activist, is especially known in our community as the founding director for the Arab American National Museum. Thanks to her steadfast leadership and revolutionary vision, she secured the museum's Smithsonian affiliation, making it the only Arab American organization in the prestigious network. In addition, Dr. Ameri is the national president of the Palestine Aid Society of America and was inducted to Michigan's Hall of Fame for her extraordinary efforts in 2016.

Today, we celebrate Anan Ameri for her lifetime of service to her community. Born in Damascus, Syria and raised in Amman, Jordan, Dr. Ameri understands the daily trials and tribulations immigrants experience. As such, she has advocated for their voices and continues to fight to ensure their rights are upheld. Beyond her career in activism, she also has served as a mentor to young women. She has nurtured women to pursue their dreams, strive for excellence, and embrace their heritage. Dr. Ameri truly embodies the hopes and dreams of immigrants coming to America and has made a difference in our Michigan community. Her years of service have impacted the lives of many, and her continued dedication provides a lasting example for what we should all endeavor to accomplish—to effect change, be compassionate community members, and do all we can to make a difference in the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Anan Ameri. Her decades of selfless service make her a deserving recipient of the Arab American of the Year Award. I am grateful for her lasting impact and wish her continued success in the years ahead.

JUDGE MARVA CRENSHAW—BLACK
HISTORY MONTH

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate one of Florida's most distinguished jurists—and one of the highest integrity. Judge Marva L. Crenshaw was born in 1951 in DeFuniak Springs, Florida, one of seven children. A child of faith, naturally reflective in her calm demeanor, she would epitomize a commitment to justice and the judicial

temperament that would distinguish her service on the bench. She is married to Norman Campbell and together they raised their two daughters, Kalinda and Kamaria.

Growing up in the segregated south, Judge Crenshaw attended segregated schools during her formative years. She excelled in language arts and became inspired by the impact of the rule of law, an appreciation she acquired spending time with her grandfather as he attended his affairs in her small town's courthouse. She earned her bachelor's degree with honors in 1973 from Tuskegee Institute, where she pledged as a Delta Sigma Theta and also became active in voter rights. She then achieved her childhood dream by earning her law degree from the University of Florida in 1975.

Judge Crenshaw began her dedication to public service as a prosecutor with the State Attorney's Office under Richard Gerstein in Miami-Dade County, Florida. She was hired by Janet Reno, who would later become the U.S. Attorney General. She served in that capacity until arriving to the Tampa Bay community in 1978 to join Bay Area Legal Services. She put her skills and legal acumen to work for families who often faced financial barriers to the courthouse and the legal system. She provided important legal services to disadvantaged neighbors across Tampa Bay and was named the organization's Deputy Director a decade later.

In 1989, Governor Bob Martinez appointed her to the Hillsborough County Court. In 2000, Governor Jeb Bush appointed her as the first African American woman to serve on the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court. There she was assigned to civil, family, criminal and juvenile divisions—furthering her lifelong dream to serve the public and her community. In 2009, Governor Charlie Crist appointed her to the Second District Court of Appeal, where she presided until retirement in 2018.

Judge Crenshaw broke barriers and charted a course for others who are committed to equal justice to follow. She set the highest of standards in her courtroom and in service to our community to ensure fairness. While retirement marks the end of one chapter in her life, she continues to explore other opportunities to impact people's lives through service.

Judge Crenshaw has been extensively involved in bar activities and was recognized as recently as 2019 with both the Hillsborough County Bar Association's Robert W. Patton Outstanding Jurist Award and the Hillsborough Association of Women Lawyers' Trailblazer Award.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Tampa Bay community, I am humbled to honor Judge Marva L. Crenshaw during this Black History Month for her many years of selfless service and leadership, and for being a trailblazer and a shining light for justice for all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. COLIN Z. ALLRED

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. ALLRED. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House Chamber. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 81, and YEA on Roll Call No. 82.

IN HONOR OF SPRING GARDEN WINNING THE AHSAA CLASS 1A BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Spring Garden girls basketball team for winning the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 1A basketball championship.

The Panthers defeated St. Luke's 53 to 45 in the championship game on February 27th. Spring Garden has won three titles over the last five years.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the students and faculty of Spring Garden High School, the coaches, the players and all the Panther fans on this exciting achievement. Go Panthers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I am not recorded on roll call vote No. 79. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

I am not recorded on roll call vote No. 80. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

I am not recorded on roll call vote No. 81. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

I am not recorded on roll call vote No. 82. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

RECOGNIZING BONNIE HESTER FOR HER WORK IN THE PEORIA COMMUNITY FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bonnie Hester for her work in the Peoria community and to honor her as a part of Black History Month. Bonnie spent 35 years in the public sector and was most recently a Program Assistant for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program.

Bonnie Hester earned a certificate in Labor History from the University of Illinois and a Clerical Certificate from the Vocational School of Southern Illinois. Bonnie worked for the Peoria City/County Health Department for 25 years. Bonnie served on the Health Care Committee for Peoria County employees and was President of local AFSCME Union Chapter No. 3665 for 14 years. She represented District 1 on the Peoria County Board for eight years and served as the board's precinct committee person.

Now retired, Bonnie serves on the Executive Board for the West Central Labor Council representing AFSCME retirees and volunteers for the American Red Cross Disaster Services, the Heart of Illinois United Way, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. She also serves on

the school board for Peoria Christ Lutheran School, and is a long-time member of Christ Lutheran Church, where she teaches Sunday School. Bonnie and her husband, Jerry, have been married for 39 years and have three children and six grandchildren. I commend Bonnie on her service to the Peoria community.

It is because of community leaders such as Bonnie Hester that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Bonnie Hester for her great work in the Peoria community and honor her as a part of Black History Month.

SUPPORT FOR THE SOCIAL SECURITY 2100 ACT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, let me commend my colleague and friend Congressman JOHN LARSON, the chair of the Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee, for his leadership and his legislation the Social Security 2100 Act. He is a tireless advocate for upholding our promise to our seniors, with respect to their retirement and their economic wellbeing.

Perhaps the ultimate legislative expression of our nation's shared values is our Social Security program. In 1935, our federal government made a promise to American workers that if they worked hard all of their lives, they would not fall into poverty when they retire. Social Security is foundational to tens of millions' Americans economic security as they retire. It provides a stable and secure source of income for our nation's seniors and their families. We continue to keep that promise today, as Social Security lifts out of poverty 22 million seniors nationwide and 130,000 in Connecticut.

In fact, according to the Economic Policy Institute, quote, "Social Security remains by far the most important source of income for most seniors. It constitutes most of the income of seniors in the bottom half of the income distribution."

Yet, a cliff is coming. Social Security no longer stretches as far as it once did. Even with their Social Security benefits, more than 5 percent of Connecticut's seniors are living in poverty. And, if we do nothing, in less than 15 years, Social Security benefits will be cut by nearly 25 percent.

When Social Security does not keep up with the cost of living, or modern economic challenges, seniors are robbed of their dignity and independence. They suffer when we do not uphold our promise. That is why we need to protect and enhance Social Security and to ensure it is able to help those who need it. That is why we need the Social Security 2100 Act.

It was introduced by my dear friend Congressman JOHN LARSON. I am an original cosponsor. The bill expands benefits, strengthens the Social Security trust fund, and cuts taxes for seniors. The bill and House Democrats' leadership is critical at a time when Americans are struggling with stagnant incomes and a lack of good-paying jobs.

In total, this bill would boost benefits for 62 million people. And, it will put the program on sound financial footing for the next 75 years.

It does so with several smart steps, including by having millionaires and billionaires pay the same tax rate as everyone else. For many Americans, this is commonsense. What is nonsensical, however, is that Republicans passed a \$1.5 trillion tax giveaway for the wealthy and well-connected. 83 percent of the benefits go to the top 1 percent.

Instead of a giveaway to the rich, it is time for an investment in working people and seniors. That is what we are trying to do with the Social Security 2100 Act.

Experts have pointed to its economic benefits, for both individuals and the nation. For example, former Council of Economic Advisors Chair Jason Furman and former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, have said this legislation would positively impact economic growth.

As President Franklin Delano Roosevelt said of Social Security in 1934, quote, "This seeking for a greater measure of welfare and happiness does not indicate a change of values. It is rather a return to values lost in the course of our economic development and expansion."

Values lost, an apt description for our economy today. Costs skyrocketing. Wages stalling. Savings stagnating. And, seniors suffering. But, with this legislation, we can be returning to values lost, to upholding our promise, to ensuring economic security.

All Americans must keep up the fight to protect and expand social safety net programs like Social Security. The 60 million Americans receiving Social Security and countless more who will receive it are counting on us, and we will deliver.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENVER RIGGLEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes on March 3, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 81, and YEA on Roll Call No. 82.

FEMA DISASTER PREPAREDNESS IMPROVEMENT ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "FEMA Disaster Preparedness Improvement Act," with support from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the California State Association of Counties. I want to thank my colleague Congressman MIKE THOMPSON (D-CA) for his support as the original cosponsor.

This legislation would increase FEMA support for disaster preparedness and emergency response to reflect the needs of communities across the country. As states like California face increasingly severe and frequent natural disasters due to man-made climate change and global public health emergencies, Congress and the federal government must step up.

The people most impacted by disasters and emergencies are often the most vulnerable members of our society: the elderly, the economically disadvantaged, and those with disabilities. All Americans deserve nothing less than the full-throated support of their federal government as they prepare for natural disasters and deal with public health emergencies, and that is exactly what my legislation would ensure.

As a member of California's Congressional delegation, I have seen firsthand the devastation that disasters can have on communities. In 2017 and 2018, our state experienced the most destructive fires recorded in California history. The federal government must be a real partner for states as they prepare for these disasters and seek to make our communities more resilient. My district is also one of the most flood-prone in the entire nation, and Travis Air Force Base housed the first American evacuees from the coronavirus outbreak in East Asia.

That is why the "FEMA Disaster Preparedness Improvement Act" would increase the federal cost share under the Hazard Mitigation and Emergency Management Performance Grant Programs to 85 percent, from 75 percent and 50 percent respectively. FEMA's Emergency Performance Grant Program helps state and local officials manage public emergencies including health crises, such as the recent coronavirus outbreak.

My bill would also exempt environmental reviews under federal or state law from the 36-month deadline to complete hazard mitigation projects and make designated "special flood hazard areas" under the National Flood Insurance Program automatically eligible for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants. Lastly, the bill would direct the Government Accountability Office to report to Congress on the challenges faced by states in utilizing FEMA's Public Assistance Program Alternative Procedures.

Damaged caused by natural disasters in the United States has risen in recent years, with an average of 15 disasters with a cost of over a billion dollars between 2016 and 2018, more than double the average of the previous three decades. Congress must respond to this troubling trend and better support vulnerable communities across the country as they prepare and increase resilience to natural disasters and other public emergencies.

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to co-sponsor the "FEMA Disaster Preparedness Improvement Act." As a senior member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I plan to make this critical legislation a major priority.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN
NIEDERMAN

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and career of John Niederman. Since 1985, John has poured his heart and soul into the outstanding work conducted by Pathfinder Services.

Though born in New York, Indiana is proud to claim John as one of our own. A graduate of Fort Wayne's own University of Saint

Francis, he has spent over three decades working in Huntington with Pathfinder Services to help those who need it most.

John embodies the purest form of Hoosier hospitality in his work, helping countless others on their way to realizing greater economic, physical and developmental independence. He has been active in creating an environment that values inclusion and fairness, giving those whom he encounters the best chance possible to succeed and Jive out the American Dream.

As John prepares to step down from a position he has loved and excelled at, I have no doubt that he will continue to be a leader in his community and a shining example to those who seek him out. Huntington County, and all of Indiana, are blessed to continue to count John and his family as their own.

JUDGE PERRY LITTLE—BLACK
HISTORY MONTH

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a jurist who has served our Tampa neighbors for decades—and continues his dedication to this day. Through his work spanning more than 40 years and as the second African American appointed to the bench in Hillsborough County, which is the longest tenure for an African American judge in the county's history, Judge Perry A. Little has helped shape our community forever. Judge Little is husband to Sonjia Latson Little and father of three: Matthew (Nandie), Marissa and Josie. He is also the proud grandfather of four girls, Reigan, Ivy, Gabrielle and Eden, and a member of Beulah Baptist Church.

Judge Little was born and educated in Georgia. He received his undergraduate degree from Morehouse College and his law degree from Emory University. After completing law school, he took a position at a legal clinic where he could have a larger community impact over a federal position he was offered in Washington, D.C.

At a time when windows and doors were just beginning to open for African Americans in the legal profession, Judge Little was appointed to the bench in Hillsborough County in 1977 by Governor Rubin Askew, where he presided for more than 12 years. He was the second African American in the county's history to be appointed, standing on the shoulders of Judge George Edgecomb, who only served three years as a county judge due to illness, but set the highest of standards for his colleagues to follow. The 1970s were a transformative time for communities as desegregation orders blanketed the nation while raising the profile of diversity at all levels of government. With the vital role our courts play in our democracy, economy and daily lives, a more diverse judiciary brings greater confidence in our justice system and is an important step toward a more just and equal America. In 1993, Governor Lawton Chiles appointed Judge Little to the Circuit Court where he served in the Juvenile and Circuit Civil Divisions until his retirement in 2007.

Much of Judge Little's Circuit experience was dedicated to positively impacting the lives of juveniles and young adults through his legal

decisions, who he continues to serve as an inspiration. Judge Little retired to care for his aging father in Georgia but continues to lend his judicial expertise as a Senior Judge for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, and assists other judges to ensure each case is given the time and care it deserves. He has been recognized for his extensive commitment to service through various awards, including the 2018 Distinguished Leadership Award from the Black Law Students Association at WMU-Cooley Law School's Tampa Bay campus.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Tampa Bay community, it gives me immense pride to honor a great public servant this Black History Month. Judge Little is a man faithful to his family and community, and is unparalleled in service to his neighbors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Madam Speaker, due to travel complications, I was unable to be present for votes on Monday, March 2.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 79, H.R. 5003 and YEA on Roll Call No. 80, H.R. 5932.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. HURD of Texas. Madam Speaker, due to travel delays, I was unable to participate in the following votes: Roll Call No. 79, 80, 81, and 82. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 79; YEA on Roll Call No. 80; YEA on Roll Call No. 81; and YEA on Roll Call No. 82.

HONORING SENIOR MASTER
SERGEANT DIANA M. CAREY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community servant, Senior Master Sergeant Diana M. Carey.

Sergeant Carey attended Jackson State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary and special education. She also earned a Masters in English to teach secondary level education.

Sergeant Carey retired from the United States Air Force with twenty years of service. She actively served in Texas, Japan, Turkey and Saudi Arabia. In addition, she has held administrative, contracting and intelligence positions within the United States Air Force. Sergeant Carey also supported the Military Airlift Command in deployments.

Since July of 1997, she has served as the Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training

Corps (AFJROTC) instructor for Raymond High School in Raymond, Mississippi. Effective June 30, 2020, she will be retiring from the Hinds County School District with 23 years of service. During her time, she has trained over 1,500 cadets. Sergeant Carey has been named Teacher of the Year and Outstanding Air Force Junior ROTC instructor twice during her tenure. Not to mention, she is one of the 25 percent qualified as an advanced instructor.

Sergeant Carey has also been instrumental in training new instructors at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. Her overall mission has been to “develop citizens of character dedicated to serving the nation and community.”

Aside from her military duties, Sergeant Carey is a member of the Illinois American Legion and the Brandon Quilters Guild. She attends Jackson Revival Center where she has taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and managed vacation Bible school activities.

Her hobbies include quilting, gardening and spending time with her son and three grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Senior Master Sergeant Diana M. Carey for her dedication and tenacity to serving the community and the desire to be an example for all.

of Police. After serving the Wilton community for 27 years, he accepted a position with the Eastham, Massachusetts Police Department on August 31, 2009. In doing so, Chief Kulhawik fulfilled a long-time dream of working on Cape Cod.

During his tenure as Chief in Eastham, he developed new recruitment strategies that focused on education. Chief Kulhawik improved training techniques and built significant relationships with both residents and local legislators. In both departments, he repeatedly exemplified the highest ideals of his profession and worked to greatly improve both communities.

Additionally, Chief Kulhawik led many of Massachusetts’ most prodigious non-departmental policing bodies, such as the FBI National Academy Associates for Connecticut and the Cape Cod Regional Law Enforcement Council.

Chief Ed Kulhawik has dedicated his career to serving Eastham, and I wish him many years of well-deserved happiness and more with his family in retirement.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Edward V. Kulhawik, Chief of the Eastham Police Department, and I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his years of dedication to his community.

an’s right to vote. Among these remarkable leaders being recognized this month are passionate activists, including Congresswoman ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, Theresa Kumar, founder of Voto Latino, Terry Ao Minnis, Director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice, and Edith Mayo, curator at the Smithsonian Museum and historian of women’s suffrage. Also honored are Lucy Burns, a Silent Sentinel who protested at the White House, and Carrie Chapman Catt, a suffrage activist from Iowa who served as president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA). Wilhelmina Kekelaokalaninui Widemann Dowsett, a NAWSA member and founder of a suffrage organization in Hawaii, Ana Roque de Duprey, a Puerto Rican suffrage organizer, and Elizabeth Piper Ensley, a reporter for the “Women’s Era” and member of the National Association of Colored Women, are also remembered for their contributions to the movement.

We also recall the passionate efforts of Marie Foster, a civil rights leader who marched from Selma to Montgomery and attempted to register to vote eight times before being allowed to vote, Dr. Mabel Ping-Hua Lee, a New York suffragist who earned a PhD in economics, and Virginia Louisa Minor, the Missouri woman who appealed to the Supreme Court in 1874 for her right to vote. Finally, we salute Anna Howard Shaw, who earned a Distinguished Service Medal during World War I and played a critical role in the leadership of NAWSA. For their leadership and outstanding dedication to women’s rights, unity, and peace, these courageous women are well deserving of our respect and admiration. I commend them and the many others who fought alongside them for women of every creed, class, and ethnic background. These fearless and strong women serve as remarkable role models who reflect the 2020 theme, Valiant Women of the Vote.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to join in celebrating Women’s History Month and recognizing the dedication, perseverance, contributions, and advances great American women from all cultures and classes have made to bettering our communities and the entire country. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating these extraordinary women who have improved American society and whose stories are woven into the fabric of our nation.

IN HONOR OF LEE-SCOTT ACADEMY WINNING THE AISA CLASS AAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Lee-Scott Academy girls basketball team for winning the Alabama Independent School Association (AISA) Class AAA basketball championship.

The Warriors defeated Glenwood 44 to 26 in the championship game on February 15th at the Crampton Bowl in Montgomery.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the students and faculty of Lee-Scott Academy, the coaches, the players and all the Warrior fans on this exciting achievement. Go Warriors.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF ED KULHAWIK

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition Chief Ed Kulhawik as he retires after 39 years of service as a law enforcement officer.

Ed began his career with the Wilton, Connecticut Police Department in 1981 as a patrol officer until he chose to take a leave of absence to pursue a master’s degree in Social Work from Boston College. After returning to the Wilton Police Department he went on to be promoted to the rank of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Administrative Captain, and in 2004, Chief

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATIE PORTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for suspension votes on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 due to the California primary election. Had I been present, I would have assented to H. Res. 387, H.R. 4508, and H. Res. 230 passing by voice vote.

CELEBRATING WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today in observance of Women’s History Month and its 2020 theme—Valiant Women of the Vote. Each year, the National Women’s History Project selects a unifying theme to recognize and promote Women’s History Month. This year’s theme recognizes the centennial of the 19th Amendment and honors the stories of women from the original suffrage movement.

In the United States, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have played a critical role with ensuring that women’s voices are heard. For generations, women have contributed to resolving conflicts and have worked to promote equality in the workplace, schools, homes, communities, and government. Women have insisted upon and continue to fight for respect, justice, and equality for all of humanity.

Throughout the years, women from diverse backgrounds have contributed to the courageous movement that would secure a wom-

CONGRATULATING THE KNOXVILLE HIGH SCHOOL DANCE TEAM FOR ITS WIN AT THE IDTA STATE FINALS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Knoxville High School Dance Team for its win at the Illinois Drill Team Association (IDTA) State Finals for Class A Kick Dance. The Knoxville High School Dance Team overcame significant adversity to win this title and I commend them for their hard work and dedication.

After parting ways with two coaches who could not stay and coach the team, volunteer moms Tammy Myers and Jennifer Stoneking

came on board to help high school captains Fionna Drake and Clara Ponder complete the season. The team practiced whenever they could, outside of their mandatory three lessons per week. Parents across the community opened their garages and other spare spaces to the girls for practice. The teamwork and dedication displayed by the moms, team captains and the dancers is remarkable and led them to victory at the IDTA State Finals. As a former athlete, I admire the fortitude the Knoxville High School Dance Team displayed to achieve their dreams of being state champions and I commend them for their efforts and can-do attitudes. I am proud to see them represent Knoxville so well throughout the state with their talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as the Knoxville High School Dance Team that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Knoxville High School Dance Team on its victory at the IDTA State Finals in the Class A Kick Dance category.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID ROUZER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on March 2 because I was in North Carolina with the President of the United States. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 79, and YEA on Roll Call No. 80.

RECOGNIZING OUR LADY OF LOURDES ACADEMY GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, which celebrated its second soccer state championship win this last week.

With this victory, Lourdes Academy reaffirms its reputation for excellence in every field. Lourdes is well known as an academic powerhouse, and this victory is proof of the school's incredible athletics program.

The championship game was a test of the Lourdes soccer team's resilience. Although Lourdes scored an early lead in the first quarter, the game once again became tied just 2:06 before halftime. Despite the close game, the Bobcat defense was stellar, and they retook lead in the second half.

With 500 fans cheering from the stands in Spec Martin Stadium, incredible teamwork, and endless determination, Lourdes captured the Class 6A state championship with a 2-1 victory against Venice, marking the Bobcats' second state title in the past three years.

Congratulations to the Lourdes' girls' soccer team on a well-earned victory. It's an honor to represent this team in Congress, and I hope to see many of these young women take their talents on to collegiate and professional soccer.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALLEN CONNELLY

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of The American Legion, Department of Indiana State Commander Mr. Allen Connelly.

As a 50-year member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215, Connelly's engagement with the Legion over the last half-century is historic. That includes serving as Post Service Officer, Hoosier Boys State and Flag Education Chairman, member of the District Finance Committee and District Advisory Committee, member of the Department Strategic Plan Committee and Centennial Celebration Committee, member of the National Veteran's Preference Committee and Education, Other Benefits and Homelessness Committee, and more.

Connelly has been heavily involved in his community outside the Legion as well. He served 25 years on the LaGrange Volunteer Fire Department; he was president and member of the Lakeland School Corporation Board of Trustees; he served 12 years as a member of the Bloomfield Township Advisory Board, and he has served as the Veteran Representative on the LaGrange County Drug Court since its founding. He is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange.

Connelly has also served our nation with distinction. He was active duty in the U.S. Army between 1964 and 1965, where he earned the rank of Sergeant. This record is testament to his civic engagement, attentiveness and hard work for which northeast Indiana is forever grateful.

ROSS ANDERSON—BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true "Man of Vision," Mr. Ross Anderson. He was born and raised in Tampa, Florida and has left an indelible mark in our hometown. Mr. Anderson graduated from Hillsborough High School and the University of South Florida. He received his graduate degrees from Columbia Southern University and Waldorf College, respectively. While Mr. Anderson takes great pride in his distinguished education and vocation, he is most proud to be the father of James Elaissaint-Anderson and Henry Tillman Jr., and the grandfather of Jasmine Tillman.

Mr. Anderson saw a profound need in our community for mentorship directed towards young men whom he often refers as "our boys." His vision for mentorship led him to leave his career as a successful corporate executive. In 2006, one year into his tenure as a teacher, Mr. Anderson helped found Men of Vision at Sligh Middle School. In 2010, Men of Vision, Inc. was established with the concept of "Action & Vision can change the World." The effort starts at the community level but

knows no limits in its outreach. In Mr. Anderson's world, "our boys" enhance their personal development, and by doing so, address the physical and social needs of their communities. It also follows that they then promote better relations among all people through a framework of friendship and service, and provide an overall vision for the future.

Men of Vision is open to young boys and men from ages 10 to 19, fifth grade through post-secondary school. The group is organized into elementary, middle and high schools throughout the community. Membership is open to young men regardless of race, color, ability, creed, gender, national origin or religion, reflecting the diversity of Tampa Bay, the community it serves. The impact has been tremendous.

Mr. Anderson serves as a guide, mentor and advocate for "our boys," some who may be on the brink of hopelessness. By boosting these individuals and turning them instead into confident contributors and leaders, Mr. Anderson lifts our community one Man of Vision at a time. He has dedicated his life to ensuring that Tampa's future generations believe they can make a difference in the community in which they live by focusing on serving others and respecting themselves as vital members of our community. Nearly 100 percent of Men of Vision complete high school and many continue higher education.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Florida and my neighbors across Tampa Bay I am proud to honor Ross Anderson this Black History Month. Mr. Anderson's untiring efforts and selfless devotion are a shining beacon to all of us, especially the young people in our community. The time and energy he has invested into developing our youth and making Tampa Bay a better place to live are unmatched. His legacy will live on in history through the hundreds of young men and the community at large that he has inspired and impacted.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, due to flight mechanical issues and delays, I missed votes on March 2, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 79, and YEA on Roll Call No. 80.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PHIL COTT

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Mr. Phil Cott, a beloved member of California's 33rd Congressional District, who passed away at the age of 68 on February 6, 2020 after a decade-long bout with kidney cancer. Phil served as the principal of Webster Elementary School in Malibu, California for more than 20 years, capping off a storied career as an educator, lawyer, and administrator.

Born on July 2, 1951 in Los Angeles, California, Phil attended Venice High School and the University of California, Los Angeles. After graduating, Phil taught for 14 years in Culver City as an elementary school teacher and served as president of his teachers' union for six years.

Phil then decided on a bold mid-career pivot, attending law school at night and eventually becoming a lawyer. He also served as a Los Angeles County deputy District Attorney, where he had numerous successes in the courtroom. However, Phil told friends that he missed working in public education and returned as an administrator, beginning his tenure as the principal of Webster Elementary School in 1990.

As principal, Phil introduced innovative projects and ideas to the benefit of Webster's students, including Websterville, an annual recreation of a colonial American village. Phil also led annual trips to Yosemite National Park and was key in establishing the school's computer lab. Phil was known among Webster's teaching staff for encouraging individuality and creativity in the classroom and contributing to a warm and friendly environment for the students.

Phil is survived by his wife, Charlee; children Rachel and Daniel; and grandchildren, Heaven and Paris. May his compassion, leadership, and devotion to those around him live on in the students he inspired and educators he helped nurture over his 37-year career.

HONORING TUSKEGEE AIRMEN
DAY

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Alabama State Legislature's joint resolution which recognizes March 7 as Tuskegee Airmen Day. House Joint Resolution 120 will acknowledge the honor and valor of those Tuskegee Airmen who risked their lives in defense of our country, despite racism, prejudice and segregation.

In 1941, a group of African American men in Tuskegee, Alabama, joined together to form an all-African American squadron of pilots known as the Tuskegee Airmen. This squadron fought fiercely overseas on behalf of the United States of America during World War II, proving that patriotism and love of country conquers even the cruelest forms of bigotry. Segregation barred African Americans from enlisting alongside white Americans, and prior to the Tuskegee Airmen, the United States had never had an African American military pilot.

After being rejected from enlisting during World War I, African Americans spent more than two decades advocating for the right to enlist and train as military aviators. With help from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, labor union leader A. Philip Randolph and Judge William H. Hastie, these advocates were successful in passing Appropriations Bill Public Law 18 with an amendment by Senator Harry H. Schwartz of Wyoming, which designated funds for training African American pilots. The money was then invested in civilian flight schools willing to train African American pilots.

In June of 1941, the 99th Pursuit Squadron at Tuskegee University was founded. The unit consisted of 47 officers and 429 enlisted men who began primary training at Moton Field before moving to the Tuskegee Air Field about ten miles to the west for conversion training. Tuskegee Air Field mirrored existing all-white air fields like Maxwell Air Field only forty miles away, providing African American pilots with the same rigorous training as white Americans.

Major Noel F. Parrish advocated for the Tuskegee Airmen to be allowed to enter into combat, petitioning Washington, D.C. on their behalf. Eventually, in 1943, the Tuskegee Airmen were deemed eligible for combat and were sent to North Africa to join the 33rd Fighter Group under the command of Colonel William W. Momyer. Given little guidance from experienced combat pilots, the Tuskegee Airmen flew toward Italy where they attacked the small and strategically located volcanic island of Pantelleria. The island eventually surrendered, and the Airmen flew on to Sicily, receiving a Distinguished Unit Citation. The men went on to fight with heart and valor throughout World War II, proving to America and to the entire world that African Americans were just as capable as white Americans of serving their country. In many ways, these men displayed even more patriotism, as they actively fought to overcome barriers in order to serve and protect.

The Tuskegee Airmen's legacy is one that should make the state of Alabama truly proud. These men are part of Alabama's remarkable legacy of advocating for civil rights, proving that the determination of African American Alabamians can charge the course of history, not only for our country but for the entire world.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the exemplary service of the Tuskegee Airmen, and to the Alabama State Legislature for acknowledging their service through the passage of House Joint Resolution 120. May we celebrate the resilience and sacrifice of the Tuskegee Airmen not only on March 7, but every day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATIE PORTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for suspension votes on Monday, March 2, 2020 due to the California primary election. Had I been present, I would have assented to H.R. 5931, H.R. 5003, H.R. 5932, and H.R. 4351 passing by voice vote.

IN HONOR OF ANNISTON WINNING
THE AHSAA CLASS 4A BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Anniston girls basketball

team for winning the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 4A basketball championship.

The Bulldogs defeated Deschler 61 to 51 in the championship game on February 28th at Legacy Arena.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the students and faculty of Anniston High School, the coaches, the players and all the Bulldogs fans on this exciting achievement. Go Bulldogs.

IN RECOGNITION OF RICHARD E.
FOX, M.A., RECIPIENT OF AN-
CIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS
MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Richard E. Fox, M.A. as the recipient of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 4 Paul "Hook" O'Malley Man of the Year award. He will be honored at the organization's annual gathering on Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

Reverend Fox, son of Richard and Ann C. Madden Fox, was born in Pottstown, Pennsylvania and raised in South Wilkes-Barre. In June 1983, Reverend Fox graduated from E.L. Meyers High School and the Wilkes-Barre Area Vo-Tech School with a concentration in warehouse management. He was a member of the 100th graduating class of the University of Scranton, earning a degree in Christian Traditions in 1988. While at the University of Scranton, he also studied at St. Pius X Seminary in Dalton. In 1992, Reverend Fox graduated from Christ the King Seminary in Buffalo, New York with a master's degree in pastoral ministry.

On June 27, 1992, Reverend Fox was ordained as a priest at St. Peter's Cathedral Church in Scranton. Following his ordination, he served as assistant pastor at churches across Northeastern Pennsylvania, including Epiphany Church in Sayre (1992 to 1995), Immaculate Conception Church in Scranton (1995 to 1998), and St. Jude's Church in Mountain Top (1998 to 2000). He then served as pastor of Blossburg Area Catholic Community in Tioga County (2000 to 2003), Holy Trinity/Holy Child Church in Nanticoke (2003 to 2005), Immaculate Conception Church in Scranton (2005 to 2007), Holy Family Church in Luzerne (2007 to 2009), St. Eulalia's Church in Roaring Brook Township (2009 to 2010), as well as other churches in Exeter and Old Forge in 2010 and 2011.

After serving many communities across the region, Reverend Fox called Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Lake Silkworth his home parish from 2011 to 2016. Since 2016, he has been the pastor at St. Patrick's Parish in Scranton.

Reverend Fox has two siblings, Bridget Fox Ford, married to William Ford, and the late Christopher Fox.

He is the proud uncle of his niece and nephew, Mitchell and Cameron Ford.

It is an honor to recognize Reverend Richard E. Fox as the Ancient Order of the Hibernians Division 4 Man of the Year and congratulate him on his distinguished career in

service to the Catholic community of Northeastern Pennsylvania. May he continue to find happiness and peace in his vocation.

FEBRUARY VETERAN OF THE
MONTH

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the First District of Oklahoma's February Veteran of the Month, Megan Lowry.

A Military Police Officer in the United States Marine Corps, Ms. Lowry honorably served our nation for three years. Following her military career, Megan served in the Secret Service during President George W. Bush's last term in office helping to protect the First Family from various threats. Due to her outstanding work with the Secret Service, Ms. Lowry was awarded the Presidential Service Badge for honorable service to the President of the United States and the White House. Upon returning home from service, Megan Lowry has dedicated her life to serving other veterans.

Megan serves her fellow veterans who may be suffering from the invisible wounds that remain from their time in combat. Lowry is a service dog trainer for Wounded Veterans of Oklahoma and also works with the Pups4Patriots program which works to provide service animals to veterans free of charge.

Ms. Lowry is a recent alumna of the University of Tulsa where she was an active member of their Student Veterans Association, which seeks to help transition returning servicemembers into collegiate life. Megan is also an active member of the Delaware Tribe, helping to preserve her native heritage for future generations.

Megan Lowry lives a life of unmatched dedication, sacrifice, and service to our great nation. She answered the call to defend freedom, and she sacrificed whatever was necessary in the name of that noble cause. She continues to serve our country, community, and her fellow veterans at a high level on a daily basis. It is my honor to recognize Megan Lowry as the 1st Congressional District of Oklahoma's February Veteran of the Month.

RECOGNIZING JASON SAMSAL OF
SUNBURST

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jason Samsal of Sunburst for his innovation as a conservationist on his Montana family farm.

Jason's land, just north of Shelby, has been in his family for generations. When Jason was 11 years old, his grandpa began teaching him the ways of the farmer and rancher. Jason has worked alongside his father for more than three decades. For him, it's the independence and lifestyle that he loves so much.

Jason has been an example for many Montana farmers and ranchers. Participating in

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) conservation programs, he goes above and beyond to ensure high-quality care for his crops and land. Jason is committed to using a diverse and intense cropping rotation that enhances the soil and protects it from erosion.

His methods are working. Jason is known for his produce, including one-year turnips that have reached the size of dinner plates. As a result of his work, he was recognized as the Toole County Conservationist of the Year in 2019.

Along with crop rotation, Jason makes constructing habitat a top priority on his farm. After noticing bees were struggling to pollinate his large farm in 2010, he found a solution. For every quarter mile, Jason created habitat with plants and flowers that pollinate year-round, giving the bees an area to rest. Because of measures like these, his bees and crops are thriving.

Jason is also committed to responsible wildlife practices. His farm is open for hunters as part of the state's block management program. He's constructed three wildlife corridors for animals to roam freely. He's also rebuilt all his fences with gates so antelope and deer can travel safely throughout his property. Madam Speaker, for his innovative approach to sustainable farming and his commitment to conserving Montana's land and creating healthy, practical wildlife habitat, I recognize Jason Samsal for his Spirit of Montana.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, on the night of March 2nd into the early morning of March 3rd, several tornadoes struck Middle Tennessee, inflicting severe damage and taking numerous lives. Most of the devastation occurred in my congressional district, the Sixth District of Tennessee, including my hometown, Cookeville, TN.

After careful consideration, my family and I returned home to Cookeville, TN, on March 3rd so that we could meet with local officials and first responders to assess the damage for ourselves and lend a helping hand to our friends and neighbors wherever it might be needed. Because of our decision to return home, I was absent for votes today.

I missed Roll Call vote number 83. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

I missed Roll Call vote number 84. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

I missed Roll Call vote number 85. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

I missed Roll Call vote number 86. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees

to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 10

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Matthew P. Donovan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and William Jordan Gillis, of Georgia, and Victor G. Mercado, of California, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Federal Communications Commission.

SD-562

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's semi-annual report to Congress

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold hearings to examine competition in digital technology markets, focusing on self-preferencing by digital platforms.

SD-226

11 a.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of James E. Trainor III, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.

SR-301

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

To hold hearings to examine fragility in the Sahel.

SD-138

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property

To hold hearings to examine copyright law in foreign jurisdictions, focusing on how other countries are handling digital piracy.

SD-226

MARCH 11

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
 Subcommittee on Department of Defense
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Navy and Marine Corps.

SD-138

Committee on Armed Services
 Subcommittee on SeaPower
 To hold hearings to examine Marine Corps ground modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 1046, to establish the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth, S. 3132, to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, S. 3191, to increase the capacity of research and development programs of the Federal Government that focus on industries of the future, S. 3248, to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, S. 3303, to amend title 49, United States Code, to promote transportation career opportunities and improve diversity in the workforce, H.R. 835, to impose criminal sanctions on certain persons involved in international doping fraud conspiracies, to provide restitution for victims of such conspiracies, and to require sharing of information with the United States Anti-Doping Agency to assist its fight against doping, and routine lists in the Coast Guard; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine pending nominations.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-406

Committee on the Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine the EARN IT Act, focusing on holding the tech industry accountable in the fight against online child sexual exploitation.

SD-226

Committee on Veterans' Affairs
 To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion.

SD-G50

2 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations
 Subcommittee on Legislative Branch
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Government Accountability Office and Congressional Budget Office.

SD-124

Committee on Appropriations
 Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SD-192

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations
 Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation within the Department of the Interior.

SD-138

Committee on Armed Services
 To hold hearings to examine personnel programs in the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-106

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 3045, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to protect United States critical infrastructure by ensuring that the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency has the legal tools it needs to notify private and public sector entities put at risk by cybersecurity vulnerabilities in the networks and systems that control critical assets of the United States, S. 2757, to waive the imposition of a civil fine for certain first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns, S. 2502, to ban the Federal procurement of certain drones and other unmanned aircraft systems, S. 2722, to prohibit agencies from using Federal funds for publicity or propaganda purposes, S. 3207, to require the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to establish a Cybersecurity State Coordinator in each State, S. 3332, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the halt in pension payments for Members of Congress sentenced for certain offenses, S. 2847, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42 Main Street in Slatersville, Rhode Island, as the "Specialist Matthew R. Turcotte Post Office", S. 2945, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 171 South Maple Street in Dana, Indiana, as the Ernest "Ernie" T. Pyle Post Office, S. 3257, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 311 West Wisconsin Avenue in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, as the "Einar 'Sarge' H. Ingman, Jr. Post Office Building", S. 3365, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Crosby Street in Mansfield, Louisiana, as the "Dr. C.O. Simpkins, Sr., Post Office", H.R. 3675, to require a review of Department of Homeland Security trusted traveler programs, H.R. 2589, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a homeland intelligence doctrine for the Department of Homeland Security, H.R. 4761, to ensure U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, agents, and other personnel have adequate synthetic opioid detection equipment, that the Department of Homeland Security has a process to update synthetic opioid detection capability, H.R. 5273, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a plan to increase to 100 per-

cent the rates of scanning of commercial and passenger vehicles entering the United States at land ports of entry along the border using large-scale non-intrusive inspection systems to enhance border security, H.R. 4713, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties of the Department of Homeland Security, H.R. 4739, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to protect U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, agents, other personnel, and canines against potential synthetic opioid exposure, H.R. 1833, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Tulip Avenue in Floral Park, New York, as the "Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson Post Office Building", H.R. 3207, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 114 Mill Street in Hookstown, Pennsylvania, as the "Staff Sergeant Dylan Elchin Post Office Building", H.R. 3329, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5186 Benito Street in Montclair, California, as the "Paul Eaton Post Office Building", H.R. 4794, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8320 13th Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini Post Office Building", H.R. 4981, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2505 Derita Avenue in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the "Julius L. Chambers Civil Rights Memorial Post Office", H.R. 5037, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3703 North Main Street in Farmville, North Carolina, as the "Walter B. Jones, Jr. Post Office", H.R. 3317, to permit the Scipio A. Jones Post Office in Little Rock, Arkansas, to accept and display a portrait of Scipio A. Jones, an original bill entitled, "Protecting and Securing Chemical Facilities from Terrorist Attacks Act of 2020", an original bill entitled, "Guidance Clarity Act of 2020", an original bill entitled, "Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Act of 2020", and the motion to issue a subpoena to Andrii Telizhenko as described in Schedule A.

SD-342

MARCH 12

10 a.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
 To hold hearings to examine the coronavirus and America's small business supply chain.

SR-428A

MARCH 24

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

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