

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### SAVE OUR SEAS 2.0 ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. HALEY M. STEVENS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 2020*

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1982, Save Our Seas 2.0, and to commend my colleagues for their work to resolve the serious issues our country and our world have with marine debris.

For over 70 years, plastic has evolved to be invaluable in many applications. It's used as a high-performance material for medical devices and in safety components for automobiles. Plastic is also convenient. It's a mainstay in American households from our toothbrushes to food storage to shampoo and detergent bottles. Global plastic production increased from 2 million tons per year in 1950 to 400 million tons annually in recent years.

What happens to all of this discarded plastic is why I am speaking out in support of this legislation today. We can no longer deny that we face a plastic waste crisis. There are plenty of reasons for why and how we got here; however, a major factor is because we failed as a nation to invest in domestic recycling infrastructure and policies to account for the growing demand for plastic. As a result, today, the U.S. recycles just 9 percent of its plastic waste.

At least 8 million tons of plastic end up in our oceans and Great Lakes every year and make up 80 percent of all marine debris from surface waters to deep-sea sediments. This marine debris ends up being ingested or entangled by marine life, from whales to sea birds, causing severe injuries and death.

In addition to the harm it causes our marine ecosystem, plastic debris also endangers our human health, coastal tourism, and threatens our food safety. This important bill works to improve the domestic response to marine debris, incentivize international engagement on marine debris, and strengthen domestic waste management infrastructure to prevent the creation of new marine debris.

This crisis will not be solved by only one bill or another. We need to work together as a Congress on bicameral, bipartisan solutions that have the potential to create jobs, develop supply chains, and meet environmental needs.

This summer, I was proud to introduce the bipartisan Plastic Waste Reduction and Recycling Act which directs the establishment of a plastic waste reduction and recycling research and development program to develop a world-leading U.S. industry in advanced plastics recycling technologies, and unleash the innovative potential of our nation to address our plastic waste crisis and generate greater value from the plastics we do produce.

I would like to congratulate my colleagues, Congresswoman SUZANNE BONAMICI, Congressman DON YOUNG, Senator DAN SULLIVAN, and Senator SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, on the passage of this historic bill, and I look forward

to working with them and our colleagues on powerful solutions to solve our plastic waste crisis.

### HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF NIXON GEAR

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th Anniversary of Nixon Gear, a division of Gear Motions Inc., located in Syracuse, New York. Since its inception, Nixon Gear has consistently grown and adapted to changing times. Today, Nixon Gear has an impeccable reputation, provides good-paying jobs for Central New Yorkers, and serves as one of the premier custom gear manufacturers in the United States.

In 1920, George Nixon founded Nixon Broach and Tool Company with the intention of selling special machining and tooling. As operations began focusing on gear manufacturing, in 1924 the company changed its name to Nixon Gear. In 1969, with plastics and electronics replacing metal gears, Nixon Gear adapted again, buying its first gear grinding machine to produce these new products. In 1977, Nixon Gear was purchased by Gear Motions, allowing the company to transform into a precision gear grinding operation.

After years of sustained growth and expansion, Nixon Gear outgrew its facility, and in 1992 moved into a 45,000 square foot, state-of-the-art building on Milton Avenue in Syracuse. The move empowered Nixon Gear to improve its efficiency, and grow its operations, and invest in new precision gear grinding.

Over the years, Nixon Gear has evolved internally as well. The company has gone through changes in ownership, and today is led by Dean Burrows, President of Nixon Gear and Gear Motions. In 2010, Gear Motions became a 100% Employee Owned Company, allowing its employees to have a larger role in the direction of the business.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the 100th Anniversary of Nixon Gear. By continuing to evolve and grow, Nixon Gear today is an industry leader and a vital part of Central New York's local economy.

### RECOGNIZING CHARLES AND MADDIE FINKENBINDER

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize eight-year-old Maddie Finkenbinder and her father, Charles, who are working hard to provide reusable water bottles

to students across Conway, AR elementary schools.

When water fountains were disabled to stop the spread of the coronavirus in schools, Maddie went straight to her jewelry box to collect all her allowance and gave it to her father to purchase water bottles for her classmates.

Since then, their work has grown, providing water bottles to five elementary schools in Conway, and the educators and administrators of Conway Public Schools are thankful. Charles and Maddie show the true heart of CPSD and the Conway community.

I'd like to thank the Finkenbinders for their honorable work and encourage them to keep looking out for their neighbor.

### HONORING SHELLEY MCKITTRICK

**HON. JASON CROW**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the accomplishments of Ms. Shelley McKittrick and to congratulate her on her retirement.

Throughout her career, Ms. McKittrick has dedicated herself to public service and has been a tireless advocate for those experiencing homelessness and housing instability. She served as the City of Aurora's Homelessness Program Director and led a pathway for prioritizing the need for homelessness and housing instability solutions. In her role, she was instrumental to the opening of the Aurora Day Resource Center providing 150 people per day with meals, showers, counseling services, and other resources. She also served as the President of the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative for a year and continues to hold a seat on the Board.

She also led the way for Aurora's Point in Time count, an annual U.S. Housing and Urban Development effort to account for the number of people in the nation experiencing homelessness. Her work not only gave housing to those directly impacted by homelessness in Aurora, but also strengthened numerous programs to help prioritize a change in how housing instability is handled.

During an interview in 2016 when Ms. McKittrick had just started her work in Aurora, she said homelessness is, "a large problem that has to be broken down into digestible, attackable pieces. And little by little . . . we can do this."

In the 4 years she was with Aurora and through countless hours of meaningful work, Ms. McKittrick proved her statement from 2016 true and showed our city that we can make efforts to beat homelessness. I wish her luck in this new chapter of her life and thank her greatly for the care and dedication she provided our community.

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IN RECOGNITION OF SPRINGFIELD,  
MASSACHUSETTS PARKS DIRECTOR  
PATRICK SULLIVAN

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Patrick Sullivan, Parks Director for the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, for being honored with a Lifetime Achievement Environmental Merit Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. I would like to include in the RECORD two articles from the Springfield Republican that highlights his achievements. Pat's outstanding career deserves the highest praise for his continued efforts to implement environmentally cognizant initiatives that benefit both our environment and thousands of local residents.

[From the Springfield Republican]

SPRINGFIELD PARKS DIRECTOR PATRICK SULLIVAN RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

(By Peter Goonan)

City Parks and Buildings Director Patrick J. Sullivan did his best to share the credit with others as he was honored last week with a lifetime achievement environmental merit award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

I was just very honored and humbled when I got the call from the EPA that the mayor had nominated me for this award and they had chosen me, Sullivan said, during an interview with The Republican at his office at Forest Park. I always had an interest in the field of horticulture and the environment and as I progressed, I tried to make decisions that are basically going to be in the best interest of our environment and for our residents.

Sullivan said credit needs to go to Mayor Domenic J. Sarno for supporting Going Green initiatives, and to municipal employees for the focus on environmental protection and energy efficiency related to city parks, open space and buildings.

Beyond protecting parks, the city continues a major, multi-year effort to improve energy efficiency in city and school buildings, having resulted in a 30 percent decrease in energy use in city buildings since 2007, Sullivan said.

Sullivan said he is perhaps most proud of the organic lawn care program in the city, in which the city has reduced the use of synthetic fertilizers in city fields and parks, by replacing them with organic products. The synthetic fertilizers have chemicals that leach into the groundwater and ultimately enter the rivers and streams, he said.

Sullivan continues to work on developing plans for a public education program on the impacts of synthetic fertilizers, officials said.

The EPA summary said that Sarno, in nominating Sullivan described Patrick's steadfast work to build an environmentally friendly community.

Sullivan, a Springfield native and resident, has worked for 33 years for the city including as director of parks, buildings and recreation management.

During his career, Sullivan has spearheaded more than \$80 million in park construction projects, has helped improve ponds and lakes, and has overseen more than \$500 million in school renovation projects including roofs, windows, boilers and environ-

mental management systems, the summary said.

Sarno, in a prepared release, congratulated Sullivan on a well-earned and deserved lifetime achievement award. He called Sullivan his point person on Going Green initiatives in Springfield.

"Pat has always been my 'Green Person,'" Sarno said. His visionary and practical leadership has not only been good for our environment, but also the bottom line of our budget too.

Sullivan said that working within Forest Park is a dream job in itself. He recalled that when he began with the department, the current rose garden area was just a "sunk-en" ground that would fill with water. It was restored to its current beauty, he said.

Some of the buildings were deteriorated and in jeopardy years ago including the Barney Carriage House and old Forest Park Zoo building. The carriage house was fully renovated and the old zoo building is planned as a horticultural learning center.

Sullivan was one of nine people in New England, including three people in Massachusetts who received the EPA's 2020 Environmental Merit Award—Lifetime Achievement award for his dedication and support of the environment.

Others receiving the Lifetime Achievement award in Massachusetts were Margaret VanDeusen of Boston, and the late Barbara Cianfarini of Pittsfield.

The recipients were honored by teleconference, due to the coronavirus, with Sullivan and Sarno taking part. Those in on remote video call included U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator Dennis Deziel, and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Martin Suuberg.

[From the Springfield Republican]

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
RECOGNITION OF SPRINGFIELD PARKS DIRECTOR  
PATRICK J. SULLIVAN ON THE MARK

(By The Republican Editorials)

More cities and town throughout the U.S. are taking a proactive, measured and coordinated stance toward protecting the environment. As a result, Going Green initiatives have been cropping up to study how power is generated and analyzing energy management systems within municipal buildings and schools. The goal, of course, is to make upgrades and create improvements.

Larger cities, including Chicago, have notable goals. Mayor Lori Lightfoot has embarked on a sustainable energy program within the city to power all city-owned buildings with renewable energy by 2035. Springfield has also been aggressive in partnering with private companies and non-profit agencies to develop measures to cut down on energy usage. With its Climate Action and Resilience Plan, the city has conducted building-by-building surveys to identify areas where improvements to power generation, air quality and lighting that will not only cut down on carbon emissions but save the city millions of dollars.

As a point person in Springfield's Going Green initiatives, City Parks and Building Director Patrick J. Sullivan is instrumental in working with a variety of groups to lead studies and identify and create carbon emission reduction goals. It is notable and commendable that Sullivan was recently honored by the Environmental Protection Agency with a lifetime achievement merit award for his multi-year effort to improve energy efficiency. Sullivan, who has worked for the city for the past 33 years, was one of nine people in New England and three in Massachusetts who received the EPA's 2020 award. Springfield Mayor Domenic J. Sarno said of

Sullivan, his visionary and practical leadership has not only been good for our environment, but also the bottom line of our budget, too.

As a result of a multi-year effort to improve energy efficiency, the city as experienced a 30% decrease in city buildings since 2007.

According to Sullivan, one his proudest achievements is the organic lawn care program in which the city has reduced the use of synthetic fertilizers in city fields, replacing them with organic products, thus protecting rivers and streams from toxic runoff.

Coordination at the local government level to form partnerships with the business community and other agencies to identify and study energy use and develop conservation measures is vital to help reduce carbon emissions. Large and small cities all have role to play. Having an experienced, dedicated person leading these efforts, such as Sullivan, can only get us closer to building an environmentally friendly community.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF REV.  
LONNIE WESLEY OAKS

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Rev. W.L. Oaks, who passed away on August 7 in Oxford, Mississippi.

Born on September 26, 1922, in Lafayette County, Mississippi, Lonnie grew up on a farm before joining the Civilian Conservation Corps at Camp Wall Doxey. He married his childhood sweetheart Frances Paralee Foster in 1941, who he remained married to for 68 years until her death in 2009. From there, Lonnie joined the United States Army and served his country proudly during the second World War. While fighting the Axis Forces in Italy, Lonnie received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Upon his return from the war, Lonnie moved to Union County, Mississippi, where he began preaching at Glenfield Baptist Church. Soon after, he decided to continue his education at Clarke College and Blue Mountain College for pastoral training. He served many churches, including County Line Baptist Church, Carey Springs Baptist Church, and Golden Central Baptist Church, among others.

Most notably, Lonnie served at Golden Central Baptist Church when a devastating fire destroyed it. He lost a lifetime of memorabilia, which included his service medals. Although devastating, the fire did not devastate Lonnie's spirit, he rebuilt the church and continued to serve for many years, becoming known to his friends as Brother Oaks. Lonnie continued to preach across the nation until he was 97. If he were here today, he would tell you: it is well with my soul.

Left to cherish his memory are his children Patsy Diane Oak Williams, Linda Grubbs, and Lonnie Wesley Oaks, Jr.; brother, Dalton Oaks; his grandchildren, his great-grandchildren, as well as many other friends and extended family members.

RECOGNIZING LITTLE ROCK VENTURE CENTER FOR BEING NAMED BEST ENTERPRISE PAYMENTS SOLUTION AND BEST FINTECH PARTNERSHIP

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Venture Center of Little Rock who has recently been awarded the top prize in the Best Fintech Accelerator/Incubator category at the second annual Innovate Awards, an international competition.

The Venture Center, a nonprofit, bested four other finalists chosen by a group of industry professionals from around the globe. Along with the Venture Center winning the top prize, two alumni of the Venture Center's programs received top prizes: The Best Enterprise Payments Solution and Best Fintech Partnership awards.

The Venture Center has proven what happens when local people, organizations, and entrepreneurs collaborate, and they have made Little Rock an epicenter of fintech innovation. I echo Governor Asa Hutchinson, saying, "The Center's successes enhance Arkansas' reputation as a leader in financial technology and computer science."

I am extremely proud of what the Venture Center is doing in Little Rock and beyond and congratulate them on their earned recognition at this year's awards.

COMMUNITY HEROES TRIBUTE

**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and recognize this year's Community Heroes for their life-time record of public service, social activism, and charity. 2020 will be remembered as one of the most unprecedented times in modern history. The COVID-19 pandemic has tested us and forever changed our lives. It has exposed our vulnerabilities but has also given rise to countless community heroes who, amid their own personal challenges, demonstrate courage and resilience.

I am honored to congratulate this year's extraordinary Lower East Side recipients of CODA's Community Hero Awards. Their service is immeasurable, and the residents of my district are enriched and strengthened by their contributions.

Camille Napoleon, Vice-President of the Baruch Houses Tenants Association and a dedicated lifetime resident of the New York's City's Loisaida community and Baruch Houses. When the state issued its stay at home order and the pandemic swept the city, Camille knew her neighbors and community would need help to survive this monumental event. Amidst a notable lack of timely response from the City at the height of the lockdown, Camille and her unstoppable crew of volunteers be-

came a lifeline for residents. Operating six days a week, "Team Camille" delivered thousands of emergency meals, food boxes, and essential protection supplies to quarantined and homebound seniors, unemployed families, and other vulnerable individuals throughout the Lower East Side's public housing developments. Camille's volunteerism and efforts far exceeded expectations. Today, she continues to serve her neighbors and exemplify her passion for the community.

Eric Diaz, Executive Director of Vision Urbana Inc, Food Pantry program. Vision Urbana is a community faith-based led organization dedicated to the underserved families of the Seward Park Extension and its neighboring communities. I recognize Eric Diaz for his leadership and service to the community. The pandemic not only disrupted lives but also the access to the food chain. Constituents in my district encountered empty shelves at local grocery stores and markets. Food insecurity grew to affect a record number of vulnerable residents. Eric swiftly worked to secure and increase resources for the program. Under his leadership, the food pantry program grew to double its distribution and expand its coverage area. It delivered prepared meals and boxed foods to hundreds of seniors and families in need. With his volunteers and partner organizations, Eric and Vision Urbana's pantry program reaffirmed its commitment to its mission and humanity.

Shaheeda Smith, who has devoted her life to empowering NYC residents to reclaim their wellness through her innovative approach to dance and movement therapy. Shaheeda, an advocate from Henry Street Settlement's Community Advisory Board, teamed up with Henry Street and Good Old Lower East Side (GOLES), a neighborhood housing and preservation organization, to create the People's Permit Process, a guide to help community members navigate the city's rules and regulations. When COVID-19 rocked the community with biased and violent arrests related to social-distancing regulations enforcement, this civil rights activist interceded. Armed with extensive knowledge in the constitutional right to assemble peacefully, Shaheeda emerged as a bold voice for these victims of unwarranted excessive police force. Journalists and activists have documented numerous excessive force cases related to protests or simply for not wearing a mask. I am proud to know that Shaheeda was proactive and recognized that these actions are unacceptable.

Frances Goldin, posthumously, was known as "the Crusader for the Lower East Side". Frances had an interesting life as a staunch lifetime advocate and defender of housing, social and civil rights. As early as 1959, she launched a successful campaign that defeated Robert Moses' urban renewal plan to replace affordable housing in the Lower Eastside with a freeway. She was a founding member of the Metropolitan Council on Housing and was a strong defender of the displaced families of Seward Park Urban Renewal area. Her activism was instrumental in ensuring affordable housing for seniors at the newly developed Essex Crossings. In 2019, the 100-unit senior development was named The Goldin in her honor. Frances was also a literary agent who gave a voice to countless aspiring progressive writers who probably never would have their

works printed without her support. Lastly, Frances was a proud advocate and champion for the LGBTQ community. She was iconic for attending New York City's Pride Parade. Before her passing, she was pictured in the papers at the parade on her wheelchair. Despite her unfortunate passing at the peak of the pandemic, her legacy lives on through her children and the many lives she touched over the years. At the time her passing the New York Times called her a "... protester, provocateur and voice for lost causes." Frances was that and more, she was a trailblazer and a woman on a lifetime mission for justice. The Lower East Side community will forever remember Frances Goldin.

HONORING TERRANCE J. FULP,  
PH.D

**HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Terrance J. Fulp as he retires after more than three decades of federal service. We honor Dr. Fulp for his lifetime of public service to our country and to the tens of millions of Americans who rely on the Colorado River for water and call the West home.

For the last eight years, Dr. Fulp has served as the Lower Colorado Regional Director for the United States Bureau of Reclamation. As Regional Director, Dr. Fulp is responsible for implementing the Secretary of the Interior's water master functions for the last 350 miles of the Colorado River—from Lake Mead to Mexico—including operation of the iconic Hoover Dam. Dr. Fulp brought a level of professionalism and technical expertise to the basin that was only matched by his ability to work across state, basin and national boundaries in the water sector with multiple stakeholders. These stakeholders of States, Tribes, water agencies, non-governmental groups—in both the U.S. and Mexico—saw a partner in Terry—and oftentimes left the negotiating table as his friends. He leaves a legacy in the basin that future leaders can only aspire to reach.

Dr. Fulp's tenure has been highlighted by his successful efforts in the management of the Colorado River. They include the 2007 Guidelines for Lake Powell and Lake Mead, Minutes 319 and 323 to the Mexican Water Treaty of 1944, the 2019 Drought Contingency Plan across the seven Colorado River Basin States, and a Memorandum of Understanding on the Salton Sea. I am especially grateful for Dr. Fulp's leadership in ensuring the success of the Title XVI Water Reuse and Water Recycling Program. This program has allowed many Southern California water agencies to invest in infrastructure development that meets local water needs, creating nearly 500,000 acre-feet of water in 2018 alone.

Madam Speaker, Terry Fulp has been an invaluable resource to Members of Congress, our staff, and the constituents and water agencies we represent. I ask that our colleagues join me in congratulating Dr. Fulp and wish him and his wife Nadine a rich and rewarding retirement as they head home to Colorado.

RECOGNIZING THE ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE

**HON. HARLEY ROUDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Orange County Veterans and Military Families Collaborative for its outstanding service to the veterans and military families of Orange County, California. This organization, a commendable group of dedicated professionals and volunteers, embodies the spirit of collaboration and demonstrates the power of our community to come together and solve our toughest challenges.

Established in 2012 by a small, passionate group of Vietnam War Veterans, who answered yet another call of duty, the Collaborative helps to connect veterans, active duty and reserve service members, and military families across Orange County to quality benefits, services, and community-based opportunities.

Today, the Collaborative consists of nearly 120 member organizations, including businesses, government offices at the federal, state and local levels, non-profits, and officials from the Veterans Administration. The Collaborative serves the Orange County veteran community through eleven focus groups—dealing with critical topics like homelessness, education, and employment—and other efforts, such as a task force that works with older veterans.

The Collaborative works to ensure all veterans have a place to call home by helping veterans to secure HUD-VASH benefits and by filling the gaps for veterans where federal resources are unable to compensate. Their Housing Working Group monitors the by-name list of homeless veteran populations in Orange County and deploys rapid responses to veterans facing homelessness. Their Housing Group has also worked to house over 100 veterans and their families over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition, the Collaborative has made meaningful progress towards addressing the tragedy of suicide among our veterans. In 2019, the Collaborative partnered with America's Warrior Partnership to conduct Operation Deep Dive, a forensic study on the causes of veteran suicides and self-harm. Their commitment to finding solutions to these issues reminds us of Congress' own duty and the urgent need to support veteran groups working on this issue.

In 2018, the Collaborative was recognized as the Community Veteran Engagement Board for Orange County by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, deepening their role as an integral part of the Orange County community.

I ask all Members join me in honoring the Orange County Veterans and Military Families Collaborative for their work on behalf of over 130,000 Orange County veterans and their families.

HONORING JOSÉ ROLANDO VILLAREAL, J.D.

**HON. TJ COX**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. José Rolando Villareal, J.D. whose story of success and achievement is a true testament to all that is possible here in America. Throughout his life, Mr. Villareal has been a shining example of the immigrant experience in our country through his perseverance, tenacious spirit, and service to others.

Mr. Villareal and his three sisters were born to Jose Maria and Elisa Villarreal in the border city of Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico and immigrated with his family to the United States as a young child. The family originally arrived in Eagle Pass, Texas then, like so many other migrant farmworker families, lived in various states following the harvest until eventually settling in San Jose, California. There in Silicon Valley, Mr. Villareal was able to become the first in his family to attend college. He earned his bachelor's degree from San Jose State University and then earned his Juris Doctorate from Santa Clara University School of Law.

Mr. Villareal then began his professional career in the Central Valley, where he served in various capacities focused on improving the lives of vulnerable, underserved communities in the region. He served as chief public defender in Fresno County for eight years and as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the California Rural Legal Assistance, an organization that has transformed the lives of thousands of working families and immigrant communities. Mr. Villareal has also served his community as Mayor of Sanger, California, where he led efforts to spur economic development and strengthen public safety.

Our history as a nation of immigrants is rich with countless stories of struggle and success. Like many child immigrants, Mr. Villareal spent much of his life striving to secure a foothold in our country and achieve the American Dream. Though his experiences as an immigrant were never easy, he persevered and achieved his ultimate goal of successfully gaining U.S. citizenship. Throughout his career, Mr. Villareal endeavored to encourage other immigrants to strive for this goal and has become a role model for his community.

Mr. Villareal has become a source of pride for his wife Enriqueta and their four children Rolando, Adrian, Alejandro, and Meliza, who have all supported him in sharing the story of his life via a published memoir. His lifetime of accomplishments has been rooted in his deep commitment to service. His dedication to the Central Valley's immigrant community and personal mission to improve the lives of others perfectly exemplifies the virtues of American society.

Madam Speaker it is my privilege to recognize Mr. Villareal and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his exemplary commitment to achieving the American Dream.

RECOGNIZING JULIE OLSON FOR BEING AWARDED THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN EDUCATORS FOUNDATION AND ARKANSAS STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION COVID-19 GRANT

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Julie Olson, an educator from Woodrow Cummins Elementary in Conway, AR. Julie has been awarded the Association of American Educators Foundation and Arkansas State Teachers Association COVID-19 grant.

Ms. Olson will use this special grant to buy robotic kits for her kindergarten through second grade students. Julie's had great success with these kits in the past and receiving more will enable every student to have their own kit in a socially distanced classroom.

Incorporating technology with traditional learning keeps her students engaged and eager to learn. Her proactive curriculum adaptation allows students to benefit from hands-on, experimental learning despite an unprecedented classroom setting.

I congratulate Julie for receiving this grant, and I know she is making her community proud. I thank Julie for her innovative methods in educating Arkansas' students.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, for personal reasons, I was unable to vote on Wednesday, September 30, 2020.

Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 213; NAY on Roll Call No. 212; YEA on Roll Call No. 211; NAY on Roll Call No. 210; and YEA on Roll Call No. 209.

TRIBUTE TO MR. MICHAEL FEINSTEIN

**HON. DAVID J. TRONE**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. TRONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of CEO & President of The Bender JCC of Greater Washington, who is stepping down this month.

For nearly 15 years, Michael Feinstein has served as the CEO & President of the Bender JCC of Greater Washington. On Oct 30, 2020, Michael is stepping down as the CEO & President of the Bender JCC of Greater Washington.

Michael's success was grounded in his unwavering dedication and exceptional skill. Prior to becoming the CEO, he served as the Chief Operating Officer of the Center for three years.

However, Michael's life of service did not begin with the Bender JCC. Michael has over

25 years of experience as both a consultant to and leader of entrepreneurial businesses and nonprofit organizations.

As an executive coach he has helped leaders manage change and create a new, more successful future for themselves and their organizations. He has owned and managed businesses in the manufacturing, service, and high-tech industries, and served in a variety of lay leadership roles in community and nonprofit organizations before becoming a Jewish communal professional.

Throughout his career, Michael has led by example as a friendly but resolute face on the Bender JCC rounds and beyond. Time and time again, Michael has established himself as a pivotal figure within the community. His ability and commitment showed every single day through his presence at the corridors of the preschool, the Fitness Center, the indoor and outdoor pools, through his personal attention to the campers and their families, the special attention to the inclusion campers, members, through the multiple fundraising events, and the enormous amount Board Meetings and Committee meetings.

Please join me in thanking Mr. Michael Feinstein for his incredible service to the Bender JCC of Greater Washington and to the Community at large.

RECOGNIZING DR. PETE MOURANI,  
ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S RESEARCH INSTITUTE PRESIDENT

### HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Dr. Pete Mourani, who, after a nationwide search, has been named the fifth president of Arkansas Children's Research Institute and senior vice president and chief research officer. Dr. Mourani also serves as a professor of pediatrics and pediatric critical care in the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Dr. Mourani previously served as medical director of Children's Hospital Clinical Research Organization and most recently, the medical director of Children's Hospital Colorado Research Institute.

Dr. Mourani was named the Ross and Mary Whipple Family Distinguished Research Scientist Endowed Chair at Arkansas Children's.

I am confident that children and their families will find the best care possible under Dr. Mourani's leadership, and I congratulate him on his new role.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
WILLIAM E. TABOR, JR.

### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of the late William E. Tabor Jr., who fought for our country during World War II.

William was born to William E. Tabor, Sr. and Clara Watts Tabor of Lobutchka. After

graduating from Lobutchka High School, William joined the Army and was sent to the Philippine Islands where he was stationed at Clark Field, Manila. When the Japanese attacked Clark Field, William endured a shrapnel wound to the side, which would leave him partially disabled for the remainder of his life.

Even so, William kept fighting and forging forward. When the Army moved to the Bataan Peninsula as one last stand against the Japanese, William was promoted to corporal and would receive the battlefield promotion to Sergeant. Sergeant Tabor would spend three years and five months as a Prisoner of War to the Japanese surviving the infamous Bataan Death March and Malaria.

William was honorably discharged in May of 1946 and was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters, two Bronze Star Medals, the Philippine Defense Medal, the Prisoner of War Medal, and many other decorations. In April of 2020, as a result of his extraordinary service, he was issued his third Bronze Star Medal.

After the war, William returned to Mississippi where he married Frances Johnson and had four children: the late Charlotte Tabor, William E. Tabor III, Brenda Tabor Hunt, and Mary Martha Tabor.

William's life was one of service, grace, and love for his family and community, and his commitment to our country will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING LEROY KREBS 100TH BIRTHDAY AND HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY

### HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I'm honored to congratulate Leroy Krebs on the occasion of his 100th Birthday, and for his years of service to the American Legion, the Susquehannock High School, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States of America.

Mr. Krebs was born on June 17, 1920, in Glen Rock, Pennsylvania. He served in the United States Army Air Corps from December 1, 1942 to February 2, 1946, as a bombardier instructor for B-24 Bombers. He left active service at the rank of First Lieutenant, after earning the American Theater Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. He served with the 2519th Base Unit in Ft Worth, Texas, and remained in the United States Air Force Reserve until he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel upon 38 years of uniformed service.

He graduated from Temple University, and taught and coached basketball at Glen Rock (now Susquehannock) High School. He later became the school principal, and for 14 years worked at the School until retiring in 1978.

In addition to Leroy's military service, teaching, coaching and serving as principal, Leroy was a Master of the Shrewsbury Masonic Lodge and an active member and former commander of Austin Grove Post 455 of the American Legion. Leroy also was a proud member of the Glen Rock Carolers for 35 years.

Today, Leroy lives independently at Normandie Ridge retirement community.

I'm truly honored and humbled to congratulate Mr. Leroy Krebs on turning 100 Years

Young, and for his tireless, selfless, dedicated, and distinguished service to the American Legion, Susquehannock High School, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States of America.

CONGRATULATING DR. JOYCE E. WIPF ON RECEIVING THE WORTHEN CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise to congratulate Joyce E. Wipf, M.D. on receiving the 2020 Worthen Career Achievement Award, which recognizes her as an outstanding health professions trainee education champion whose lifetime contributions have profoundly advanced and impacted the educational mission of the Veterans Health Administration.

Dr. Wipf is a first-generation college graduate who always wanted to be a teacher. She found ways to integrate her passion for teaching with her career in medicine. While completing her medical residency she began developing the Resident to Teacher curriculum to help second-year residents become better educators. Now, nearly 30 years later, Resident to Teacher programs continue to help residents in hospitals across the country.

Dr. Wipf also led the effort to establish VA Puget Sound's Center of Excellence in Primary Care with the University of Washington School of Medicine and School of Nursing. The Center of Excellence takes an interdisciplinary approach to improving health care services for Veterans by creating a collaborative program that includes a range of fields and experience from internal medicine to social work and interns to fellows.

Veterans who receive their medical care from the VA Puget Sound Health Care System are very lucky to have someone who has dedicated their career to improving health care services for our nation's veterans, while simultaneously preparing the next generation of health professionals. It is truly remarkable that Dr. Wipf has combined her passion for teaching and medicine so effectively.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Dr. Joyce Wipf on receiving the 2020 Worthen Career Achievement Award and thank her for improving health care for all Veterans.

THE COMPREHENSIVE BREAST RECONSTRUCTION ACT OF 2020

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Comprehensive Breast Reconstruction Act of 2020. This bill would provide breast cancer patients the option to have comprehensive reconstruction, including nipple-areola complex tattooing.

Approximately 275,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year. As surgical options have improved in

recent decades, the number of women pursuing breast reconstruction has continued to increase. In 2019 alone, 107,238 breast reconstructive procedures were performed in the United States—a 36 percent increase since 2000 when 78,832 procedures were performed. Post-mastectomy breast reconstruction is now universally recognized as a gold standard component of comprehensive breast cancer treatment. Breast reconstruction has been proven to significantly improve a woman's psychological and physical well-being, providing self-assurance, and affording women a new beginning.

The final stage of breast reconstruction surgery is to the nipple-areolar complex. This results in fully restoring the breast to a natural, symmetric appearance. This is achieved by a combination of tattooing with or without the addition of a surgical procedure to create a nipple. At times, tattooing is the only option for nipple-areolar reconstruction in patients that may have damaged tissue due to radiation therapy or simply want to avoid an additional surgical procedure. Most commonly, nipple-areolar tattooing is performed in a surgeon's office if a woman selects to have tattooing performed, which is not always the case. However, plastic and reconstructive surgeons are increasingly recognizing that professional tattoo artists can achieve superior results, including an impressively realistic 3-D nipple-areola complex tattoo. The price of tattooing can start at approximately \$400 for a single breast and reach as high as \$1,000 for both breasts.

Greater standardization of insurance coverage for nipple-areolar reconstruction across insurance carriers is needed. In order to achieve this consistency, we need to amend the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA), within the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Further, we need to enhance the requirements for Medicare and Medicaid through the Social Security Act to protect a woman's right to comprehensive breast reconstruction, including nipple-areola complex tattooing.

My bill will:

Amend the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA) to state that nipple-areola complex tattooing is medical necessary and is a part of breast reconstruction;

Amend the Social Security Act to require Medicare to follow the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998;

Amend the Social Security Act to add licensed tattoo artists to the list of Medicare providers; and

Amend the Social Security Act to require Medicaid to add nipple-areola complex tattooing (as medically necessary) to the list of required services each State must offer relating to breast cancer reconstruction.

Madam Speaker, as you know, breast cancer can affect not only a woman's physical well-being, but also her psychological well-being. Considering the significant role psychological factors can play in patients' overall well-being, it is essential that comprehensive breast reconstruction, including nipple-areola complex tattooing be required coverage by group health insurance companies, Medicare, and Medicaid.

I urge my colleagues to assist women in their fight against breast cancer by supporting this important legislation.

HONORING THE FORDHAM UNIVERSITY HENRY C. RAVAZZIN CENTER ON AGING AND INTERGENERATIONAL STUDIES

### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great American institution of research and higher learning.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Fordham University Henry C. Ravazzin Center on Aging and Intergenerational Studies. The Henry C. Ravazzin Center on Aging and Intergenerational Studies is nationally recognized for its strong partnerships with community organizations to enhance research and evaluation initiatives. The Center has been recognized for empowering students, professionals, and communities to address the needs of older adults and their families through practice, policy, and research.

The Center's work focuses on a broad range of impact areas including Social Work Education, Health Care, Interprofessional Practice, Palliative Care, Intergenerational Care, Community Program Evaluation, Foster Care and Family Supports, Loneliness and Social Isolation.

The Center was established in 1995 by the Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service under the leadership of the former Dean, Dr. Mary Ann Quaranta, and Dr. Irene Gutheil, the first chair of the Center on Aging and Intergenerational Studies. Dean Dr. Debra McPhee has led the Center since 2013, overseeing recent expansions of study and services along with Endowed Chairwoman, Dr. Janna Heyman.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in officially recognizing the Fordham University Henry C. Ravazzin Center on Aging and Intergenerational Studies in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for its significant contributions to an improved quality of life for older adults and their families over the past 25 years.

Go Rams.

RECOGNIZING MARK JAGO'S SERVICE AS THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE DEPUTY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I'm honored to congratulate Mark Jago on culminating his service as the Pennsylvania State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus on June 30, 2020, and for his years of service to the U.S. Army, the Parish of St. Patrick in Carlisle, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States of America.

State Deputy (SD) Jago joined the Order as a member of Cardinal Gibbons Council 2838 in Fayetteville, NC, in 1983. In 1992, he moved to Carlisle, Pennsylvania and transferred into St. Patrick Council 4057, where he became an active member.

In 1994, SD Jago was elected Grand Knight and, under his leadership, the Council

achieved Star Council. He then served as a Trustee for three years, and as Financial Secretary for ten years. An active supporter of the Pro-Life cause, he established his Council's annual bus trip to the March for Life in 1993, and continues to serve as the trip's Bus Captain. Recently, he chaired the Council's Ultrasound Initiative Campaign, which provided a system for the Carlisle Area Family Life Center. SD Jago received the Star Council Membership and Star Council Insurance Awards for the 2015–2016 Fraternal Year.

SD Jago has held numerous fraternal offices within the Order, to include: District Deputy, Harrisburg; Diocesan Chapter President; Central East Regional Chairman; State Free Throw and Soccer Chairman; and State Family Director. In 2005, he was elected as a delegate to the Supreme Convention in Chicago. He served as State Secretary in the O'Connor Administration from 2006 to 2008. For the past 25 years, he's been a member of six CE State Convention Committees. In May 2018, he was Co-Chairman—and Registration Chair—of the 120th Annual State Convention, where he was elected State Deputy.

In 1993, SD Jago became a member of the Fourth Degree by joining the Bishop J. W. Shanahan Assembly 917 in Harrisburg. The following year, he was elected Faithful Navigator of that Assembly and became an active member of its Color Corps. Ten years later, he helped form the St. Martin of Tours Assembly 2708 in Carlisle, and served as the inaugural Faithful Navigator for three years. Following that, he served as its Color Corps Commander for four years. In addition to these positions, he served six years as the Harrisburg Diocesan Coordinator for the Fourth Degree. Currently, he is an Assistant Marshal for the Pennsylvania East District.

SD Jago enjoys ceremonial work, traveling to various parts of our jurisdiction, and meeting new members and his Brother Knights. He is certified on all four degree teams. He is Chancellor for the Admission and Formation Degrees, Conferring Officer for the Knighthood Degree, and Narrator for the Patriotic Degree.

For six and a half years, SD Jago served the Brother Knights and their families on an almost daily basis, as a Field Agent for the Mitchell Agency. He earned the designation of Fraternal Insurance Counselor. In addition to SD Jago's impressive service and contributions to the Knights of Columbus, he's also served in our military. SD Jago is a retired U.S. Army Officer, Master Paratrooper, and Canadian Jumpmaster. He served in a variety of Airborne and Special Operations assignments. He was awarded the Honduran Parachutist Badge during Operation Golden Pheasant in 1988. He prepared the intelligence plan for the invasion of Panama in December 1989. A Veteran of the Persian Gulf War, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. As Pentagon Crisis Action Team Chief, he was commended for coordinating military support to civilian authorities during the Oklahoma City Bombing and numerous natural disasters. His patriotism includes membership in the Central PA Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, the Corporal Orlando Newcomer VFW Post 477, and the Fr. Kritchen Post 1342 of the Catholic War Veterans of America.

SD Jago is an active member of St. Patrick's Parish. He taught Confirmation classes for the Religious Education Program, and served three years on the Parish Council. As

Council president, he was involved in the planning and fund raising for the Parish Activity Center. As a member of the Foreign Mission Team, he performed volunteer work in Jamaica. SD Jago is involved with "That Man Is You" and "Christ Renews His Parish." Frequently, he is a greeter at Mass, sells bottled water for the missions, and sells sub sandwiches for the Council. Finally, he is part of the kitchen crew for his Council's pancake breakfast and spaghetti dinner fundraisers, as well as other ministries. His wife, Janis, volunteers at the St. Patrick School where she prepares school lunches.

Mark and Janis have been married for forty-seven years. They have three daughters and eight grandchildren, all of whom live in the Carlisle area. They enjoy camping and monthly dinners with their family.

Madam Speaker, I'm honored to congratulate SD Jago for his tireless work and distinguished service to the Knights of Columbus, St. Patrick's Parish, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING FIREFIGHTERS TOM MARTIN AND TIM KENDEL

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Tom Martin and Tim Kendel, who have tirelessly served the Higginson Fire Department. Both will receive a special ceremony to honor their contribution to the station and their community.

Tom Martin has served as the department's chaplain and has always been available to the crew during times of personal crisis and offered his wisdom and spiritual guidance. He's been just as available to the community itself through assistance with tornado and fire relief. His willingness and selflessness to the crew could never go unrecognized.

Tom Kendel has been a pillar of the Higginson Fire Department, as he has been a firefighter since the founding of the department in 1978. The department plans to celebrate Mr. Kendel soon with a parade to honor his service to the town of Higginson.

I thank Tom and Tim for their constant work to protect their community, and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MIKE BAKER

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mike Baker who recently retired as Clay County Clerk after nearly a decade of service to the people of Clay County who elected him to that role in 2010.

Mike's heart for public service was inspired by his aunt, Florence Baker who also served as Clay County Clerk. In fact, his first job in public service was under her watch, when he started working as her Deputy Clerk at the

young age of 19. It was a role he thrived in and maintained under the administration of three other county clerks, encompassing a total of 38 years of service in the Clay County Clerk's office.

Outside of the Clerk's office, Mike and his wife, Linda have been faithful stewards to the community through various philanthropic efforts. Together, they have collected thousands of Christmas Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse, filled with gifts for less fortunate children around the world. Mike has also partnered with the Manchester Baptist Church and Blanket America to collect and distribute more than 10,000 coats for the people of Kentucky's Appalachian region who are most in need during winter months.

As he begins a new chapter of life, I wish Mike many wonderful years of retirement with his family.

HONORING THE CAREER OF JANE GOFF

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Jane Goff, a lifelong educator who will be retiring from the Colorado State Board of Education after 12 years as the representative from the 7th Congressional District. Jane's dedication to education for the State of Colorado made a significant impact which will last for years to come.

A native of Colorado, Jane graduated from Jefferson County Public Schools where she would later spend 34 years as a French and Spanish teacher. During this time, Jane coordinated the district's first Administrator and Teacher Performance Pay Pilots, served on the Jeffco PTA Board of Directors, and helped design the Links for Learning program, a teacher-employer partnership between the Jeffco Schools and the West Chamber of Commerce. She also served as the Coordinator of World Languages and International Student Exchange, as President of the Jefferson County Education Association (JCEA) and as Vice-President of the Colorado Education Association (CEA), and four years as Vice President for Education on the Jefferson Symphony Board of Directors. Jane's hard work and dedication serving the Jefferson County School District leaves a lasting legacy.

After the Columbine High School tragedy, Jane was frequently consulted on school safety and crisis response providing a teacher's perspective to a variety of local, state, and national audiences.

After her retirement from Jefferson County Public Schools in 2006, Jane worked as a legislative aide for the Colorado House of Representatives. Jane was first elected to the Colorado State Board of Education in 2008 representing the 7th Congressional District and was re-elected in 2014. From 2010–2016, Jane was a member of the original Governors' P-20 and Education Leadership Councils. She served as a member of the National Association of State Boards of Education's (NASBE) Board of Directors for three years before being elected President of that association in 2014. In 2018, she received NASBE's Distinguished

Service Award which honors current and former state board members who have made exceptional contributions to education.

Currently, Jane is the Colorado Board of Education's liaison to the Gifted Education State Advisory Committee, and liaison to Colorado's Teacher of the Year and Milken Family Teaching Award selection committees. She is also the Board's appointed Democratic contact to the state legislature, and Colorado's representative to NASBE's Government Affairs Committee.

Jane has worked side by side with students, educators, and me to help improve outcomes for students and our entire community. She leaves a lasting legacy for Colorado's students and she will be dearly missed on the State of Board of Education. Jane, thank you for your friendship, your partnership, and your service to public education and to the State of Colorado. I wish you the best in your retirement.

IN MEMORY OF GREGG WILLIAM WINTERS

**HON. GREG PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of fallen Muncie Police Officer Gregg William Winters. Officer Winters was tragically killed in the line of duty on January 8, 1991 at the young age of 32.

Gregg Winters was born on February 25, 1958 to parents Ezra "Zeke" and Beverly Snyder Winters. A lifelong resident of Muncie, he attended Muncie schools, graduating from Southside High School in 1976. He had worked for Wise's Food Market and Motion Industries before joining the Muncie Police Department in 1986. He graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in 1987. He attended Shawnee Heights Baptist Church and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

On December 28, 1990, Officer Winters was responding to the scene of an alleged public intoxication. Officer Winters was transporting the subject to the Delaware County Jail when the man pulled out a concealed weapon and executed Officer Winters in cold blood. Officer Winters was struck five times. He bravely battled his injuries for eleven days before succumbing to his wounds.

Officer Winters served courageously for four years on the Muncie Police Department. Those that served with him describe a wonderful and brave man who always put his community first.

As the thirty-year anniversary of Officer Winters' death approaches, I want to let his widow Molly and two sons Kyle and Brock know that we are forever grateful for Officer Winters' service and his memory will always live on.

God bless.

HONORING TOMMIE MABRY, PH.D.

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding

public servant, Tommie Mabry, Ph.D. A native of Jackson, Mississippi, Mabry grew up in the Midtown neighborhood and rose from humble beginnings.

He is the founder and CEO of Tommie Mabry Company. As an advocate for education and student success, his goal is to provide insight to educators on factors that often hamper access to academic achievement. Mabry has traveled across the United States speaking about the importance of student investment and development.

As a first-generation high school graduate, he embarked on his undergraduate journey at Tougaloo College receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education in 2011 and a Master of Arts in Child Development in 2017. He is the Best-Selling author of two books: *A Dark Journey to a Light Future* and *If Tommie Can Do It, We Can Do It*.

Despite many obstacles and distractions, Mabry has been determined to better himself in order to give back to his community and others. He recently received his Ph.D. in Higher Education from Jackson State University.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Tommie Mabry, Ph.D.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF  
THOMAS R. COOPER

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Thomas Regan Cooper, who passed away peacefully on September 22, 2020.

Thomas's life began on March 13, 1943 in Vicksburg, Mississippi. He was raised in Anguilla, MS, where he graduated from high school before attending Mississippi State University.

Shortly after his graduation from college, Thomas moved north to New Albany to start a career in management for Futorian Manufacturing Company. His devotion to his community and commitment to public service began soon thereafter, as he was elected Alderman of Ward One in 1981, a role he served three terms. After his tenure as an Alderman, he was then Mayor and Chancery Clerk of New Albany until his retirement in 2008.

Thomas's dedication to service and love for his town went far beyond the parameters of his official roles. He was a volunteer fireman for more than 30 years and a member of countless clubs, societies, charitable organizations, and boards. He balanced these many responsibilities all while being a private business co-owner of Custom Alloys Corporation and devout member of First United Methodist Church.

No less important than his community impact was his remarkable character. Thomas was a loving father, husband, grandfather, and friend, known for his unmatched integrity, friendliness, and unwavering desire to serve.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Gloria of 54 years; his son, William Thomas Cooper; his daughter, Mary Katherine Cooper; his two brothers, Herman and Bill Cooper, and many other family members.

Thomas R. Cooper's life was one of service, grace, and love for his family and community.

He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

HONORING BILL CARPENTIER ON  
50 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. SMITH of Washington, Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise to recognize William "Bill" Carpentier on 50 years of combined service to his country, both as an active duty military member and a civil servant as a Veterans Affairs (VA) employee; He has reached a truly remarkable milestone.

Bill was originally drafted into the military in 1969 at 19 years old, and when his country called on him to serve, he didn't shy away from the opportunity. He chose the Air Force and left for Naval Utility School in 1970 where he graduated with top honors. Bill went on to serve for eight years working in missile facility sites around the world.

After his time in the military, Bill began a career of civil service accepting a job working on the flight line at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma. In 1980, he started his first job at the VA and eventually landed a position back in his home state of Washington. He currently is a plumber on the Facilities Management Services team where his work is essential in keeping the building operating properly for the veterans and staff.

During his time with the VA, Bill has had the chance to work on projects, with the Wall of Heroes being one of which he is most proud of. The Wall of Heroes reminds patients, visitors, staff and volunteers of the sacrifice, valor, bravery and heroism all Puget Sound veterans have.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely thank Bill Carpentier for dedicating the last 50 years serving our country and its veterans. This is an incredible achievement that few have achieved.

IN MEMORY OF ROSANA CHANOU

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mrs. Rosana Chanou, a Cambodian American community leader and constituent in my 47th Congressional District, who passed away on September 22, 2020 in Long Beach, California.

Born in 1951 in the Kampong Cham Province of Cambodia, Mrs. Rosana Chanou spent her childhood in the capital, Phnom Penh. In 1972, she passed the Cambodian National Baccalaureate II Exam. Rosana dreamed about studying abroad in the United States with its world class education. Within a year, she successfully acquired a student visa, bid farewell to family and friends, and began a journey to pursue her ambition.

Rosana arrived in the United States with just \$200 in her pocket. She worked several minimum wage jobs to support herself while

attending school and tirelessly practicing her English. In 1975, when the Khmer Rouge overtook Cambodia, she was granted asylum status to remain in America. Rosana attended Montgomery College in Rockville, Maryland, and then obtained a scholarship to study at the American University in Washington D.C. In 1979, she received her BS in Computer Science, married her college sweetheart Pasin, and moved to California to join her family who were able to escape the Khmer Rouge.

Rosana became a U.S. citizen in 1984. She went on to achieve a long and illustrious career as a software engineer. As an Asian-American woman in the early years of the computer industry, she overcame barriers such as racial and sexual discrimination with her programming talents and tenacious personality. Rosana began working for the Boeing Company in Long Beach in 1986 and retired in 2015 after three decades with the company.

Rosana and Pasin Chanou are proud parents to three children: Diana, Ryan, and Ronald. They instilled in their children the values of hard work, education, and family. They encouraged their children to be progressive and forward-thinking while also remembering the wise lessons of tradition. All three of their children completed their college education at the University of California, began their successful careers, and started families of their own. Rosana loved playing with her grandchildren, showing them how to make 3D origami, blowing bubbles, and picking exotic fruits and flowers together around the vast garden that she maintained. She also loved to travel to places all around the world such as Australia, France, Canada, the Bahamas, Alaska, Hawaii, and numerous countries throughout Asia. She has traveled back to Cambodia several times to visit friends and family, showed her children where she grew up, gave back to her home country, and witnessed the amazing development it has gone through despite its tragic history.

In addition to her personal success and achievements, Rosana Chanou was a community activist and leader. She volunteered for events such as the Special Summer Olympics, Long Beach Marathon, NCCJ Peace Walk, and LA Heart-Walk. She ardently championed Cambodian arts and culture by inviting Cambodian artists to perform at the Asian Pacific Heritage Month celebration. She generously donated to various Cambodian community organizations such as Cambodia Town, Inc., Cam-CC, and Khmer Arts Academy. In 2001, she co-founded the Cambodia Town Initiative Task Force (CTITF), whose mission was to officially designate a section of the Anaheim street corridor in Lon Beach as Cambodia Town, in honor of Cambodian Americans who transformed the neighborhood into a vibrant community. In 2005, CTITF was restructured as a nonprofit known as Cambodia Town, Inc. Rosana served as the First Vice-Chair of the organization. Both Rosana and Pasin were major donors to the Long Beach Mark Twain Neighborhood Library's "Cambodia Town" Community Room, and proud sponsors sofa Cambodia Town street sign.

Rosana was multi-talented. She provided tremendous support to Cambodia Town, Inc. at all levels. She designed pamphlets and booklets, organized parades, and conducted signature drives. She used her love of cooking to build team spirit, hosting meetings in her



kitchen while serving her signature Cambodia Town Noodles. She was an active member of community organizations such as Cam-CC, which organizes the annual Cambodian New Year Celebration, and the Long Beach-Phnom Penh Sister Cities, which promotes trades, cultures, education, and humanitarian services between Cambodia and the United States.

Rosana Chanou was a remarkable woman, mother, grandmother, and community leader. She would always warm the hearts of those around her with her creative passion, caring demeanor and infectious energy. With her passing, it is a true loss to the Cambodian American community. On behalf of the people of the 47th Congressional District, I offer my deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Rosana Chanou, her husband Pasin, and all of their children and grandchildren. May we continue to serve the community in honor of the memories and dedication of Rosana Chanou.

RECOGNIZING THE KANAGAWA  
CITRUS COMPANY

**HON. TJ COX**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Kanagawa family of Sanger, California, who for three generations have operated the Kanagawa Citrus Company. The Kanagawa Citrus Company, commonly known as the Sanger Nursery, has been an institution in their community for over one hundred years.

T.Y. Kanagawa immigrated from Japan to California in the early 1900s in pursuit of the American Dream. He incorporated the Kanagawa Citrus Company with the State of California in 1907.

The Kanagawa family's small business has thrived over the years despite many challenges including the internment of T.Y. Kanagawa, his spouse Jitsuyo, and their son Robert Kanagawa during World War II. It was in the camp that Robert met his spouse, Yuki, who also joined the family business.

During the family's internment, their neighbors—the William Boes family—watched over and protected their property. Upon the family's release from the camp, the Kanagawas continued their work to serve their community and grow the company. T.Y. and his two sons, Robert and Jerry, focused their efforts towards meeting the needs of California's growing agricultural industry and the company grew steadily, with Jerry managing the day-to-day operations and Robert maintaining the books and finances.

Robert's son, Dallas, was the third generation of the Kanagawa family to manage the company, took over in the 1980s. Known for friendly, personalized service, Dallas Kanagawa and his staff continued providing fruit trees, hardware, and much needed agriculture supplies to farmers in Fresno County and throughout the Central Valley.

Today, the Kanagawa Citrus Company serves as many as 350 farmers, many of which have relied on the Kanagawa Citrus Company over all three generations. Now, after proudly serving Valley farmers for over 30 years, Dallas Kanagawa looks forward to a happy retirement with his lovely wife, Paula.

The Central Valley will remember the Kanagawa family and their service to the 21st Congressional District with pride.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
JUDGE DOUGLAS FAHL

**HON. JIM BANKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Whitley Superior Judge Douglas Fahl.

As a practicing attorney of nearly 25 years, Judge Fahl's record of public service is nothing short of exceptional.

Having practiced law in the United States for over 20 years, Judge Fahl has also been called upon to represent military law across the world, including Guantanamo Bay and Iraq.

In Whitley County, Judge Fahl spearheaded a new veterans treatment court program. Through the program, jurisdictions serve a large segment of the veteran population involved in the criminal justice system. The program has long fostered a better understanding between judges and the issues with which veterans, often casualties of war, struggle. So successful in Whitley County was this program that two neighboring county's court systems now direct qualifying veterans to Judge Fahl.

In September 2020, Judge Fahl was appointed the Indiana National Guard's very first certified military judge. Few men were more qualified for such an appointment. Brig. Gen. Bobby L. Christine, National Guard adviser to the Judge Advocate General's Corps spoke in support of Judge Fahl's credentials and stated, "Lt. Col. Doug Fahl's selection to serve as military judge for the state of Indiana is proof positive that the rights of those who defend America will be safeguarded. No finer selection for judge could be made."

Judge Fahl has served northeast Indiana, and our Nation, with the highest honor and distinction. This record is a testament to his tireless commitment to the people which make our country great and ideals to which our Nation strive.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE  
ROBERT STEPHEN "BOB"  
POYDASHEFF, SR.

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary husband, father, grandfather, soldier, veteran, attorney, public servant, and dear friend of longstanding—Former Mayor of Columbus, Georgia, Colonel Robert Stephen "Bob" Poydasheff, Sr., USA, Ret. Sadly, Bob passed away on Thursday, September 24, 2020. A private family graveside service was held on Saturday, September 26, 2020, at Parkhill Cemetery in Columbus, Georgia, and a memorial service will be held at the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center in Colum-

bus, Georgia on Friday, October 30, 2020 at 3 p.m.

A native of Bronx, New York, Bob was born with an innate determination to excel, which was apparent in virtually every aspect of his life—and especially in his pursuit of education. After completing his primary and secondary education in New York, he earned a B.A. in Political Science from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, in 1954, along with his commission as a Second Lieutenant; earned his Juris Doctorate from Tulane University in Louisiana in 1957; and in 1967, he received an M.A. in International Relations from Boston College. In addition, he attended The Hague Academy of International Law in the Netherlands as well as The Army War College.

He served in the U.S. Army for twenty-four years and retired at the rank of Colonel. He began his distinguished military career as an Infantry Officer and he was a parachutist, serving one combat tour in Vietnam. He then transferred to the Judge Advocate General Corps, where he was prominent in the trials of high-ranking officers involved in the My Lai incident. Bob also served as Legislative Counsel to Secretary of the Army, Howard (Bo) Calloway; Staff Judge Advocate at Ft. Belvoir, VA; and Legal Counsel to the Secretary of the Army and Secretary of Defense on Labor Relations (1955 to 1979). In recognition of his exemplary service to our country, he received the Vietnam Ribbon, Legion of Merit, Commendation Medal, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, and he was elected to the Ranger Hall of Fame. In addition to these prominent awards, he later received the Clara Barton Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Red Cross.

Following his military service, Colonel Poydasheff made Columbus, Georgia his permanent home and entered the private practice of law. Bob loved Columbus, Georgia, and through his leadership, the City of Columbus experienced extraordinary growth and prosperity which stemmed from his terms as a City Counselor from 1994 to 2002 and as Mayor from 2003 to 2007. During his tenure as Mayor, the area gained more than seven thousand new jobs and under his leadership the Columbus Consolidated Government exercised fiscal responsibility resulting in balanced budgets and a surplus. A staunch advocate for equal opportunity and diversity, he made history on February 1, 2005 by appointing the first African American City Manager, The Honorable Isaiah Hugley, who continues to serve the city. That was on top of his membership in a multitude of civic organizations that did positive work, which included: Chattahoochee Valley Citadel Club (President); Chattahoochee Boy Scout Council (Past President); Association of U.S. Army (Past President); Anne Elizabeth Shepherd Home (Past President); Fort Benning Sojourners (Past President); Board of Directors American Red Cross (Past Chairman); Military Affairs Committee, Columbus Chamber of Commerce (Past Chairman); Civilian-Military Council (Past Chairman); Military Order of World Wars (Past Commander); Minority Business Development Council; Black History Month Steering Committee; Urban League (Director); Columbus Lawyer's Club; Georgia Council of the Humanities; Kiwanis Club of Columbus; Leadership Columbus Alumni; Shriner; Scottish Rite; and Masons. He was recently selected for the Order of Saint Maurice for distinguished contribution to

and loyal support of, Infantry, and demonstrating gallant devotion to the principle of selfless service embodied by the American Infantryman. Unfortunately, he passed before he could receive the award, but it will be bestowed posthumously by the National Infantry Association.

During his life, he played many roles, and in each role, he gave it his all. In addition to being a successful attorney, dedicated soldier, and public servant, he was also a published author. His first published work, entitled "A Banana in the Sun", was published in Harper's Magazine in 2006. Yet, in all his roles, he embodied the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. He never stopped serving and advocating for what was right even in the face of criticism. He was a longtime member of the Black History Observance Breakfast Committee in Columbus, and his most recent form of advocacy was on behalf of disadvantaged Veterans with regards to the location of the new VA Clinic in Columbus.

On a personal note, Bob was my friend. He always gave me wise advice and sage counsel. He never told me what I wanted to hear, but he always told me what he felt I needed to hear and always ended with "I love you."

Audrey Hepburn once said, "You have two hands. One to help yourself, the other to help others." Mayor Robert S. "Bob" Poydasheff, Sr. used his hand to help others with an abiding sense of friendship and brotherhood. He will be missed but his legacy will live on through all of those whose lives he touched.

Bob accomplished much in his life, but none of this would have been possible without the Grace of God; the love and support of his wife of more than 60 years, Anastasia "Stacey"; his children, Catherine (deceased) and Robert, Jr.; and a host of family, friends, and loved ones who will miss him deeply.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in paying tribute to The Honorable Robert Stephen "Bob" Poydasheff, Sr., and in extending our deepest condolences to all who mourn his loss during this difficult time of bereavement. Moreover, we pray that we will all be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHILDREN'S ATTENTION HOME

**HON. RALPH NORMAN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Children's Attention Home in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

The Children's Attention Home provides nurturing care and life changing services for youth in need. The Home's noble objective is to provide a temporary care shelter where a child can experience a loving, secure family life until their own home conditions improve or a permanent home can be found.

The need for a children's home in Rock Hill became evident 50 years ago when children

were being placed in jail due to the lack of emergency shelters and foster homes. To meet this need, individuals, churches, and businesses throughout the community donated their time, energy, and money to rent and renovate a house near Winthrop University. In the fall of 1970, the Children's Attention Home opened its doors to provide shelter for children who had been victims of child abuse.

Throughout the last 50 years, the Home has provided the love and care over 8,000 children desperately craved. 8,000 young lives have been improved through initiatives like the Palmetto School, which provides individualized educational opportunities for children, and the Crossroads program, which helps older youth pursue a path to successful independence.

The lifechanging work of the Children's Attention Home is a shining example of the sense of community felt across Rock Hill. It is for that reason I congratulate them on a successful 50 years of helping the most vulnerable members of our community, and I look forward to hearing how they continue to serve over the next 50 years.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE JON D. SHELTON

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Jonathan Douglas Shelton, who passed away on Sunday, August 30, in Tupelo, Mississippi, at age 46.

Jon Shelton was born in Tupelo, Mississippi, on May 21, 1974. He was raised in Tupelo, graduating from Tupelo High School after standout careers in high school football and powerlifting. Jon then attended the University of Mississippi, where he continued his studies for his Juris Doctorate. During his youth, Jon also served as the executive coordinator of Mississippi Young Democrats.

Following school, Jon moved back to his hometown of Tupelo, where he owned and operated a successful law firm for many years. In 2004, the Lee County Courier chose Jon as Lee County's "Best Man." and Lee County's "Best Attorney" four times in 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2016. Outside of his successful career, Jon was an avid BMX bicycle racer, winning the Mississippi State Championship and achieving a national ranking for many years.

Through his law firm and his service to his church, East Heights Baptist Church, Jon was a caring soul whose proudest moments were helping those around him.

Left to cherish Jon's memory is his mother, Dr. Judy Woods; his stepfather, Buck Woods; his brother, Mayor Jason L. Shelton; his nephew; and a host of cousins, family, and friends.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER JOSHUA KEAR

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Joshua Kear as

the recipient of the 2020 Teen Court Faye Shepherd Award for Juvenile Justice.

The award recognizes a member of the community who has dedicated themselves to serving at-risk youths.

Before becoming a law enforcement officer in Conway, Mr. Kear battled alcohol addiction. Through a faith-based rehabilitation center, he was able to overcome his struggle.

Officer Kear, does not hide from his previous struggles, instead he uses them to assist and encourage others facing similar challenges.

Serving as a mentor for many in the juvenile detention system, he reassures them that things will get better and that he will not give up on them. His love and commitment to those in the community serve as an inspiration for all.

Thank you to Officer Kear, the Conway Police Department, and our law enforcement officers around the country, whose positive impacts on our communities often get overlooked. Congratulations to Officer Kear for winning the 2020 Teen Court Faye Shepherd Award for Juvenile Justice.

REMEMBERING ANTOINETTE M. RICH PENNEL

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Antoinette M. Rich Pennel, formerly of Campbell and Warren, Ohio, who passed away on Monday, September 14, 2020 at the age of 98.

A 1938 graduate of Campbell Memorial High School, she also graduated from the Youngstown College of Business.

Her first husband, Michael J. Rich, whom she married September 25, 1943, passed away February 20, 1964. Together, they owned and operated Masi Furniture Store in Campbell where she served as the company's Vice President and bookkeeper. Previously, Antoinette worked as a bookkeeper for the Strouss-Hirschberg Company, Youngstown.

Antoinette then married Frank Pennel on June 22, 1968. He preceded her in death on January 5, 2007, following 39 years of marriage.

Antoinette and her first husband, Michael, were founding members of St. Lucy Church, Campbell. Throughout the years, she remained an active member of the church and participated in the Infant of Jesus Guild. Antoinette and her mother, Nellie, always looked forward to the annual Assumption Festival held at the church, as well as decorating the festival float.

She enjoyed cooking, baking, taking trips to the casino and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Antoinette is survived by three sons, John Pennel of Fayetteville, Pennsylvania, Attorney Michael P. Rich and his wife, Dolores and Dr. Frank A. Rich and his wife, Dolores, all of Canfield; a daughter, Cynthia G. D'Amico and her husband, Dr. Lawrence D'Amico, of Warren; ten grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husbands, Antoinette was preceded in death by an infant

brother, Joseph Mediate and a daughter-in-law, Porsia Pennel.

There is no doubt that Antoinette was a strong person of faith and loved her family above all else. I thank Mrs. Pennel for her love of community and all her hard work over the years. My condolences go out to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, her entire family, and to all whose lives she touched.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE INTERSTATE TEACHING MOBILITY ACT

### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to reintroduce the Interstate Teaching Mobility Act. This broadly supported legislation will create a new voluntary program at the Department of Education (DOE) to allow licensed teachers to use their licenses across state lines. I am pleased that this legislation has been endorsed by both National Education Association (NEA) and Third Way.

In 2018, the United States experienced a shortage of 112,000 teachers in our classrooms across the country. This shortage deprives our students of high-quality learning and negatively affects student outcomes. Alarming, our country's projected annual shortage of teachers is expected to almost triple—to 316,000—by 2025. Teacher shortages disproportionately disadvantage students in underserved communities by widening student-to-teacher ratio which then negatively affects student achievement. Having low student-to-teacher ratios ensures that every student gets the attention they need, and struggling students are not left behind. In Indiana, this problem has gotten worse: between 2016 and 2020, the student-to-teacher ratio in my state grew from 16:1 to 17:1, bringing our state's student-to-teacher ratio well above the national average. In fact, Indiana remains the 42nd worst state in the nation for student-to-teacher ratios. And this teacher disparity does not affect all students equally: student-teacher ratios are highest in minority schools and schools with the most low-income schools.

Teacher shortages not only affect student-teacher ratios, they also limit the number of subject-matter teachers available for students. In Indiana, we have consistently faced major teacher shortages as defined by the Department of Education (DOE). In the most recent data available, Indiana continues to face a shortage of teachers in the subjects of mathematics, science, early childhood, and technology. Study after study has shown that teacher shortages which results in poor student-to-teacher ratios, insufficient subject-matter teachers, and the corresponding decline in education quality disproportionately disadvantage Black and Brown students.

One of the main reasons that many schools can't fill teacher shortages is because of the inconsistent state-by-state differences in teaching licensing requirements. This prevents licensed teachers from taking their skills and credentials to teach in other states without significant obstacles. These obstacles can include completing additional requirements, such as exams or coursework, or paying addi-

tional fees, even if the teacher has already completed an approved credentialing program or has a strong teaching record. Alarming, a majority of states do not accept out-of-state teaching credentials, further compounding shortages in disadvantaged areas.

As our nation's workforce becomes increasingly mobile, these requirements also dramatically decrease the flexibility of our nation's teaching workforce. For military spouses—who frequently relocate and among whom teaching is the second most common profession—or out-of-state college graduates who want to teach in their home state, this problem is especially pronounced. Long term, these roadblocks likely deter many prospective teachers from entering this vital profession. The bottom line is this: differing licensing requirements and lack of licensing reciprocity prevents too many teachers from serving in understaffed and underserved communities across state lines. And as we have seen in states like Indiana, our communities desperately need more high-quality teachers to lower student-teacher ratios and improve outcomes.

These obstacles have real and negative impacts on our students. Teacher shortages disproportionately harm students in underserved communities by denying them adequate teacher-student ratios that research shows help to enable student success. School administrators in underserved communities face difficulties in attracting out-of-state, high-quality teachers to fill their open teaching positions due to licensing inconsistencies.

That's why I am reintroducing the Interstate Teaching Mobility Act today. This legislation will create a voluntary interstate application program at the Department of Education (DOE) to allow licensed teachers to use their licenses across participating state lines.

This legislation will empower teachers to apply for open teaching positions in participating states without being subject to additional certifications or assessments. As a result, it will be easier for teachers to transfer their skills across participating state lines and provide more students with access to high-quality teachers. Importantly, this new flexibility will help alleviate teacher shortages—especially in disadvantaged communities and school districts—by allowing school administrators greater ability to hire more high-quality teachers.

Under this legislation, increased flexibility will not come at the cost of teacher quality. A participating state will be required to adhere to standards of content knowledge, pedagogical assessment, and performance assessments. This would ensure high standards for our teachers, while maintaining the essential role of the states in setting specific requirements for teaching in the state or obtaining licenses in the state.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us the importance of flexibility and teacher quality in ensuring that our students receive the best education. However, the current state-by-state inconsistencies regarding teacher licenses prevent many high-quality teachers from transferring their skills across state lines to serve in communities facing teacher shortages.

The Interstate Teaching Mobility Act will help address these issues by empowering teachers to transfer their skills across state lines and enabling school administrators to hire more high-quality teachers to fill teacher shortages, especially in disadvantaged communities, and lead to better student outcomes.

I urge the House to support this bill.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF ROBERT WILSON

### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the U.S. Military service of Robert Wilson who is a recipient of the Purple Heart Medal. Robert "Bobby" Wilson, a native of Tupelo, Mississippi, volunteered for the U.S. Army in December 1951. Once he completed Basic Training in Hawaii, he entered the Korean War.

On February 6, 1953, Mr. Wilson was on patrol with other members of his company 1½ miles in Chinese territory called the Coonwah Valley. On that frigid night with the temperature below zero, he and his fellow men were attacked by the enemy who were firing mortar rounds. Mr. Wilson was seriously injured and needed to be transported to receive medical treatment. He was picked up by a medic and placed on a stretcher. Another firefight ensued before he could be taken to a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital where he would be treated for 18 shrapnel wounds over the course of 39 days. His courage and bravery under fire earned him the Purple Heart Medal. It is my honor to recognize Mr. Wilson for his service to America and his pledge to protect our freedoms.

In December 1953, Mr. Wilson completed his military service and returned home to his wife, Tomicene. The high school sweethearts remained in Tupelo where they raised two boys, David and Robert. The Wilsons were married 64 years before Tomicene passed away. In the years since her death, Mr. Wilson has often reflected on his days of service. "I'd do it again," Mr. Wilson said. "I still have shrapnel in my leg and pain, but I will always be proud that I served my country."

Mr. Wilson's service and sacrifices made to defend our nation will always be remembered. I am honored to call this Mississippi patriot a friend.

#### THE PASSING OF COMMUNITY LEADER AND ACTIVIST SHARON COTRELL

### HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my deep sadness on the passing of my dear friend Sharon Cotrell. A voice of the progressive community in Long Beach for over 40 years, Sharon was a consummate professional who cared deeply about our community and making the world a better place for us all.

She was the first woman dock worker on the West Coast, starting with SeaLand in 1974 at the Port of Long Beach, and eventually becoming the leader of Teamsters Local 692.

Karen Harper, a longtime friend, told the Long Beach Press-Telegram that Sharon was ". . . not welcomed by the men at first and

was harassed mercilessly. But she won them over with her intelligence, work ethic, physical strength, sense of justice and expertise at organizing.”

Sharon was also a union organizer on the docks fighting for a greater voice for all port workers, cofounding the Long Beach chapter of the Teamsters for a Democratic Union. Because of her organizing against what she called the corruption of the Teamsters Union hierarchy, her life was threatened, and she was forced for a time to live in hiding.

Despite such temporary roadblocks, Sharon remained a tenacious activist fighting for equality and justice, as well as an ardent community watchdog, for more than four decades.

She served for many years as a member of Long Beach Area Citizens Involved (LBACI) and worked for the establishment of the Long Beach Citizen Police Complaint Commission. She was an early member of both the Black Lives Matter and Occupy Long Beach organizations.

Karen Harper said Sharon saw the brutal treatment of African Americans on her family television “and sought solutions for racism from then on. She loved working with young people and mentoring them on effective grassroots organizing.”

Sharon was also an outspoken advocate for LGBTQ rights and the homeless, which she fought for through her involvement with the Long Beach Area Peace Network, the Justice and Peace Committee for the South Coast Interfaith Council and Harbor Halfway House.

According to the Press-Telegram, Sharon was born on Dec. 2, 1942, in San Francisco. But from 5 years old, she grew up on a dairy farm in the Lower Flathead Valley, near St. Ignatius, Montana, on the Salish-Kootenai Indian Reservation.

Her family moved there after her father, Lewis Cotrell—a descendant of the Little Shell Chippewa Tribe and the Cherokee people—returned from World War II service in the U.S. Navy.

Sharon’s younger sister, Gretchen, said that from early childhood her sister was sensitive to the needs of others, reaching out to the left-out, excluded, and mistreated.

“These traits grew to a keen interest in the injustices of the world, the chief driving force throughout her life,” Gretchen told the Press-Telegram. “She possessed the courage of her convictions and lived them fiercely.”

Sharon’s ancestry also led her to another area of activism—Native American and indigenous people rights. She was a tribal researcher for the Gabrielino-Tongva Tribal Council and was involved with the Puvungna Coalition to save the tribe’s sacred land from development on the Cal State Long Beach campus. She also cofounded the People for Palestinian-Israeli Justice.

Sharon attended Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon, and the University of Montana, before moving to Long Beach in 1964. She went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in anthropology from Cal State Long Beach.

Her friend Karen Harper recalled to the Press-Telegram that Sharon also had a great sense of humor—even when jokes were directed at her. Karen remembered that she would often refer to Sharon as “the historical figure” because of her work on the docks.

“She would laugh,” Karen said. “She always got a kick out of that.”

But, to me, Sharon was not just a dear friend and fellow progressive; she was my

campaign manager when I first ran for LB City Council in 1992 (in addition to running previous campaigns for former Mayor Tom Clark and former City Councilmember Wally Edgerton). Through our years together she was both my mentor and formative political conscience who I relied upon for her incredible insight and wisdom.

Sharon touched so many lives and her passing is a loss for all of us. She was a role model and inspiration for all who met her, and she will be sorely missed by everyone who fights for a more just society and a better world.

CONGRATULATING DR. BETH RIPLEY ON RECEIVING THE 2020 SAMUEL J. HEYMAN SERVICE TO AMERICA MEDAL IN SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise to congratulate Beth Ripley, M.D., Ph.D. on being the recipient of the 2020 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal in the Science and Environment category.

Dr. Beth Ripley is an assistant professor of radiology at the University of Washington and the Director of the Veterans Health Administration’s (VHA) 3D Printing Network in Puget Sound. She saw potential in this emerging technology back in 2017, and through her innovative techniques, she has revolutionized health care at the VHA. Dr. Ripley prints 3D models of parts of people’s bodies from kidneys to hip joints to hearts.

These 3D models allow doctors to provide veterans with the best possible health care and have resulted in more efficient and effective surgeries by saving valuable time and minimizing the potential for mistakes. Doctors can also show models to their patients to give them a better understanding of the procedure they’re going to undergo. In some cases, these models have even shown surgery wouldn’t be the best course of action.

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic Dr. Ripley made the impossible possible and began printing personal protective equipment for staff and veterans. She has even started 3D printing parts needed for life-saving ventilators. Dr. Ripley truly embodies what it means to be a civil servant and the Puget Sound VHA is incredibly lucky to have somebody with the passion and innovation she does.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to congratulate Dr. Beth Ripley on receiving this well-deserved award and I thank her for dedicating her career to improving health care for our veterans.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE STUDENTS HELPING YOUNG STUDENTS ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to reintroduce the Students Help-

ing Young Students Act. This important legislation will invest in college students who support and mentor K–12 students at after-school activities. I am pleased that this legislation has been endorsed by MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership and I am grateful for the feedback I received from my constituents on this proposal. This legislation will make a meaningful difference in the lives of all Hoosier students, and young Americans across the country, by ensuring that college students can be compensated for the critical work of mentoring and supporting their younger counterparts.

It is an honor to represent students of all ages in Indiana’s Seventh District. I am continually impressed by the many college students in my district and across the country that, in addition to their studies, help mentor and support K–12 students in after-school programs. These college students, by serving as powerful examples and mentors, continue to inspire my colleagues and I about the importance of peer mentorship opportunities. This includes the crucial role of work study programs in helping students finance their postsecondary education.

Several examples in Indiana underscore the importance of supporting mentorship programs, both to the mentee and the mentor. David, a biology major at Marian University in Indianapolis, also served as a mentor. Through David’s mentoring, his mentee has improved in school and built up self-confidence; David, too, recognizes that he has learned from his mentee and is inspired to help additional younger students.

Another student, Celia, at the University of Southern Indiana, mentored a young third grade student. Celia was mentored herself while also in the third grade; this experience helped her understand the importance of mentoring younger students to help achieve their goals and learn from their older peers. Mentoring younger students has helped Celia discover her passion for education and youth development programs. Celia also shared her college experiences with her mentee, who has in turn become interested in attending college.

The examples of David and Celia represent how the influence and investment from a mentor can improve younger student lives and outcomes. Their stories are common: in fact, at-risk youth that have a mentor are 55 percent more likely to attend college. Moreover, at-risk youth that have a mentor are 52 percent less likely to skip a day of school and 46 percent less likely to use drugs. Mentoring also increases community engagement, as at-risk students are 78 percent more likely to volunteer in their community engagement, as at-risk students are 78 percent more likely to volunteer in their community and are 130 percent more likely to hold a leadership role in clubs or teams with a mentor in their lives. Mentoring not only helps students stay away from drugs and violence, but also live healthier lives and improve school performance. Mentees participating in mentorship programs have also performed higher on the Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress (ISTEP) tests.

Because of these unmistakable benefits, Congress must do more to support these after-school programs and their student mentors. Although after-school mentorship programs often intersect with students’ courses of study and benefit the community, after-school

activities are not currently considered a community service under the Federal Work-Study program. This means that college students cannot rely on compensation from Federal Work-Study for their participation in after-school activities.

The Federal Work-Study program has helped support undergraduate and graduate students, who have exhibited financial need, find part-time jobs. In the 2017–2018 school year, the Federal Work-Study program employed about 600,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Across all higher education, 7 in 10 college students work at least 15 hours per week to help cover their tuition, and 1 in 4 work more than 35 hours a week. While mentorship's benefits are clear, the absence of after-school activities from consideration as work-study programs causes students with financial need to more often pursue other opportunities. This means that many students are unable to serve in mentorship roles, even if it aligns with their course of study, for financial reasons. This dynamic exacerbates the widening mentoring gap, which includes the over 9 million young people without a mentor outside their family to support their growth and education.

As a result, more work needs to be done to help compensate students who choose to serve their communities by mentoring younger students. That is why the Students Helping Young Students Act is so important. This bill incorporates work at after-school programs into the Federal Work-Study Program under community service by making participation in these programs eligible for federal funds. In short, this bill allows college students to access Federal Work-Study funds for their participation in after-school activities. Moreover, this legislation requires eligible schools to allocate federal funds to students who want to work with after-school programs.

Through the Students Helping Young Students Act, after-school mentoring programs, like those Celia and David participated in, will count as community service under the Federal Work-Study program. Students can be compensated for their work, including time spent in training and travel, directly related to the program. This will allow any student who wishes to serve in their community to participate in mentorship activities, regardless of their financial background. As a result, the Students Helping Young Students Act will also help close the mentoring gap and ensure that younger students, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, have the support they need to succeed and reach their goals.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this bill to ensure that Federal Work-Study students are compensated for their mentorship efforts. The stories of Celia and David remind me of the undeniable power of young people to lift and inspire those around them. It is important that Congress supports these students in their pursuit to serve our communities. I urge the House to support this bill.

HONORING CAPTAIN JOHN A. SWEAT, JR. FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO THE NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY VETERANS HALL OF FAME

### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate my friend Captain John A. Sweat, Jr. upon his induction into the North Carolina Military Veterans Hall of Fame.

Over the years, CPT Sweat has answered historic calls to duty on behalf of our nation, state, and community. He began his extraordinary career in 1986 with the U.S. Air Force and served honorably in both Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. CPT Sweat's leadership extended far beyond the battlefield and he was named Active Duty Volunteer of the Year for his off-duty devotion to family services. CPT Sweat was selected as the Tactical Air Command First Term Airman of the Year and served in a special duty billet as an instructor at the Security Police Academy at Lackland Air Force Base.

Following tours in Turkey, Florida, and Texas, CPT Sweat went on to join the North Carolina Air National Guard. Exemplary of his tireless leadership, he became the first officer to complete training with the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard. From his days at basic training to his 2011 retirement from the North Carolina Air National Guard, he only missed one day of service over his combined 24 years, 9 months, and 23 days of military service.

He has led a career of distinction and is an effective, prolific leader. In addition to his military service, CPT Sweat has served on the Concord City Council since 2009. A tireless public servant, he has also served on the Racial Diversity Committee, Historic Commission, and the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Concord and is a member of the Habitat for Humanity Executive Board and Literacy Council for Cabarrus County.

This year's class was selected by an independent selection committee that includes North Carolina military veterans and civilians. In total, a group of eighteen was chosen to join the ranks of our state's greatest heroes in the Hall of Fame. CPT Sweat is especially deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his remarkable contributions to our great nation and state.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating CPT Sweat on his induction into the North Carolina Military Veterans Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JAMES EDWARD "J.E." HUDSON

### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of James Edward "J.E." Hudson, who passed away on Monday, September 7 in the comfort of his home.

Born on June 21, 1919 to Milton Edgar "Mit" Hudson and Florence Irene Dexter Hud-

son, J.E. was one of eight children. From an early age, he learned to homestead his land, nearly to the point of self-sufficiency, through his gardening, hunting, and fishing capabilities.

J.E.'s devotion to others began with his service in the United States Army during World War II and after as a beloved community member. He was an avid fan of Blue Grass Music and was known to travel far and wide attending Blue Grass festivals. J.E. translated his musical passion into his community, where he would become widely known at his home church, Campground United Methodist, for his stellar songleading abilities.

J.E. treasured time spent with his family, many of whom are left to cherish his memory, including his daughter, Connie Walker; three sons Barney, Jerry, and James Neil Hudson; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and a host of extended family members and friends.

James Edward "J.E." Hudson's life was one of service, grace, and love for his family, community, and country. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER JAMES PHILLIPS

### HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic actions of Little Rock Police Officer Mr. James Phillips.

When Officer Phillips and fellow officers were checking on an SUV that had abruptly stopped in the road, it soon became clear that there was a medical emergency inside the car.

Officer Phillips immediately took action, and after discovering a choking child in the vehicle, he pulled the boy from the car and began using the Heimlich technique to clear the boy's airway.

Officer Phillips successfully dislodged the piece of candy that had caused the boy to choke and helped him regain a stable breathing pattern.

Thankfully the child, who is almost two-years old, was unharmed and returned to his parents safely. We thank Officer Phillips for his quick, effective action in saving this young boy's life, as well as all the first responders who protect our communities every day.

TRIBUTE TO BILL NEIKIRK

### HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bill Neikirk, co-founder and first President of the Mill Springs Battlefield Association (MSBA), as we celebrate the fruits of his tireless labor to preserve southern Kentucky's historic Civil War battlefield. Bill Neikirk led the charge to secure 900-acres of land and the battlefield's iconic structures in Pulaski and Wayne counties, which are now designated as a National Monument in the National Park System (NPS).

In 1991, the National Park Service identified the Mill Springs Battlefield as one of the 25

most endangered battlefields in America. Since that day, I have worked hand-in-hand with Bill Neikirk, the MSBA, the American Battlefield Trust and stakeholders in Pulaski and Wayne counties to rescue the expansive Civil War site of the first major victory for the Union Army in the western theater. The Battle of Mill Springs was the second largest battle to take place in Kentucky with some 17,000 soldiers engaged in the fight. During the battle, Confederate General Felix Zollicoffer became one of the first Confederate generals to die in the Civil War. He was laid to rest under a large white oak tree on the battlefield, now known as the Zollie Tree.

In 1993, the Mill Springs Battlefield was designated as a National Historic Landmark, catapulting multifaceted efforts to secure additional tracts of land from Nancy to Monticello, Kentucky. In 2006, we worked together to build a \$1.7 million, 10,000 square-foot Visitor's Center and Museum, adjacent to the Mill Springs National Cemetery. The value of preserving these hallowed grounds became the driving force behind the local mission to have the Mill Springs Battlefield designated as part of the National Park System. On July 17, 2018, I invited Bill to Capitol Hill to testify before the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources about the intensive preservation efforts of the MSBA and the desire to present the fruits of their labor to the National Park Service for everyone to enjoy. Bill's heartfelt testimony was a key turning point in this monumental endeavor. Highlighting the long-time legislative efforts to protect our beloved battlefield for future generations, the Mill Spring Battlefield National Monument Act was signed into law by President Donald Trump on March 12, 2019, and on September 22, 2020, Interior Secretary David Bernhardt officially established our new national monument as part of the National Park System.

Over the years, funding was sometimes scarce and doors were often closed, but Bill Neikirk maintained an unwavering resolve to see the Mill Springs Battlefield earn its rightful place in the national spotlight. It has been one of the greatest honors of my service as the U.S. Representative for Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District to work alongside such a great friend and champion for our region, and to see the final victory of this battlefield to now be included in the National Park System. The people of southern Kentucky owe Bill Neikirk a great deal of gratitude for preserving this rare jewel in our history.

HONORING THE LATE JUSTICE  
RUTH BADER GINSBURG

**HON. LAUREN UNDERWOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of a woman who represented the best of our country: Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

It is difficult to overstate the impact of her rulings and legal victories on the lives of American women, but today I want to highlight what she accomplished simply with her presence.

As the first woman to represent my district, I often think of the famous incident when the

Dean of Harvard Law School asked Justice Ginsburg and the other women in her class, "Why are you here occupying a seat that could be held by a man?"

I know I am not the only woman in this chamber who has been called upon to defend my right to represent my community or even take up space in a room.

For a small person, Justice Ginsburg took up a lot of space.

Her life and work testify that women belong in the classroom, on the bench, in Congress, and "in all places where decisions are being made."

I intend to honor her memory by continuing to take up space, and I encourage every woman and girl in America to do the same.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
JOHN J. OGDEN, JR.

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize World War II veteran John J. "Johnny" Ogden, Jr. in commemoration of the 75th Independence Day since the end of World War II.

Johnny grew up in Memphis, Tennessee and was drafted into the United States Army at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia on July 23, 1943. He was assigned to Company F, 314th Infantry Regiment, 79th Infantry Division as a Rifleman.

On April 19, 1944 PFC Ogden landed in Glasgow, Scotland and remained in the United Kingdom until deploying to Normandy in support of Operation Overlord on D-Day + 7—June 13, 1944. Johnny and the 314th entered combat on June 19, 1944 with an attack on the high ground northwest of Valognes and the high ground south of Cherbourg, France. On June 25, the 314th Infantry Regiment captured Fort du Roule during fierce fighting. Corporal John D. Kelly from Company E and First Lieutenant Carlos C. Ogden from Company K were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor as a result of their fearless fighting and leadership. For their collective actions, the 314th Infantry Regiment was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation.

Following the capture of Cherbourg by Allied Forces, Johnny and the 314th Infantry Regiment fought to expand the Allied perimeter at Saint-Lô in what has subsequently become known as the Battle of the Hedgerows. It was during this series of engagements that Johnny was wounded on August 13, 1944 and evacuated to Exeter, England.

Johnny recuperated for six months in England and was redeployed to France as Allied Forces continued to advance to Germany. On December 21, 1945 Johnny was discharged at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. Subsequently, he returned to Memphis, Tennessee before finally settling with his wife Jean at Moon Lake, Mississippi.

It is because of members of the Greatest Generation like Johnny Ogden that America was able to restore freedom and liberty to Europe. He selflessly served this great country and his example is an inspiration for generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been present for roll call vote number 215, On Ordering the Previous Question for Providing for consideration of the resolution H. Res. 1153 condemning unwanted, unnecessary medical procedures on individuals without their full, informed consent, and providing for consideration of the resolution H. Res. 1154 condemning QAnon and rejecting the conspiracy theories it promotes, I would have voted "nay." Had I been present for roll call vote number 217 H. Res. 1153 condemning unwanted, unnecessary medical procedures on individuals without their full, informed consent, I would have voted "yay ." Had I been present for roll call vote number 218 H. Res. 1154 condemning QAnon and rejecting the conspiracy theories it promotes, I would have voted "yay."

HONORING BLAKE HURST

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Blake Hurst. Blake is a close friend and fierce leader who, after many meaningful years of service, is retiring as president of the Missouri Farm Bureau.

Blake is a staple of the Missouri agricultural community after serving as a district board member and Vice President of the Missouri Farm Bureau before being elected its President in 2010. He is best known for his passion for agriculture and longtime advocacy on behalf of farmers. Blake has spent a significant amount of his life ensuring that farmers across the state of Missouri are heard and fighting for favorable agriculture policy at the state and federal levels.

Blake's devotion to the success of agriculture in Missouri has exponentially improved the life of all in the Sixth District and beyond. While the Missouri Farm Bureau will miss the institutional knowledge that Blake has brought to the table, I'm sure that Blake's family will enjoy having his experienced hand in growing their greenhouse business and taking care of their own corn and soybeans together.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Blake Hurst for his commitment to Missouri agriculture, the state of Missouri and the Sixth Congressional District. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress and honored to call him and his family my friends and neighbors.

RECOGNIZING COACH LOU HOLTZ

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Coach Lou Holtz on

receiving the Boys and Girls Clubs of 2020 Leader of the Year Award.

I congratulate Coach Lou Holtz for his continued effort to make a difference in the lives of Arkansans. Holtz spent seven seasons of his 33-year coaching career as the Razorbacks' football coach in Fayetteville.

Coach Holtz's devotion and passion for greatness can be seen throughout his many accomplishments in his career from winning two national championships to being both ACC and SEC Coach of the year. I am confident he will continue to have lasting positive impact on my Arkansans.

I thank Coach Holtz for his commitment to his students and his leadership.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, due to unforeseeable circumstances, I was unable to participate in the votes on Friday, October 2, 2020.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 217 and NAY on Roll Call No. 218.

#### REMEMBERING ARTHUR MICHAEL CONNELLY

### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Arthur Michael Connelly, of Vineland, New Jersey, who passed away Sunday, September 27, 2020, at the age of 50.

Born in Youngstown, he was the son of Leo Connelly and Patricia Mollica. Art attended Howland High School, where he played football. He then moved to Marietta, Georgia, where he studied at Life College prior to moving to Vineland, where he has lived for over 20 years.

Art was employed as a professional chef by career and personal passion. He was the executive chef of Spiaggetta's in Stone Harbor, New Jersey. It was a career that he loved and held a deep passion for, and he also loved cooking for his family and friends during the holidays. He enjoyed landscaping, listening to music and trips to the Jersey shore. Above all though, Art was a dedicated father.

Besides his parents, Leo (Doreen) Connelly and Patricia Tedesco (Denny) Mollica, Art is survived by his loving partner of 14 years, Susan Schofield; his two children, Tiffany Connelly and Michael Connelly; two brothers, Jim Fry and Anthony Connelly; sister, Tara Dunmire; and many, many friends.

My heart breaks for the entire Connelly Family, who I have gotten to know through Arthur's father, Leo, who is a veteran and dedicated advocate for all those who served our country in my Congressional District and beyond. Words alone cannot express my condolences for the entire family and all whose lives were touched by Arthur.

#### RECOGNIZING CONWAY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

### HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the wonderful staff and administration of Conway Regional Medical Center (CRMC) in Arkansas' second district, as they have recently been awarded Magnet by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

This great honor reflects nursing professionalism, teamwork, and superiority in patient care, and one that only 8 percent of hospitals nationwide achieve. CRMC provides patient care and innovating professional nursing practice.

They achieved this status through rigorous standards of nursing excellence such as: higher patient satisfaction, lower risk 30-day mortality and low failure to rescue rates, higher job satisfaction, and higher nurse retention rates.

Conway Regional lives up to its motto to, "be bold, be exceptional, and answer the call." This is an esteemed staff, who are making Arkansas proud, as they join two Little Rock hospitals in receiving this prestige status. I congratulate the staff at Conway Regional for achieving this status.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF LLOYD YOUNG

### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the United States Military service of Lloyd Young, a recipient of the Purple Heart Medal. Lloyd Young, a native of the Waterford Community, graduated from college in 1967. Prior to entering the Vietnam War, Mr. Young attended flight school where he learned to fly an Army helicopter. He later became a member of the United States Army 237th Medical Detachment DMZ DUSTOFF Unit.

On Thanksgiving Day in 1968, Mr. Young and a crew chief had just picked up an Army of the Republic of Vietnam Soldier who was injured. When they attempted to take off, the helicopter came under fire. Mr. Young was struck by shrapnel in his shoulder and leg. He was able to fly the helicopter to a more secure spot to make an emergency landing. Mr. Young recovered from his injuries in hospitals located in Japan and at Fort Benning, Georgia.

On July 4, 1969, Mr. Young was able to go home to Eupora and to his wife, Ann. They would raise two children, Catie and Clint. The couple have been married 52 years. When asked about his military service, Mr. Young said it was frustrating to see Vietnam Veterans mistreated when they returned to the United States. "I was thankful for the opportunity to serve," Mr. Young said. "I am glad to see that Vietnam Vets are getting a little bit of thanks now."

Mr. Young's service and sacrifices to defend our great nation will always be remembered.

He has led an exemplary life and continues to be a well-respected member of the community. It is an honor to recognize Mr. Young for his outstanding dedication to God, country, and family.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF MANUEL "MEMO" CAVADA

### HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

Mr. VARGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Manuel "Memo" Cavada, community leader, artist, and Purple Heart recipient, who passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2020, at the age of 76.

Memo was born in National City, CA in 1944. He attended and graduated from Kimball Elementary School, National City Junior High, and Sweetwater High School. He later graduated from Sacramento City College and the Glen Fishback School of Photography.

Memo served honorably in the United States Air Force for four years as a Crew Chief for 552nd Air Force Squadron in Sacramento, CA. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart Medal, and numerous other medals, for being wounded in action during the Vietnam War.

Among his many accomplishments, Memo was the lead photographer of "100 Portraits, Pioneers, Visionaries & Role Models," a 1994 collaborative, travelling photographic exhibit and book (published in 2001) that highlighted the contributions of San Diego's Mexican-American community. He recruited nine other Latino photographers to work on this project.

During a ten-year period, Memo travelled with a backpack and his camera gear and visited numerous villages in Mexico to capture the Mexican culture and its people. The beautiful exhibit was also displayed at the State Capitol for a month.

As a community leader, Memo owned and operated Creative Images Photography Studio in National City, CA for over 45 years, and he taught photography at the Centro Cultural de la Raza in Balboa Park.

One of Memo's most honorable accomplishments was that he developed one of the first programs for the prevention of alcohol abuse among the youth in the community. The program used puppetry, as a revolutionary form of entertainment, to convey the message of health issues to the children of the National School District in National City, CA.

Additionally, Memo served Sweetwater High School for 25 years as a resident photographer. Along with working on the school yearbook, he devoted his time to career counseling high school seniors. At the average of 600 seniors per year for 25 years, Memo served 15,000 Sweetwater High School students.

In 2012, the National City Chamber of Commerce honored Memo as the volunteer of the year, and he was recognized not only for his service to the organization, but also for his contributions to helping others succeed in business and community affairs.

In 2015, Memo was honored as a "Latino Champion" by the San Diego Union Tribune. He shared the stage with two other honorees, Roberto Pozos and Daniel Hernandez, two of his dear friends and community activists.

Memo will be remembered for his long history of selfless commitment and service to the community. He is survived by his three children, Stephanie, Jennifer, and Martin.

For his contributions to the community and for his countless achievements, I would like to honor Manuel "Memo" Cavada and his family.