

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
ALBERT DOTSON, SR.

HON. MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Ms. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Albert Dotson, Sr., a beloved constituent in our community who served as a pioneer, activist, husband, and loving father throughout his lifetime. On May 29, 2021, Mr. Dotson passed away at the age of 83.

I would like to recognize Dr. Albert Dotson, Sr.'s steadfast leadership, his embrace of the communities he has lived and served in, and his many achievements.

Born in Memphis, Tennessee in 1938, Albert was raised by a single mother who worked as a housekeeper. His mother, Alberta, taught him the value of hard work and respect at an early age.

Later on in life, Albert met his wife, Earlene, while at church. The couple married in 1959 and continued to attend church together throughout the next six decades. Together, they had five children and 13 grandchildren.

Throughout his life, Albert never forgot the value of hard work that his mother instilled in him. After dropping out of college to take an entry-level job at Sears Roebuck and Company, he eventually worked his way up as the corporation's first African American store manager. In 1976, he relocated to Miami, where he eventually decided to launch several of his own businesses with his wife.

Education was always very important to Albert and Earlene. After watching all five of their children graduate from college, they decided to go back to school themselves and complete their undergraduate degrees. Albert eventually went on to complete his PhD in Philosophy in 2004.

Albert continuously remained active in the higher education community, serving on Florida International University's (FIU) Foundation Board of Directors for nearly two decades to secure research funding for architecture and medical students. He eventually went on to chair the FIU Board of Trustees from 2009 to 2011.

Albert cared deeply for the Miami community, being involved with community groups like the Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce and the Miami-Dade School Board. In 1989, he joined the Orange Bowl Committee, created in 1935 to promote tourism to the Miami metropolitan area. Less than a decade later, Albert broke records when he became the first African American President of the Committee.

Albert's life is a great example of service-leadership and working hard towards the American Dream. Miami-Dade will always be grateful for his contributions to our community.

Dr. Dotson Sr. is survived by his wife Earlene; his sons Albert Jr. and Jonathan; his daughters Dr. Toya Greene, LeTessa Hall, Christa Dean; and his 13 grandchildren.

STEM EDUCATOR AWARDS EQUITY
ACT

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the STEM Educator Awards Equity Act to ensure educators from the Northern Mariana Islands, Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa are represented in the annual Presidential Awards for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching.

Established by Congress in 1983, the Presidential Award is the highest recognition that an elementary or secondary school mathematics or science teacher may receive in the United States. Over 4,800 teachers have been recognized for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession.

Unlike the fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Department of Defense schools, each of which may recognize a STEM educator, no more than two awards in total can go to teachers from the four insular areas: the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa. This limitation has resulted in many years in which no teacher from one of those four areas is selected. No teacher from the Marianas, for instance, was selected this year. And this lack of recognition defeats the purpose of the program, which is to inspire excellence within each area and provide a role model for other local STEM educators to emulate. These statutory limits, also, unfairly deny deserving educators in the insular areas the national recognition and professional development opportunities we provide to STEM educators elsewhere in our Nation.

My bill provides a more equitable process by requiring awards to at least one teacher from each of the four areas. By ensuring teachers from all parts of America are represented, more students and schools will benefit from the expert-led training programs and collaboration opportunities available to award-ees during their visit to our Nation's Capital.

The gentlewoman from American Samoa, Mrs. RADEWAGEN and the gentleman from Guam, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, are original cosponsors of the bill.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation.

HONORING ROBERT EIKLEBERRY
AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE
OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert "Mongo" Eikleberry, as a longtime LGBTQ advocate, business owner, community leader during this Pride Month.

Robert served in the Vietnam War as a young man, where he was given the nickname "Mongo". When he returned home in 1972, he began working as a senior electrician as well as working at bars. Here, Robert saw that while gay bars were some of the only places LGBT individuals could openly be themselves, many establishments weren't uplifting the causes of the LGBT community. Robert realized he should open a business in Des Moines that would provide philanthropic support to multiple causes impacting his community.

Robert opened the Blazing Saddles in Des Moines in 1983, 38 years ago, which is now the oldest gay bar in the Midwest. Robert's work has allowed him to create charities, such as the All Iowa AIDs Benefits to support Iowans suffering from HIV/AIDS during the height of the epidemic, as well as helping fundraise to support the needs of LGBT Iowans. Robert founded the Imperial Court of Iowa which funds educational scholarships for high school students and adult education seekers. He's known to pitch in for causes like voter education and advocacy, equal rights, and much more. Robert has always made sure his employees at the Blazing Saddles were paid competitive wages and had job protection to be themselves, protection that would not be given to most LGBT workers until 2020.

In his over 40 years of activism, Robert has come face-to-face with hate and discrimination right here in Iowa. His bar had their windows smashed, flags burned, received threatening letters, and various other acts of vandalism over the years. "You can't make fear a part of your life", he said, reflecting on that fact that the fight for LGBT equality has historically been met with violence and intimidation. "But they can't scare us back into closet" he said with a chuckle. Although LGBT equality has made strides recently, Robert has said there is still more work to do. "Everyone needs a place to be themselves" he said.

His bar was named after the 1974 movie, Blazing Saddles, where a plucky group of immigrants, railroad workers, white townsfolk, and a black Sheriff who pull together to save their town for those who wish them harm and in turn, live safely together. A fitting name indeed. Please join me in honoring Robert "Mongo" Eikleberry as our Iowan of the Week as we celebrate Pride this month.

RECOGNIZING DR. CHARLES L.
COTRELL

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I rise in celebration of Dr. Charles L. Cotrell, President Emeritus and Professor of Political Science at St. Mary's University. Dr. Cotrell is set to retire after 55 years of service to St. Mary's University and the San Antonio

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community. His retirement concludes a vibrant career of advocacy, public engagement, and scholarly work. I am proud to call Dr. Cotrell a fellow San Antonian and friend. Please join me in commemorating the career of an extraordinary educator and equal rights advocate.

Dr. Charles L. Cotrell began his studies at St. Mary's University in 1958, graduating in 1962. In 1965, after receiving his Ph.D. in Political Science and Government from the University of Arizona, Dr. Cotrell went on to teach at Texas A&M University—Kingsville (formerly Texas A&I) until returning to teach at his alma mater in 1966. Dr. Cotrell was an active participant in many civil rights causes like the La Casita Farms strike. He was professor to many Chicano activists of the late 1960s at both Texas A&M—Kingsville and St. Mary's. He mentored youth in the Mexican American Youth Organization (MAYO) and is a founding board member of the Mexican American Unity Council in San Antonio. In 2000, Dr. Cotrell was named President of St. Mary's University where he spearheaded several education initiatives focusing on underrepresented groups.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Dr. Cotrell and his many contributions to our beautiful city. I thank Dr. Cotrell for all that he has done. May he enjoy his well-earned retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF FRAYDUN
MANOCHERIAN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Fraydun Manocherian on the 75-year anniversary of his immigration to the United States from Tehran, Iran and for his steadfast dedication to and impactful advocacy for automobile safety. Mr. Manocherian is also a successful entrepreneur embodying the American Dream with his wife Jennifer, their five children, and 13 grandchildren.

In 1932, Fraydun Manocherian emigrated to the United States at the age of 14 with his mother and brother. He soon became an entrepreneur pursuing the American Dream, starting his first business venture in high school by buying and selling used cars. Then, while attending New York University, he turned his sights to New York's skyline—embarking on his career in real estate development.

He acquired three adjacent five-story walk up buildings in Manhattan for \$15,000 a piece which he then redeveloped. During the 1960's and 1970's, Mr. Manocherian was one of the most prolific developers in Manhattan. In the 1980's he expanded his ventures nationwide through real estate investments and high-rise developments, among a multitude of other enterprises. He was the originator of the mega-health-club concept, opening the first New York Health & Racquet Club in 1973, followed by ten additional Manhattan locations. He also developed The Kimberly Suite Hotel in midtown Manhattan in 1985, and has since acquired other hotels which he still personally oversees.

However, among all this success, Mr. Manocherian is, at his core a public servant

and philanthropist. And it is for his accomplishments in automobile safety that I, his family, and all Americans are most proud.

In 1951, two of Mr. Manocherian's high school friends were killed by a drunk driver. At the age of nineteen, he turned his grief into activism and became an advocate for federal funding of public education in traffic safety. After learning that automobile accidents were the number one killer of all young adults aged 16–25 years old, and the number one cause of physical disabilities—causing agonizing tragedy and grief for countless families, a 19-year-old Mr. Manocherian sent a telegram to President Eisenhower. The President arranged a meeting with Senator Irving Ives.

He continued meeting with congressional leaders in Washington, D.C. to urge President Eisenhower's Committee on Traffic Safety to begin a national mass media educational program. While his determined efforts and countless contributions were impressive, he was not satisfied with the speed of progress. In 1962, he founded the National Road Safety Foundation with the purpose of reducing the 55,000 auto related fatalities every year. In 1970, he wrote *Flesh, Metal, and Glass*, a book on auto safety. Over the past 50 years, more than two million copies of Mr. Manocherian's book have been distributed free to thousands of high schools and drivers' education programs across the country. The publication has been updated several times and is now available online. The National Road Safety Foundation has also produced dozens of educational videos and public service announcements. The book and videos, along with other educational materials, are still used as important tools in driver's education programs throughout the country.

Over the last half century, The National Road Safety Foundation has educated millions on how to become better and safer drivers through collaborating with educators, private groups, legislators, and government agencies to effect national standards in driving competence. The National Road Safety Foundation has also played an important role in seat belt laws, drunken driving policy, safer car regulations, and helmet and turn signal legislation for motorcycles. Mr. Manocherian has been a persuasive and influential force in Congress as this body enacted policies and legislation focused on driver safety.

Mr. Manocherian's voice was among the first to rally the nation against drunk driving and his advocacy for federal funding of public education in traffic safety contributed toward passage of The Highway Safety Act of 1970, which established the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. He is currently working to secure increased funding from the Federal Highway Trust Fund for a sustained National Traffic Safety Education media program. These efforts, among countless others, have helped reduce fatalities from 55,000 a year to 38,000 a year. This 30 percent reduction in fatalities is astonishing considering that in that same time, the number of drivers and mile driven have grown exponentially.

For his dedication and accomplishments in the field of auto safety, Mr. Manocherian has received the "Man of the Year" award from the New York Council for Civic Affairs, the "Man of the Year" award from the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association, an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from St. John's University, a Master of Arts degree

from the International University of Communications in Washington, D.C., the 1997 Distinguished Service to Safety Award from the National Safety Council, and the 2005 Public Service Award, one of the highest awards given by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. He has met with almost every President since President Eisenhower, is a founder of the Carter Center, and was appointed by President H. W. Bush to serve on the National Driver Register Advisory Committee.

At 89 years young, Fraydun Manocherian is not only a nationally recognized powerful public service advocate, but also a rated jet pilot, and, more importantly, a greater husband, father, and grandfather than businessman, entrepreneur, or philanthropist.

Madam Speaker, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Fraydun Manocherian for his public service and incredible contributions to society and a lifetime of dedication to automobile and driver safety.

CONGRATULATING KIARA
STRAYHORN FOR WINNING TWO
STATE TITLES AT THE CLASS 5
TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kiara Strayhorn for winning two state titles at the Class 5 Track and Field Championship.

Kiara earned a total of twenty-eight points out of the thirty points the Capital City Lady Cavaliers put on the board. Strayhorn should be commended for her hard work and dedication throughout this past year.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Kiara Strayhorn for a job well done.

HONORING SHEILA TRACY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sheila Tracy. After serving 28 years, Sheila Tracy is retiring from her position as President of the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce.

With the help of Sheila's leadership, the Northland Regional Chamber has continued to advocate for the needs of constituents in Missouri's Sixth Congressional District and the Northland of Kansas City. Sheila and the Chamber have worked on several large projects to benefit the Northland and my district. Sheila has spent countless hours working to move projects forward that would benefit my constituents, most recently the Buck O'Neil Bridge.

I am honored to have collaborated with Sheila during her time as President of the Northland Regional Chamber. Her professionalism and dedication to the Northland and

my constituents was a great example of collaboration between local, state and federal leadership. While the Northland Regional Chamber is losing an incredible leader, I am excited for Sheila to begin the next chapter of her life.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking Sheila Tracy for her years of service to the people of the Northland and Missouri's Sixth Congressional District. I know Sheila's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking her for her commitment to others and wishing her the best of luck in all her endeavors and many years of success to come.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LOCAL JUROR NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2021

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Local Juror Non-Discrimination Act of 2021. This bill would clarify that D.C. residents may not be excluded or disqualified from jury service in the D.C. Superior Court based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Specifically, my bill would clarify that "sex," which is a protected class under the non-discrimination law that applies to jurors in the D.C. Superior Court, includes sexual orientation and gender identity. Under the Home Rule Act, Congress has exclusive jurisdiction over title 11 of the D.C. Code (relating to organization and jurisdiction of the local D.C. courts).

The District has one of the strongest non-discrimination laws in the country, including protecting individuals based on sexual orientation and gender identity. However, under the Home Rule Act, the District does not have the authority to make this non-discrimination law applicable to jurors in the D.C. Superior Court. Therefore, until the District is given complete control over the organization and jurisdiction of its local courts, an act of Congress is required to make this important change to protect the rights of all D.C. residents. This bill is necessary to protect jurors in the D.C. Superior Court from discrimination.

My bill is similar to the Juror Non-Discrimination Act of 2021 (H.R. 1140), which would provide the same protections for jurors in federal court. I am a proud cosponsor of that bill.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF THE DOWNRIVER FAMILY YMCA

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the anniversary of the Downriver Family YMCA located in Southgate, Michigan. Their 80 years of service to our community and its families is worthy of commendation.

In Metro Detroit, the YMCA has been serving families for over 168 years. The YMCA is an organization of men, women, and children with a shared commitment to nurturing the potential of kids, promoting healthy living, and fostering a sense of social responsibility.

With simple beginnings as an organization established in 1941 by W.F. Newell at a house on Biddle Avenue in Wyandotte, Michigan, the Downriver Family YMCA has grown to be an exceptional center of wellness, community, and education. In 1943, The YMCA outgrew their small house and moved to a property at Chestnut and Biddle. This new Downriver YMCA represented the first "family" YMCA branch including boys and girls as well as men and women. Sixteen years later, they made the big move to their new home in Southgate at Fort Street and Eureka, partnering with the YWCA. Together they built two new pools and improved their offerings constantly to continue to serve the bustling area of Downriver. On May 11, 2003, to meet the growing needs of the community the YMCA and the City of Southgate held the grand opening for their brand-new building, The Southgate Fun and Fitness Center.

Serving over 15,000 members, the Downriver Family YMCA is the largest branch in Metro Detroit. This organization has supported generations of Downriver families from childhood well into their senior years. Providing after-school programs, summer camps, food drives, active living classes, and activities for seniors, the Downriver Family YMCA's commitment to the promotion of health and wellness has impacted the lives of thousands of Michiganders of all ages as they enter their eighth decade of service to the people of Downriver.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the Downriver Family YMCA's 80 years of service to our community. The Downriver Family YMCA has been a constant in the lives of the Downriver area's children and families for decades. I extend my gratitude to the entire Downriver Family YMCA team and wish them continued success in service and healthy living for years to come.

HONORING MICHAEL T. PTASIENSKI, 5TH INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN CELEBRATION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the career of a true public servant, House Inspector General Michael Ptasienski, who has dedicated nearly 15 years of his professional career to ensuring the People's House operates with integrity and accountability. Appointed as Inspector General in February of 2018, Mike is only the fifth individual to hold this position and as House IG, exemplified the excellence, attention to detail, determination and character necessary for success.

But of course, the role of the Inspector General was not a surprise to Mike. Prior to being appointed, he had served as Deputy Inspector General of Advisory and Administrative Serv-

ices, and as Director of Management Advisory Services. This month, his tenure in the House IG shop came to its end when he entered retirement on June 4, 2021. Mike will be missed—not only for his dedication and commitment to the IG mission, but for his positive attitude and approachable nature.

Part of the mission of the House IG is to "serve as a constructive critic, helpful advisor, and positive change agent." In fulfilling this mission, Mike has gone above and beyond, and the House is a more accountable, efficient, and safe institution due to the many recommendations and advisories his team produced under his leadership.

I wish to once again express my and my team's gratitude for Mike's partnership, collaboration, and kindness throughout the years, and wish him all the best in his retirement.

HONORING REVEREND DR. JOHN E. ROBERTS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the Reverend Dr. John Roberts, Pastor of Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church in Toledo, for his 56 years of service in Jesus Christ. Our community joined his congregation in celebration of this heralded event on June 6, 2021.

I chronicled Pastor Roberts' life in an Extension of Remarks in April 2005 upon the very special occasion of his fortieth anniversary. This 56th year, Pastor Roberts will be elevated to the honorable status of Pastor Emeritus.

Born in Bryant, Mississippi in 1927 to George and Melvina Roberts, John E. Roberts came to Toledo, Ohio in 1944. A founding member of Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, he has been part of the church since it was organized in 1946. As noted in his biography, "He has served and walked in the footsteps of most positions in the church, from custodian to Pastor" and was called to pastor the church on the 3rd Sunday of January 1965. Even while Pastor, he pursued his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Religious Education degrees in 1975, his Master of Theology in 1984, and his Doctorate in Biblical Theology in 1985.

His biography highlights his many roles in his capacity as pastor: teacher, preacher, counselor, and builder. The biography notes he is "Christ-like in devotion: strong in faith and mighty in prayer. His life, with its results, is a never-failing inspiration and challenges people of all ages and races, creating strong men around him."

Though Pastor Roberts has been the guiding light of his congregation and family for decades, standing beside him always has been his wife, First Lady Mother Bernice Roberts. Pastor and First Lady Mother Roberts are partners in all ways and "jointly through the Grace of God they have mastered certain techniques that involve the ability to compromise, understand, cooperate, give and take, adjusting for better, not worse, knowing that all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord." Pastor and Mother Roberts were blessed to celebrate their 71st anniversary this year, on April 6. Together

their family includes children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Pastor Roberts' service to the membership of Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church blazed a path of leadership as he grew the church over many decades. His congregation blossomed from dozens to thousands as he shared the Word of the Lord, his devotion and wisdom, and his unique gifts.

In addition to his leadership in the church, Pastor Roberts' imprimatur in our community is writ large. A highly respected community leader, he has served on many Toledo area organizations, lending his expertise and counsel well beyond the doors of his church.

Reverend Dr. John E. Roberts came to retirement at age 93 in March of 2021. He was the oldest serving Baptist pastor in Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, and the Nation. As Pastor Emeritus, I am certain he will continue Christ's Message of Love and follow Psalms 78:72, "So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart. And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands."

We are grateful for Pastor Roberts' unique and precious gifts including an irrepressible, wry sense of humor, brilliant smile, twinkling eyes, and a master of biblical text. A man of the Word, he kept his word. His life inspired others from all walks of life to follow his steady lead. The Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church building he led his congregation to construct, and then expand several times, serves as a foundation stone for the revitalization of the near west neighborhood that hugs Toledo's downtown.

When Pastor Roberts set a course, he always arrived at the destination.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COL. DICK LITTLESTONE

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Colonel Richard "Dick" Littlestone, United States Army retired—a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and dedicated advocate for veterans from California's 33rd Congressional District. Colonel Littlestone passed away on May 15, 2021 at the age of 97.

Colonel Littlestone was born on September 23, 1923 in Evanston, Illinois and moved with his family to California at a young age. He attended and graduated from Los Angeles High School and was drafted into the Army a couple years later. While there, he was chosen to go to the United States Military Academy at West Point where he graduated in 1947.

Colonel Littlestone married his wife Doris in 1948. They moved to the Pacific Palisades neighborhood of Los Angeles in 1972 and raised three children, Richard, Nanette and Mark. They resided in the Palisades for 49 years. Doris and Dick were married for almost 73 years.

Colonel Littlestone was a veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. He served in the United States Army for 33 years and received the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and more than a dozen other honors.

Through the G.I. Bill, he earned several advanced degrees and said that as a result, he had a wonderful career in the Army.

After his time in the service, Colonel Littlestone taught at West Point for several years and later served as Chair and Professor of the Department of Military Science and Associate Director of the Computers and Information Systems Research Program at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Colonel Littlestone believed deeply in duty, honor, and country, but went beyond that to serve his community and when he retired, this became his passion. Colonel Littlestone dedicated his time towards advocating for local veterans and fighting for improvements in his community. He said it was his service in three wars, and all the Army provided him, that drove his continued involvement and advocacy.

Colonel Dick Littlestone was the driving force behind the creation of the Los Angeles National Cemetery's new and expanded columbarium, a 4.4-acre project on the West Los Angeles VA Campus that would go on to house the remains of over 90,000 veterans and their family members. For 22 years he championed this cause to ensure more veterans in the region could be laid to rest closer to their families and homes. The process was a labor of love and he prodded and cajoled several Secretaries of Veterans Affairs for years, knocking down one hurdle after another. His final achievement was to see the completion and dedication of the columbarium at the Los Angeles National Cemetery, which took place in October 2019.

Colonel Littlestone was honored in 2015 with the first-ever Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' Veterans Lifetime Achievement Award. He was more recently recognized for his service to the country when named Los Angeles Veteran of the Year in 2020 by Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin. Bonin said, "Throughout his decades of service to both his country and his community, Colonel Littlestone has consistently combined his passion for the military with education." Bonin added, "Colonel Dick Littlestone is an extraordinary example of patriotic duty and service—to his country and to the City of Los Angeles."

Colonel Dick Littlestone believed deeply in duty, honor, and country. His dedication to veterans and his service to his country and community is a shining example for all of us to follow. May his memory be a blessing.

CONGRATULATING DIJONAY DAWSON FOR WINNING THREE CLASS 5 STATE MEDALS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dijonay Dawson for winning three gold medals at the Class 5 Track and Field Championship.

Dijonay earned a total of nine points out of the eleven Jefferson City Lady Jays put on the board. Out of her three gold medals, two medals were in individual races and one was in a relay. Dijonay should be commended for her hard work and dedication throughout this past year.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Dijonay Dawson for a job well done.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN MANNING

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Manning on the occasion of his retirement as Chief Executive Officer of Southwestern Community Services.

For more than 30 years, John Manning has provided much needed support to our community through his work at Southwestern Community Services (SCS). SCS runs numerous critical programs designed to empower low-income individuals and families, such as the Community Food Program, several Energy and Fuel Assistance Programs, seven Head Start Centers, and more. Through John's leadership, SCS continues to expand services, including the distribution of critical rental assistance funds to thousands of households throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

I commend John Manning on his retirement after more than three decades of public service and dedication to the Granite State. John also serves as the Fire Chief for the Town of Marlborough, a testament to his commitment to the well-being and safety of Granite Staters.

On behalf of New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank John Manning for his service and wish him the best of luck in his new chapter.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF GLC MINERALS, LLC

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor GLC Minerals, LLC as the company celebrates its 150th anniversary.

GLC Minerals is a Green Bay based, custom manufacturer of minerals and applications in its fifth generation of ownership and operation by the Hurlbut family. GLC Minerals serves many of Wisconsin's key industries, including dairy, poultry, glass, paper, construction, and agronomy.

The company came from humble beginnings when entrepreneur, Fred Hurlbut, Sr., realized the strategic location of Green Bay and the economic opportunity of Great Lakes shipping following the Civil War and, in 1871, Fred's foresight came to fruition as the Hurlbut Calcium and Chemical Company.

In 1913, second-generation owner, Fred Hurlbut, Jr., grew the company to include major coal and bulk distribution throughout Northeast Wisconsin. In 1940, the now named F. Hurlbut Company relocated to the shores of the Fox River where it still resides today, 81 years later. Throughout the mid-1900s, the company expanded its equipment and product lines.

Under third-generation owners, Wesley H. Garner I, Charles Bennet and Frederick J. Lenfesty, the company diversified into the calcium and concrete products business. In 1965, Wesley H. Garner I's son, Frederick L. Garner, joined the company and, after serving in various capacities within the company for more

than twenty years, he purchased Hurlbut Calcium and Chemical from the family. Frederick focused on reinvesting in the plant and equipment to produce a diverse and high-quality product line, and changed the name of the firm to Great Lakes Calcium Corporation.

In 1996, Wesley Hurlbut Garner II, became the fifth-generation family member to continue the entrepreneurial spirit by further expanding product lines. In 2015, Wes changed the company's name to GLC Minerals, LLC and launched GLC Integrated Services, LLC, a trans-load company serving Wisconsin's dairy industry with cost-effective movement of product from rail to truck to farm. GLC Minerals continues to grow and support our local business community and the broader Green Bay community, as it did in the early days when it helped to establish and support the Greater Green Bay Chamber.

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members of this body to join me in applauding GLC Minerals and the Hurlbut family legacy for their 150 years of success.

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH ESSAY CON- TEST WINNERS

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, this year, I hosted the first-ever Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Essay Contest for Northern Mariana Islands middle school and high school students. This contest gives students in my district the opportunity to showcase their writing skills and reflect on their unique experiences living in the Northern Mariana Islands. This year's essay prompt encouraged students to share how the Asian and Pacific Islander community has impacted them, and what the Marianas community can do to best celebrate and respect the diversity in our islands.

I would like to congratulate the 44 students who participated. A volunteer panel of judges reviewed the essays and chose Jia Ross Nicdao and Camille Torres Hocog as this year's winners of the middle school and high school division, respectively. Jia, an 8th grade student at Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School, wrote about her experience as a young Asian American in the Northern Mariana Islands. Camille, a sophomore at Marianas High School, wrote about diversity and unity.

I am proud to include in the RECORD the essays submitted by Jia and Camille:

MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNER, JIA ROSS NICDAO, ADMIRAL HERBERT G. HOPWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL, 8TH GRADE

Even though it is a small area, the Northern Marianas Islands are undeniably full of different cultures and traditions. Many ethnic groups, specifically Asian citizens and Pacific Islanders, proudly call the CNMI their home; they comprise more than 80 percent of Saipan's population. Whether you were born or migrated from a different country, we still thrive as a community to empower one another.

My parents immigrated to the CNMI for work and started a family here. My identity

as Asian American has been a little confusing. In the beginning, I felt as if I did not deserve to be a member of the Filipino community. I felt like my opinions and thoughts were invalid when discussing Filipino topics because I was raised away from the area of action and lived abroad. My different living situation made me feel as if I do not deserve the recognition Filipinos got. I struggled to find a label that I connected to, so I decided to research Filipino culture. At that moment was when I found out about the ethnic group that I was unknowingly part of, known as Asian Americans, who are Americans with Asian ancestry and/or children of immigrated parents. This community was something I finally related to. On the island, I never felt indifferent because of my ethnicity, which was opposite to my other feelings. I was surrounded by other Asians, so whenever I was around them, I felt like I belonged with them. I liked that I could relate with other Asian Americans through shared experiences; it gave me comfort. Most of the representation here in the CNMI has been positive. When I see members from this community succeed, it not only impacts the view and generalization for our community, but it also empowers me personally to strive for that success. It pushes me to fulfill the achievements that others succeeded in. It motivates me to become involved in that success and also positively represent the community. I am one of those community members, and I am proud to represent the Asian American Community.

I believe one of the best ways to respect and celebrate diversity in this community is by educating ourselves on each other's cultures. We can set an example for other communities to participate in Asian American and Pacific Islander appreciation month by first doing it within the community. Sharing about our experiences; getting to know each others' viewpoints is an expressive way to understand each others' lifestyles. Also, researching appropriate behaviors and mannerism is critical to be aware of when talking to other people from different countries; we should never offend anyone and be disrespectful. If we remove the negative energy between nationalities in the community, we can work together as one and spread love with other communities. Overall, being part of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community comes with many responsibilities, so being one with each other will help us all accomplish many goals.

HIGH SCHOOL WINNER, CAMILLE TORRES HOCOG,
MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL, SOPHOMORE

The Northern Mariana Islands; an archipelago of islands in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Despite our small and rather remote location, an abundance of cultures within the Asian and Pacific Islander community reside here. Descendants from all around the Asian-Pacific region call our islands home.

As a young Chamorro woman who is indigenous to these islands, this place means a significant amount to me. I take great pride in my roots and where I come from, for it is a source of my values, confidence, goals, and morals. But there's one thing about my Chamorro identity that has always stuck out to me; I am a result of the perseverance of my people. Among the Pacific Islands, the Marianas has the longest history of colonialism. To this day, we are still experiencing its lasting effects. As I grow and learn even more about my heritage, the more I have an understanding of who I am in this world. Each moment of understanding reminds me that because of my ancestor's resilience, I want to live my life in fulfilling ways that would make them and my islands proud today.

Being from the islands also means connecting and building friendships with people

of different cultures, majority of them being from within the API community. Reflecting on these friendships made me realize how truly broad the term "API" is, almost like it's a bigger picture. Despite all of us being boxed into this term, looking a bit closer and seeing the great amount of cultural diversity within this group makes you realize how beautifully inclusive it is. Without a doubt, there is a wealth of culture within the Asian-Pacific region, and it's absolutely evident here in the Marianas. Being able to share our cultural stories, arts, and experiences with each other is, in my opinion, the best way to celebrate our similarities and differences this month.

One unforgettable experience in regards to the sharing of my culture would be in 2016, where I went on a student exchange trip to Japan. I was in 6th grade at the time. For a couple of days, I stayed with a host family of four; one mom, one dad, one daughter, and one younger son. The mom was the only one who spoke English. I remember they'd take me to different places around their hometown, such as restaurants, the park, and different Japanese sites. With them, I was able to experience firsthand what it was like to live in a Japanese household.

One morning before the daughter had to go to school, she asked me to teach her some Chamorro words so that she could show them to her friends. I taught her a few simple phrases such as "Hafa Adai" and "Buenas Dias". Her mom translated for us, and she was able to write down these words on a notepad and take it with her to school.

Having that experience at such a young age shaped the way I see culture today. It showed me that simply sharing our parts of the world and understanding each other's background is, again, the best way to celebrate our cultural diversities.

As we all know, May is a special month for us Asian and Pacific Islanders. It's a month for us to celebrate our achievements, contributions, and our heritage. It's an occasion where many within the community open up about their experiences being Asian and/or Pacific Islander. Whether it be about the struggles or moments of contentment, it would be the time to listen to and grasp onto our words. Despite this month being named API Heritage Month, we shall continue to listen to and uplift each other's voices even after May ends. All throughout time, we will celebrate diversity and unity. Thank you for reading.

CHRISTOPHER JAMES LLEWELLYN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher James Llewellyn. Christopher is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 401, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christopher has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Christopher has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 39 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Christopher has been inducted into the Order of the Arrow and is the Sr. Patrol Leader of his troop. Christopher has also contributed to

his community through his Eagle Scout project which was renovating the Marian Grotto beside Mary Immaculate Catholic Church.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Christopher James Lewellyn for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

THANKING PHILIP L. PARKER FOR
HIS SERVICE TO THE GREATER
DAYTON, OHIO REGION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to a respected community leader and trusted friend from my congressional district, Philip L. Parker, for his outstanding leadership and service to the business community and the Greater Dayton, Ohio region.

Phil Parker became president and CEO of the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce on April 29, 1994 and retired on July 31, 2020. Before joining the Chamber, Phil was Executive Director of the Home Builders Association of Dayton and the Miami Valley.

For nearly a half-century, Phil has worked to make the Miami Valley a better place to live, work, and raise a family. When I served as mayor of the city of Dayton, and throughout my time in Congress, Phil and I worked together on many issues and community projects to advance our shared goals of promoting economic and job growth throughout Southwest Ohio.

During his 26-year tenure as president and CEO of the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, Phil directed one of the 25 largest Chambers of Commerce in the nation. He oversaw the implementation of numerous transportation initiatives, such as the development of Austin Boulevard and much-needed improvements of U.S. Route 35 and I-70. Under his leadership, the Dayton Area Chamber was consistently recognized as one of the very best in the nation. In 1998, the Dayton Chamber was named Chamber of the Year by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Phil has been actively involved as a local, regional, state, and national volunteer, serving more than 500 volunteer hours a year over nearly 46 years. The generous amounts of time and energy he has contributed to a variety of volunteer and civic organizations, including the Greater Dayton Jaycees, the United Way, and the American Red Cross, have benefited our entire community.

Phil has served on more than 50 boards over the years and currently sits on a dozen local boards including Greene Memorial Hospital, Soin Medical Center, Kettering College, and is a member of the Dayton Rotary Club.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Phil Parker as he celebrates his retirement. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking a truly outstanding citizen for his lifetime of service to the people of Southwest Ohio.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FEDERAL OFFICIALS RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT EQUALITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Federal Officials Residency Requirement Equality Act, which would require certain federal officials who serve the District of Columbia to live within its boundaries. In nearly every other jurisdiction in the United States, federal district court judges, federal circuit court judges, U.S. Attorneys, U.S. Marshals and federal court clerks are required by federal law to reside within the jurisdictions where they have been appointed—but these same officials appointed to serve only the people of the District are not bound by this same requirement. Even in the territories, such officials are required to live in those jurisdictions, other than the U.S. Attorney and U.S. Marshal appointed for the Northern Mariana Islands who at the same time are serving in the same capacity in another jurisdiction. The only other exceptions exist for such officials appointed to the Southern District of New York and the Eastern District of New York, which are the only districts that serve different parts of the same city. My bill would put the District on equal footing with almost every other jurisdiction by ensuring that our federal judges, U.S. Marshals, U.S. Attorney and federal clerk live among the residents they have been appointed to serve, in keeping with the federal law that applies elsewhere in the United States.

The requirement that these federal officials live in the jurisdictions they serve is significantly related to knowledge of the effect of their decisions, an important reason the residency requirement is enshrined in federal law. As stated in the official commentary to the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, "a judge should not become isolated from the society in which the judge lives." The same holds true for other federal officials. My bill recognizes that the District deserves federal officials with the same understanding and links to the community as Congress has seen fit to require for federal officials in other jurisdictions.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE POPE FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL BOYS ICE HOCKEY TEAM

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Pope Francis Preparatory School Boys Ice Hockey Team on winning the 2021 U.S.A. Hockey High School Division I National Championship. This milestone achievement deserves the highest praise for the hard work and dedication of these exemplary athletes and coaches. Despite the countless challenges posed by this unprecedented season, the perseverance

and commitment to success demonstrated throughout the year led their team to victory on the biggest stage in high school hockey.

The 2021 U.S.A. Hockey High School Division I Tournament brought twelve of the most elite high school hockey teams from across the country to compete for this year's National Championship. Members of the Pope Francis Boys Ice Hockey Team not only performed with exceptional mental and physical fortitude, but also displayed remarkable sportsmanship and character on their path to victory. They represented the First District of Massachusetts with great honor and distinction, and I am confident that the lessons learned during this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will serve these young men well in their future endeavors.

The Pope Francis Boys Ice Hockey Team was led by their Head Coach, Brian Foley, who has provided crucial guidance and instrumental mentorship to his young athletes both on and off the ice over the past eighteen seasons. Coach Foley was assisted by Assistant Coaches Steve Ashe, Tim Keeney, and Dan Fenton, and the victorious student athletes are Matt Hanscom, Zach Buffone, Jack Moltenbrey, Jacob Iby, Ryan Hemenway, Ryan Leonard, Brandon Spaulding, Colin Foyle, Evan Phaneuf, Drew Bolduc, Jack Kennedy, Ryan Shaw, Bryce Russ, Joey DiMichele, Stephen Rougeot, Jack Turowsky, Matt Burke, Derek Rhodes, Ryan O'Leary, Ryan Rhodes, Ben Zaranek, and Josh Iby.

Madam Speaker, I would like to once again acknowledge the Pope Francis Preparatory School Boys Ice Hockey Team for their superb achievement. I am proud of this group and I wish them much continued success.

HONORING SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY'S ACHIEVEMENT OF ITS 1ST FCS CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sam Houston State Bearkats and their first NCAA FCS title in program history.

Throughout the season, the team faced countless unprecedented challenges. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the FCS football season was moved to Spring 2021. Additionally, following the February Winter Freeze, players and coaches used feed shovels to clear snow off the field for practice. Meanwhile, due to renovations to the football facilities, the Sam Houston St. players were without locker room and shower facilities.

Despite the season's difficulties, Sam Houston State's resilience made the year one that will not be soon forgotten. The Bearkats finished their regular season undefeated with a 10-0 record. The team clinched its eighth Southland Conference championship. Additionally, coach K.C. Keeler won the Southland Conference Coach of the Year. With such a successful regular season, the Bearkats entered the postseason with momentum and with the No. 2 seed in the FCS playoffs.

After defeating Monmouth, South Dakota St., and James Madison, the Bearkats secured their place in the FCS title game. The 2021 FCS Championship Game, played in

Frisco, TX between the Sam Houston State Bearkats and the No. 1 seed South Dakota State Jackrabbits, was an instant classic. After a back and forth game, the Bearkats' resilience proved to be the difference. With only 16 seconds left in the game, Eric Schmic found Ife Adeyi for a 10-yard touchdown to take the lead. With a 23–21 victory, Sam Houston St secured its first FCS Championship in program history.

This was not only a first for Sam Houston State and Texas, but it was also a first for Coach K.C. Keeler, who became the first coach to win an FCS Championship at two different schools: first at the University of Delaware and now at Sam Houston State. Coach Keeler also became the all-time winningest coach in FCS playoff history with 24 wins. The Bearkats' Jaquez Ezzard was also named the FCS Championship Game's Most Outstanding

Player. The team's achievement will be long remembered. As Coach Keeler said to his team after the game: "It's immortality for the rest of our lives and beyond that . . . Sam Houston State is the national champion."

I join the rest of the state of Texas in honoring Sam Houston State and the Bearkats for their historic victory. They truly represent the best of Texas and its fighting spirit of strength and determination.