

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### LITTLE MISS OCEAN CITY PAGEANT: SISTER SUCCESSION

#### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 1, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, the COVID-19 pandemic put a halt to most of the traditions that we South Jerseyans enjoy, but now we're back, we're on track, and we're moving forward. The Little Miss Ocean City Pageant was able to make its long-awaited comeback this summer, and in typical South Jersey fashion, history was made. Prior to the pandemic, Antonella Di Antonio was crowned Little Miss Ocean City, but this year, in perfect comeback fashion, Antonella had the privilege of crowning her successor, her younger sister, Arianna. This isn't the first time that sisters won the coveted Little Miss Ocean City title; however, this is the first time, in the history of the O.C. pageant that one sister crowned the other. I want to congratulate both of them for making history, both in their community and in South Jersey as well. Congratulations to Arianna Di Antonio for being crowned this year's Little Miss Ocean City, a stellar accomplishment of which she should be proud. God Bless both of them and all the contestants of the Little Miss Ocean City Pageant, and God Bless America.

### RECOGNIZING SPECIALIST KEN TAYLOR, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2021 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

#### HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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In 1968, Dallas native, Ken Taylor, began his journey of service by enlisting in the United States Army. Following completion of basic training at Fort Polk, Taylor would later be stationed at Fort Bragg and Fort Hood where he was attached to the 82nd Airborne Division and the 1st Armed Division Artillery.

For his service, Specialist Taylor received the National Defense Service Medal.

Upon returning to civilian life, Ken obtained a position as the sports editor for the Grand Prairie Daily News. Despite the rigors of his job, he would also concurrently attend Eastfield College utilizing GI Bill benefits to earn his Associate's degree. In 1972, Mr. Taylor founded the Traveling Classic Bowling Association, the world's largest league, in order to give bowlers the opportunity to bowl in a well-organized traveling league with financial incentives. Ken would later go on to found marketing company, Outback Secrets International prior to his retirement.

Today, Ken volunteers tirelessly on behalf of area veterans through his involvement in several organizations. Taylor assists individuals in navigating the complexities of applying for veterans benefits through his work as a service officer for American Legion Post 321. Additionally, he is an active member of the Collin County Veterans Coalition (CCVC), where he was appointed to the Legislative Committee. In his role with CCVC Ken has advocated for property tax relief for disabled veterans in the State Legislature.

Ken and his wife, Sharon, are the proud parents of son, Kevin. Specialist Ken Taylor demonstrates the qualities of a patriot who has selflessly served our nation and continues to give back within our community.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Specialist Taylor for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

#### BRIAN BATZ

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 1, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brian Batz, an Adams 12 Board of Education member on his years of service to the Adams 12 School District.

Brian has been a Board Member of Adams 12 since 2015, and during his tenure, he served as Director of Ward 4. He previously served the Adams 12 community through the Thornton High School IB Parents Group as a board member. He also served as a flag football and soccer coach.

Brian's dedication to the Adams 12 community follows a history of him serving his community. He has served on the Thornton Citizen Police Academy, as a Thornton Water Ambassador, a IT/video/photo assistant to the Northglenn United Methodist Church, a board member for the Burgundy HOA community, and a Denver north photographer for the Rocky Mountain Cocker Rescue. In addition to his contributions to the community, he is a lov-

ing husband and devoted parent to three children.

His dedication to the Adams 12 School District and the larger community has been tremendous, and I extend gratitude for his service to the Adams 12 community and the great State of Colorado. I wish Brian Batz all the best in his future endeavors.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MR. JAMES CHARLIE LANE

#### HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 1, 2021*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and service of Mr. James Charlie Lane of White Pine, Tennessee. J.C. was born on April 30, 1920 and celebrated his 101st birthday on April 30, 2021.

He was a Veteran of WWII and served in the Navy from March 1941 to August 1946. From 1940 to March 1941, he was an employee of the Civilian Conservation Corps in both Unicoi and the Sugarlands in his birth county, Sevier County.

He volunteered and joined the Navy in March 1941 and was assigned to the USS *Albemarle*, where he would qualify as an electrician and would eventually be promoted to electrician first class. Volunteering for a new ship that was commissioned, he became a "plank owner" on the *Wasp* by being one of the original crewmen. By 1944, the *Wasp*'s battles would include the islands of Marcus, Wake, Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Leyte Gulf and the Japanese homeland. He arrived in Hawaii and then went to the Marshall Islands in May and saw his first action in the Marshall Islands as part of Admiral Halsey's fast carrier fleet at the Marianas. During his time in the Navy, he saw action in the European Theater, to the African Coast, to the Pacific Theater in the Philippines and the five-week long battle for Iwo Jima. His military service went on until almost a year after Armistice Day when Japan formally surrendered as his ship brought soldiers back from Italy and England. He retired as a Chief Petty Officer.

Upon returning to Tennessee, he settled in Sevier County for a short period, then upon getting a job at American Enka, he moved to White Pine in 1951. He retired from American Enka after thirty-six years.

J.C.'s legacy of love includes his marriage to his wife, Ruth, of forty-nine years until she passed in July 1992, and his children who are so proud of his service, Rita Lane Potter, and Betty Jo Lane Moore. He has three grandchildren and four great grandsons.

Madam Speaker, James Charlie Lane faithfully served his country under the most difficult situations possible, and all a WWII Veteran and member of the United States Navy, and I proudly honor his legacy and service to the United States of America.

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CHAD CALLAHAN—EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of presenting Chad Callahan his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Chad is a graduate of Ocean City High School and is currently studying physics at the University of South Carolina. Chad joined cub scouts in 2nd grade and has been active in the Scouts ever since. Chad's Eagle project was building benches for the local VFW to commemorate his grandfather along with all fallen soldiers. Not only did he commemorate our nation's greatest, but he also provided members a space to meet outside during the pandemic. This young man should be proud of his accomplishments and it was my honor to have the opportunity to recognize him for his service to the South Jersey community. God Bless Chad and God Bless America.

HONORING KENNETH FANNON

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks in honor of Kenneth Gene Fannon of Duffield in Scott County, Virginia, who passed away on October 10, 2021 at the age of 90. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Fannon. He was a veteran and a well-known community leader in Duffield.

Mr. Fannon was born in Lee County, Virginia on May 15, 1931. He was a graduate of Rye Cove High School and Whitney Business College. Mr. Fannon served in the United States Army as a Corporal during the Korean War. He later became the Commander of Chapter 250 of the Korean War Veteran's Association.

He was a trailblazer for community service activities and veterans' events in Scott County. Over the years, he also served as Scout Master and as a member of numerous local board of directors. He was often recognized for establishing Duffield Daze, Duffield's largest service event. He started it in 1981 as a way to give back to the community through a family-friendly affair that promoted town unity and local business support.

Every time I attended Duffield Daze, Mr. Fannon was there to welcome me. He often reached out to my office to advocate for veterans in the area. He greeted everyone with kindness and generosity. Mr. Fannon was a tireless volunteer that worked hard to make his community and country a better place. He was a staple of so many community endeavors. Mr. Fannon was esteemed by many and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Fannon was preceded in death by his parents, E.D. and Venus Fannon; brothers, Jack and Joe; and sister, Mary Allen. He is survived by his wife, Jean; son, Jack and wife Susan; daughter, Lori Green and husband Daniel; grandchildren, Ruston Fannon, Kevin Wade, and Leslie Guy; great-grandsons, Jackson Guy and Mason Wade; sister, June Fannon, and sister-in-law, Helen Lane. I offer

them my condolences on the loss of this good man.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT GERALD SCHLOSSER, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2021 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

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OF TEXAS

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Gerald Schlosser was born and raised in Jersey City, New Jersey, only about a mile from the World Trade Center. Growing up, Gerald was strongly influenced by his uncle, a firefighter for the New York/New Jersey Port Authority and a First Responder to the 9/11 attacks, who instilled in him a sense of duty and service. In 2003, while playing college baseball, Schlosser felt called to enlist in the United States Army. Following Basic Combat Training at Fort Benning, Schlosser was deployed to combat operations in the Global War on Terrorism. He would complete multiple combat deployments to the Middle East, holding positions including rifleman, team leader, and squad leader.

For his efforts, Sergeant Schlosser would earn the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 2 Campaign Stars, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Superior Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. Additionally, Schlosser was awarded a Purple Heart following the rocket ambush of his team's Humvee in Afghanistan during which time he rescued his fellow injured soldiers from the wreckage, sustaining multiple gunshot wounds from enemy fighters.

Following his retirement in 2013, Schlosser began a career as a firefighter, working his way up to Captain in the New Llano Fire Department. He went on to earn his paramedic license and board certification as a Tactical Combat Casualty Care Provider and instructor. His love for Tactical Medicine and desire to become a SWAT medic led him to the Police Academy and a position with the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office. Today, Officer Schlosser serves the City of Princeton as a patrol officer, Field Training Officer, Instructor, and Drug Recognition Expert. Sergeant Gerald Schlosser has served our nation and community with distinction and we are honored to recognize him with this award.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Sergeant Schlosser for his exceptional service and con-

gratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

**MAYOR GARY GIBERSON**

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, "thank you" are two words that will never be enough to say to a man like Mayor Giberson and his devotion to public service. Mayor Gary Giberson exemplifies what it means to be a public servant. Mayor Giberson began as a volunteer firefighter in 1953; the Scout Master of Troop 61 until 1989, and Mayor of Port Republic from 1985 until April 2021. 36 years as an elected official is certainly telling of a man's character, and even more, it's indicative of a respective constituency's pulse. Mayor Giberson truly did keep the Mayberry "feel" relevant, in the City of Port Republic. His tenure in office and the accolades that seemed to flow in naturally over the course of thirty-six, years, has not, and will never go unnoticed. I thank Mayor Giberson for his unwavering dedication and devotion to public service and to the City of Port Republic. God Bless Mayor Giberson, and God Bless America.

TRIBUTE TO DON CHILDERS

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise to wish my good friend, Don Childers from Letcher County, Kentucky a very Happy 90th Birthday.

Don has been a close friend over the years, becoming one of my earliest and strongest political allies in the coalfields of Kentucky's Appalachian region. He has led a remarkable career in the oil industry after starting from humble beginnings in Hellier, Kentucky.

Hard work and determination have defined his storied lifetime. Don put himself through college by driving a coal truck, earning \$13.05 per day. He earned an associate degree from Pikeville College in 1952 and a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Kentucky in 1954. That same year, Don was drafted into the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany, leaving behind his wife and newborn daughter. After fulfilling the call of duty, he returned to Hellier High School in 1956, where he accepted a job as a teacher and basketball coach. Education, however, became the shortest term of his career.

Six weeks into his new job as a teacher and coach, Don was offered a job with Gulf Oil Corporation as a Territory Manager, spanning 22 counties in southeastern Kentucky. Working with some of the best operators in the region, Don quickly learned the ropes of the petroleum business, leading to speedy promotions within the company. Ten years after working for the Gulf Oil Corporation, Don

asked for the rare opportunity to purchase the Whitesburg operations, so he could raise his family at home in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. The company accepted his offer and Childers Oil was born. Today, they employ over 1,000 people, including its full-service 24-hour convenience stores and affiliated companies.

The Childers Oil Company has always been a family venture with his wife, Peggy, leading kitchen recipes and retail operations. Their two daughters and son-in-law now play key roles in the company, and the third generation is coming on strong with a full understanding of their grandfather's business philosophy. This family-owned and operated business is also a wonderful steward of the communities they serve, partnering with numerous civic and charitable organizations every year, reinvesting in the region they love so much.

In addition to Don's work in the oil industry, he has tirelessly worked to bring additional jobs and opportunities to the region through his work on the Letcher County Planning Commission, which he established with a group of community leaders 17 years ago. They have patiently advocated for a federal corrections facility to be built in Letcher County to create hundreds of good-paying jobs in Eastern Kentucky. Knowing the additional opportunities that could arise with a new prison, Don also launched the Letcher County Airport Board to meet aviation needs in our mountainous terrain. He is a bold, visionary leader who has inspired many others to think out-of-the-box for innovative industry goals in Eastern Kentucky. Don is also a man of great faith, having dedicated more than 55 years as a member of the Whitesburg First Baptist Church.

I count it a great honor to celebrate Don Childers and his many accomplishments on his 90th birthday. I hope this year is filled with many more blessings for Don and his family.

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#### HONORING THE LIFE OF RUBY DE VERA

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#### HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I share that the city of Los Angeles lost another angel earlier this year. Her name was Ruby de Vera and she was a community leader, an activist, and a fierce advocate in Northeast Los Angeles.

Ruby was a remarkable person who worked tirelessly as a champion in both City Hall and out in the community. She was a role model and a true public servant who epitomized the best qualities including courage, selflessness, and an unwavering commitment to justice.

Ruby's lifetime of dedication and service will be remembered and greatly missed by all whom she encountered and all those who were impacted by her leadership. May it bring comfort to her family, friends, and loved ones that so many are celebrating the life she led and praying for them at this time.

CHRISTIAN WOLFE—EAGLE SCOUT

#### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, ascending to the rank of Eagle Scout is an accomplishment unlike any other. Those involved with the Boy Scouts of America devote their lives to the organization's foundational principles of ethics and morals. They embody what it means to be "physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight." However, their drive and motivation extend far beyond the organization's principles and into the classroom and community. What Christian has accomplished is a culmination of hard work and perseverance. He and his family should be incredibly proud. Make no mistake, his accomplishment serves as a testament to his grandfather's influence in his life. Congratulations on this stellar achievement. God Bless Christian and God Bless America.

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#### RECOGNIZING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MIKE RUMFIELD, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2021 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

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OF TEXAS

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Originally from Santa Ana, California, Private First Class Michael Rumfield proudly served in the United States Army for which he was awarded the Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Service Ribbon and Air Assault Badge.

Following his time in service, Mike began a dedicated 20-year career in law enforcement holding positions as a Corrections Officer, Corrections Sergeant, Field Training Officer, SWAT member and Team Leader, Deputy Sheriff, and his current role as Collin County Chief Deputy Constable for Precinct 4. As a Chief Deputy Constable, Rumfield is dedicated to serving the citizens of Collin County in a fair and impartial manner to execute all court orders and to promote a safe and secure environment with the highest level of integrity.

In 2016, along with his wife, Lailani, Rumfield founded the America's Defenders

Foundation which supports disabled veterans that have answered the call of duty to the United States and who have defended our nation's values and families. The organization also maintains an intense motivation to support our nation's law enforcement officers. Their annual Thin Blue Line Ball provides hundreds of law enforcement officers and their spouses an evening of entertainment while raising funds to support their efforts. Additionally, as past President of the Collin County Deputies Association, Mike advocated for Collin County public safety officers while supporting members in times of need.

Chief Deputy Constable Mike Rumfield continues to make a difference in the lives of those whom he serves, and we recognize him for his efforts to support our military, veterans, and first responders.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Private First Class Rumfield for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

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#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP OF J.D. GROM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW DEMOCRAT COALITION

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#### HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and leadership of J.D. Grom, Executive Director of the New Democrat Coalition.

J.D. began his tenure as Executive Director when I was Chair of the New Dems. I was immediately impressed by his work ethic, vision, and expertise—qualities that were obvious to everyone who had the opportunity to interact with J.D. over the years. I asked him to do a lot in terms of getting to know the members of the Coalition—what they care about and what's important to the districts they represent—and he stepped up, developing an exceptional understanding of the members and their priorities.

J.D. recently left Capitol Hill to join the Biden Administration in the Department of Commerce, and I know I speak for all members of the New Democrat Coalition when I say he'll be sorely missed.

New Dems have seen so much positive change and growth over the past eight years with J.D. at the helm. Made up of 95 members, New Dems play a critical role in Congress not only in advocating for pragmatic, pro-growth policies, but also in working to bridge the partisan divide and lower the temperature in Washington.

New Dems are focused on moving our nation forward by tackling some of our toughest challenges and delivering results for the American people. J.D.'s outstanding leadership has made these efforts possible.

After working for his hometown Representative, Melissa Bean of Illinois, the Department of Treasury, and four different New Dem Chairs, J.D. has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to service that will carry him far in

his new role. I want to thank J.D. for all his hard work as Executive Director of the New Democrat Coalition, and I wish him nothing but the best in all his future endeavors.

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CONDEMNING RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IN BANGLADESH

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**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support of victims of violent religious persecution in Bangladesh. I have been informed that currently, about 14 million people are facing religious persecution solely for their Hindu beliefs. There is documented numerous attacks on Hindu temples, businesses and homes. People have been brutally killed and raped due to their religious beliefs. I strongly condemn the violent and immoral actions of those who harm others simply because they have a different religion.

Madam Speaker, the persecution of religious minorities will not end without strong action by the government, in this case Bangladesh. All governments are duty bound to protect their citizens and promote the freedom to worship. I call upon the government to make every effort to end the violence and protect religious minority populations within its borders. In order to protect its people, the government should restrict extremist groups that exert any violent influence over the country's political, social, legal, and religious affairs. Only then can peace and religious freedom be restored in Bangladesh.

The United States and Bangladesh have a friendship with deep ties among and between its people. Like Bangladesh, the United States has religious minorities. To truly flourish and prosper, the rights of all people to be secure in their property and their lives must be ensured. I encourage the government of Bangladesh and offer the full support of the United States in helping it protect its religious minorities. May God bless both our nations.

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HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MARIAM C. NOLAND FROM THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

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**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mariam C. Noland on the occasion of her retirement from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan after over thirty-five years of service as President. Her significant contributions to our southeast Michigan community are worthy of commendation.

A graduate of Harvard University and Case Western Reserve University, Ms. Noland was an experienced leader in the nonprofit and community foundation field before arriving in Michigan. Prior to being named as the founding President of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan in 1985, she worked at the Cleveland Foundation and the Saint Paul

Foundation, as well as at colleges in Ohio and North Carolina.

As President of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, she helped create and fund countless programs that benefit our community. These include the GreenWays Initiative, the New Economy Initiative, the HOPE Fund, Southeast Michigan Healthy Youth, Healthy Seniors, and the Family Development Program. These programs uplift diverse populations, invest in environmental initiatives, promote community health, advance justice and policing reform, and help our local economy thrive. Her work to secure endowments in perpetuity for many of the Foundation's programs will help transform southeast Michigan, and the impact of her work will be felt for years to come. During her tenure, the Community Foundation's assets have grown to more than \$1.1 billion, placing the Foundation in the top 25 nationally.

Ms. Noland currently serves on the Board of Trustees at the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, D.C., the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, and the Downtown Detroit Partnership. She is the recipient of the Special Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership in Philanthropy, has been named Michiganian of the Year by the Detroit News, and has an award in her name at the Community Foundation—the Mariam C. Noland Award for Nonprofit Leadership that recognizes a nonprofit president or CEO in Southeast Michigan who is an exceptional leader in their organization and beyond. She resides in Grosse Pointe Farms with her husband James.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mariam C. Noland for an exemplary nearly four decades of dedicated service to the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. I join with Mariam's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to her in retirement.

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GLORIA EZZIE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

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**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, birthdays are a celebration of a life well-lived, which we share with family and friends. This is especially true for Gloria. We celebrate her 100 years of life, surrounded by family, friends, 9 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. She has spent 54 wonderful years in beautiful Brigantine with husband, Michael, where she raised her family, and where she has been an active member of the community. It is an honor to be her Representative, and it is my honor to wish her the happiest of birthdays, with many more to come. I hope Gloria enjoys her 100th birthday, and go Phillies. God Bless Gloria, and God Bless America.

RECOGNIZING 1ST LIEUTENANT GLEE PITNEY, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2021 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

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Glee Pitney graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1954 whereupon he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Artillery in the United States Army. The newly married Glee was soon assigned duty at Fort Sill, Oklahoma before being transferred with the Far East Command in South Korea. Pitney was assigned to the 11th Field Artillery Battalion and the 3rd Engineer Battalion as an assistant division fire marshal overseeing four fire stations.

For his service, Lieutenant Pitney was awarded the National Defense Service Medal.

Following his time in the military, Mr. Pitney returned to Ohio and entered the family trucking business until his retirement. In 1997, Glee relocated to Dallas where he became heavily involved in his community as a founding member of his homeowners association and as an active member of Volunteers in Patrol for which he received recognition from the Dallas Police Department.

In 2006, Glee and his wife moved to Highland Springs Retirement Community where he earned a reputation as an extraordinarily active community leader. His civic involvement includes serving as the first Chair and Vice-Chair of the General Services Committee, liaison to the Transportation Department, as a member of the Resident Advisory Council, and Chairman of Government Affairs Group. His commitment to our veterans remains strong as evidenced by his role as the founding Chairman of the Veterans Affairs Group, which today includes nearly 400 veterans, wives and widows. Mr. Pitney's efforts were instrumental in the creation of the Highland Springs Veterans Memorial Park and he is a strong supporter of the DFW Honor Flight where he has assisted almost fifty Highland Springs residents with travel to our Nation's Capitol.

Lieutenant Glee Pitney is a stellar example of a servant leader who embodies patriotism and a steadfast commitment to his community.

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**RECOGNIZING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF RURAL SHAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 1, 2021*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sesquicentennial of Rural Shade Baptist Church, located in the community of Tarkington Prairie in Liberty County, Texas.

In 1870, a small group met in a brush arbor in Tarkington Prairie, symbolizing the beginning of a new church. The congregation was made up of hardworking, compassionate individuals determined to provide a robust and moral foundation for their community. On July 3, 1878, a deed was granted “for the purpose of the erection and occupancy of a Baptist Church and Masonic Hall . . .”. Later that year, a two-story building was completed. While the top floor was dedicated to the Masonic Lodge, the bottom floor served as the sanctuary of the Rural Shade Baptist Church.

In 1902, Rural Shade started a choral school, collected their first offerings for the Buckner Orphans’ Home, and took on a leadership role in forming the Tryon Evergreen Baptist Association. Five years later, they constructed a second building, costing \$1,470.00. Soon after, church members granted the trustees of Oakdale High School, the first high school in Tarkington Prairie, permission to use the old church building, while the members moved into their newly constructed second church building. Over the years, Rural Shade has completed several building projects and renovations, including adding a third church building in 1938, a baptistry in 1945, a fourth church building in 1962, a youth wing in 1993, and a fifth building in 2005, which also serves as the church’s current worship center. Remarkably, over the last 151 years, the church has remained on the same tract of land.

Early pastors were elected from the church’s men each year until 1898 when pastors were first called to stay for an indefinite period. In 1944, the church hired its first full-time pastor. Former Pastors of Rural Shade Baptist Church include: D. D. Forman, B.F. Ellis Jr., J.M.A. Black, D.W. Jackson, J.A. Lee, O.P. Chambers, H.C. Morrison, J.W. Thomas, E. Loose, J.B. Marshall, J.L. Watson, J.E. Mott, J.H.H. Ellis, B.S. Franklin, T.J. Fouts, J.F. High, Henry Jones, W.H. Jones, R.W. Smith, R.J. McGinty, D.P. McGowan, H.C. Philips, W.A. Smith, H.R. Pressley, Bert Mattingly, W.A. Curtis, H.R. Pressley, D.L. Sinclair, G.M. Coe, Earl Hahn, R.L. Self, LeRoy Cooper, C.D. Sowell, Dale Mingus, John Garrett, J.B. Grimes, Albert Foster, Earl Be Iver, and Byron Reeves. Since 2016, Brad Dancer has served as the church’s pastor.

Over the past two decades, Rural Shade Baptist Church has aided the community tremendously in response to natural disasters. In 2005, 2008, and 2016, individuals were sheltered and housed after the devastating

aftermaths of hurricanes Rita, Ike, and Harvey. During Hurricane Harvey, the church assisted with high water rescues, saving individuals from flooding homes and buildings. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the church joined the Houston Food Bank and distributed \$3 million worth of food to local families in need. In fact, for his outstanding leadership and service to his community, Pastor Dancer was awarded the Citizen of the Year in 2020 by the Greater Cleveland Chamber of Commerce.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Rural Shade Baptist Church on reaching their Sesquicentennial last year and their 151st anniversary this year. Over the past century and a half, the Lord has certainly used this historic church to demonstrate the love, kindness, and generosity of Jesus Christ to the good people of Southeast Texas. I am privileged to represent such a devoted and faithful place of worship in my district.

**JOSHUA LEE—EAGLE SCOUT**

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 1, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, the rank of Eagle Scout is the highest, and most prestigious in the Boy Scouts of America. Anyone involved in the organization will understand the determination, persistence, and hard work it takes to obtain the rank. Joshua has not only demonstrated his commitment to his troop, but also his community, school, and himself. He exemplifies what it means to be, “physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.” Congratulations to Joshua on his extraordinary accomplishment. God Bless Joshua and God Bless America.

**FUTURE OF RADAR**

**HON. TOM COLE**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 1, 2021*

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight important research being conducted by the University of Oklahoma, which is advancing cutting-edge developments in the areas of Air Defense Artillery, air dominance, ocean surveillance, ISR, EW, counter-UAS, GMTI, and a host of others. The developments I refer to center most directly in the budding area of all-digital radar.

New capabilities associated with all-digital radar present an extraordinary opportunity for the United States to better utilize important data for national security purposes, be it weather data, flight control data, projectile data, targeting data or any other type, to our tactical and operational advantage—land or sea.

Madam Speaker, in the area of distributed radar and 360-degree, all-digital, phased array radars, there are extraordinary leap-ahead capabilities which cannot be ignored. By bringing to bear advances in digital signal processing,

artificial intelligence, and machine learning to the data streams that this new technology provides, the defense of the United States can be significantly advanced, providing leapfrog capabilities which vastly exceed those of our legacy radars.

Over time, all of the services have been engaged in developing capabilities in this area, albeit at a rate that does not always achieve the leap-ahead and transformational requirements that we now require strategically as we focus on defense from potential near-peer adversaries. While we currently maintain many advantages, technology advances quickly around the globe. It is critical we maintain our edge, and, in doing so, obtain the generational leap-ahead needed to secure it.

Madam Speaker, the Advanced Radar Research Center (ARRC) in Norman, Oklahoma, has conducted very significant research in this area. A component of the University of Oklahoma’s research enterprise, the ARRC has generated important technological advancements to each major service component in the area of 360-degree phased array radars. In fact, to help further this contribution, I am supporting a National Defense Authorization Act proposal this year, initiated in the Senate, which encourages the Army Research Lab to collaborate with academia in the development of distributed radars and multi-function sensors. This is an area where I believe there will be plenty of bipartisan and bicameral support.

Madam Speaker, Army Research Lab in many ways has stepped forward for the Army in this area. I am confident that, as the Army’s Combat Capabilities Development Command, Army Futures Command, and the ASA/ALT examine what can be accomplished in this area, they will quickly realize the high relevance of this technology to counter-UAS, Air Defense Artillery, and their EW enterprise. It has the potential to be one of the key transformational technologies that would allow the Army to leverage ground forces more effectively and to provide better defensive capabilities against airborne threats.

As the Department of Defense proceeds to develop technology in this area, we already see interest from the private sector. However, if we do not develop a joint approach to the development of this technology, it may result in it being stove-piped into systems without ever realizing the full extent of its capabilities. Furthermore, inability or unwillingness to coordinate research in this area could tax current supply chains and threaten the rate of development we are capable of in this area.

Additionally, application of this technology is not limited solely to the defense enterprise. Air traffic control, weather prediction and analysis, 5G frequency scanning dependent communications, and remote sensing could all benefit; NOAA is already engaged in related research. Therefore, over time, it may become beneficial to create a Joint Interagency Working Group on the development of distributed and all digital radar.

Madam Speaker, the future is bright for the development of these technologies in the United States. It is an area in which we can thrive. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senate to advance our common interests and our national defense by supporting the development of these technologies.

WENEFRETT WATSON'S  
CENTENARIAN BIRTHDAYHON. BARBARA LEE  
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Wenefrett Watson on her 100th birthday, and honor her decades of service in our East Bay community.

Mrs. Watson was born in Marshall, Texas on October 29, 1921, to Dr. Oliver Wendell Phillips and Mayme Cecelia Adam Phillips. She completed two bachelor's degrees during her undergraduate studies, one in English Literature from Bishop College and one in Library Sciences from the University of Southern California. She worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., where she met her husband, Dr. James A. Watson. The Watsons relocated to Oakland, California in the 1950s, where Mrs. Watson became active in the Oakland public schools.

Mrs. Watson has been an important civic leader in our Oakland community. She was involved in many local organizations, including the Oakland Museum Commission, the Oakland Symphony Board, and the Oakland Anti-Poverty Board. Mrs. Watson's civil involvement is also notable, including her work with the PTA in the Oakland schools, and later with membership of the Oakland Bay Area Links, a volunteer service organization of women committed to ensuring the economic and cultural livelihoods of African Americans. She was also passionate about civil rights, and became active with the NAACP, the Urban League, and eventually ran for City Council.

Mrs. Watson is a trailblazer in the Oakland business community, as a business owner and entrepreneur. She created and managed WenTravel and Cruise travel agency in the 1980s, holding contracts with the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, and the State of California. Mrs. Watson's work was exceptionally impactful as she offered young African American business owners' opportunities to follow in her footsteps. When she retired, she sought inspired and passionate young African American entrepreneurs who would carry on her business and her work in our Oakland community. Mrs. Watson remained active after retirement, inspiring other community leaders through her work in helping to start the Black Film Makers Hall of Fame. In 1997, she was honored by the Black Business Listings for her outreach and leadership.

Today, on behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I commend Mrs. Wenefrett Watson for her lifelong work as a leader, activist, and entrepreneur, and warmly wish her a happy 100th birthday.

## EASTERSEALS WORK CENTER

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW  
OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness." These words are not to be taken lightly, and they are certainly not exclusive to one class. That is the beauty of our nation—that all individuals

are afforded the opportunity to better themselves and their place in society. Easterseals is an organization that adheres to that principle: independence. Easterseals, for generations, has given the most vulnerable and overlooked community a chance at independence through employment. The Easterseals organization has been an advocate for those with disabilities. It offers them the opportunity for success in areas of employment and in education. In a similar vein, Easterseals continues helping those individuals and families dealing with disabilities, helping them secure the same independence and freedom to pursue "Life, liberty and Happiness." God Bless, Easterseals, and all those who participate in the program, and God Bless America.

## RECOGNIZING HOSPITAL CORPSMAN THIRD CLASS RAYMOND RICHARDSON, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2021 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

## HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, it is my privilege to honor fifteen distinguished military veterans from Texas' Third Congressional District who answered the call to serve their Nation honorably, both in uniform and following their return to civilian life. The recipients of the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation exemplify the timehonored qualities of patriotism, service before self, and bold leadership. Following their time in service, their efforts in our community have earned these fine individuals recognition as the recipients of this prestigious commendation. Their stories of sacrifice will encourage future generations to pursue a life dedicated to the very values we cherish as Americans: faith, freedom, and democracy. One such hero is Raymond Richardson of McKinney, Texas.

In 1965, at the age of 17, Raymond Richardson joined the United States Navy where he was assigned to a Medivac Unit for the 1st Marine Air Wing in DaNang.

Hospital Corpsman Third Class Raymond Richardson was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal for his service.

In his civilian life, Mr. Richardson has been a staunch advocate for our veterans within our community. During his tenure as McKinney VFW Commander, Raymond led several unique service initiatives benefiting both veterans and the citizens of Collin County. Impressively, he completed over 130 community service projects including raising relief for veterans healthcare and arranging hotel accommodations for stranded veterans. One special initiative includes his annual organization of a Christmas Party for the children of the Samaritan Inn where families are invited to the VFW to share a meal with Santa and Mrs. Clause prior to receiving gifts. Mr. Richardson also spearheads efforts to prepare and distribute care packages for military members overseas and local veterans in need in conjunction with the students of McKinney Christian Academy.

As a longtime and valued member of the VFW National Legislative Committee, Mr.

Richardson has advocated on a variety of veterans issues. He has served in a multitude of roles within the VFW earning numerous accolades including the Recruiter Award, Early Bird Award, the Kansas City Spree Award, and Past State Commanders Leadership Award.

Richardson is the proud father to three daughters and grandfather to eight. We commend him for his tireless efforts on behalf of our veterans and the citizens of Collin County.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Corpsman Richardson for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

## KATHY PLOMER

## HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kathy Plomer, an Adams 12 Board of Education member on years of service to the Adams 12 School District.

Kathy has been a Board Member of Adams 12 since 2013, and during her tenure, she served as Board President. She has a 16-year history of volunteerism and service to the in Adams 12 community. She was a classroom volunteer, PTO President, School Improvement Team member at four schools, District School Improvement Team leader, and a founding member of the Adams 12 Community Action Network (Adams 12 CAN).

Kathy's dedication to the Adams 12 community follows a history of service to her community. She has a Master's in Public Health from the University of Michigan and has worked in the field of public health for more than 25 years. She worked for Tri-County Health Department and runs her own consulting company. In addition to her service to the community, she is a loving wife and devoted parent to three children.

I wish Kathy Plomer all the best in her future endeavors, and I extend my gratitude for her service to the Adams 12 community and the great State of Colorado.

## MARK FAVERZANI—EAGLE SCOUT

## HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of presenting Mark Faverzani his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Mark is a recent graduate of St. Augustine Prep, and is now attending Villanova University. This past year, Mark earned the Congressional Gold Award for his distinguished achievements and contributions to the South Jersey community. Mark's Eagle project consisted of creating an outdoor rehearsal space for the Ocean City Theatre Company during the Covid-19 Pandemic, allowing them to have rehearsals and activities outdoors.

This young man should be proud of his accomplishments and it was my honor to have

the opportunity to recognize him for his service to the South Jersey community. God Bless Mark and God Bless America.

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REMEMBERING HERMAN ZERGER

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Mr. Herman “Zerg” Zerger, Jr., of Woodsfield, Ohio. Herman Zerger passed away on Friday, October 22, 2021 at the Arbors of Woodsfield, Ohio.

He was born at Woodsfield, Ohio on January 5, 1924, a son of the late Herman and Sylvia Mowder Zerger. Herman was a 1942 graduate of Woodsfield High School, Woodsfield, Ohio and was also a retired owner and operator of Zerger’s Quarry for over 50 years. He served 10 years as a Special Duty Sheriff in Monroe County and was elected five consecutive terms as Center Township Trustee. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Woodsfield, Ohio. During WWII in 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a Platoon Sergeant with Rifle Co. I-141st Infantry, 36th Infantry Division. He fought 300 days on the front line in 31 battles in both Italy and France. He cast his first vote (for Franklin Delano Roosevelt) from a foxhole facing the Germans before being taken as a prisoner on February 3, 1945 by the SS troops.

He was one of the founding charter members of the V.F.W. Post 5303, Woodsfield, Ohio where he served as a trustee for 40 years and the 40 & 8 Grand Voiture of Ohio No. 363 where he served as Chaplain. He is a life member in Ohio Chapter No. 1 American Ex-Prisoner of War; Life Member of American Legion Post No. 87, Woodsfield, Ohio; former member of the Monroe County Democratic Central and Executive Committee where he served as the Monroe County Democratic Chairman for 45 years, being the longest serving county chair in Ohio; life-long Trustee of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 8; charter member of the 141st Infantry Regiment 36th Division; life member of Veterans Battle of the Bulge, Buckeye Ohio Chapter No. 1; life member of the Combat Infantryman’s Association; Ohio Combat Infantryman’s Association; Akron Chapter C.I.B.; life member of the Texas 36th Infantryman’s Association; life member of Midwest Chapter 36th Division Association 141st Regiment Co. I; American Order of the French Croix de Guerre, Inc.; 5th Army Association; life member of American Ex-Prisoners of War No. 9114; life member of the Ohio Chapter No. 1 American Ex-Prisoners of War; charter member and former vice commander of Mid-Ohio Valley Chapter 15 Ex-Prisoners of War; charter member Mid-Ohio Valley Chapter No. 743 of the Purple Heart; recipient of the Bronze Star for action at Riquewihr, France; Diploma from the French Government National Association of the Cross of War, T.O.E. and Military Valor-Paris Citation ordered by the Army; and the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Doris Williams and Ruth Roth; a stepson, Gary Russell and a step-daughter, Chris Russell Schenerlein.

Surviving are his companion, Clair Thompson of Stafford, Ohio; a niece, Dee (Mike)

Vargo of Woodsfield, Ohio; a nephew, Stephen (Erleene) Williams of Chickasha, Oklahoma; a step-daughter, Connie (Hank) Kaufman of Johnstown, Ohio; a great-niece, Alexis Vargo; three great-nephews, Christian Vargo, Brian Williams and Jeff Williams; a special cousin, Rick (Kitty) Zerger of Caldwell, Ohio; several step-grandchildren; special friends including, Joe (Robin) Bishop of Woodsfield, Ohio, John Marshall of Columbus, Ohio and Mark (Lorie) Easton of South Carolina.

I was blessed to have the friendship of an icon of military service and the state Democratic Party. I pray for peace for his family during this troubling time.

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HONORING 2021 CALIFORNIA  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR JIM  
KLIPFEL

**HON. MIKE GARCIA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. GARCIA of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and honor California’s 2021 Representative for Teacher of the Year, Mr. Jim Klipfel. A U.S. History teacher and Athletics coach from my alma mater of Saugus High School, Mr. Klipfel is the embodiment of academic passion, humility, and service to others. While his family, friends, and students would be the first to say that Mr. Klipfel is not one to embrace the spotlight, there is not a shadow of a doubt as to whether he truly deserves the honorific title of “Teacher of the Year”.

At Saugus High School, Mr. Klipfel has served as an athletic and academic mentor to generations of students, going above and beyond what is normally expected of an educator to impart the leaders of tomorrow with invaluable lessons and qualities to help them succeed and make the world a better place. He has always challenged students to think for themselves, reject the status quo, and “pull back the curtain” to expose the faults of existing systems in the hopes of improving them. He has poured his heart and soul into his profession and the success of those whose education he has been entrusted with. It is not a responsibility that he takes lightly. His friends, colleagues, and most of all his students bear witness every day to how much Mr. Klipfel gives of himself to ensure the success of his students. He does so with unbridled intelligence, kindness, and above all else, passion.

Recognizing the unique challenges that American high schoolers face today, Mr. Klipfel has prioritized students’ well-being and mental health while also pushing them to go beyond their comfort zone and realize their full potential. He achieves this by putting in the work to make himself available to any student who needs help and by walking them through mistakes in order to learn from them. He routinely holds after-hours study sessions to help students better prepare for tests, and never shies from lending a helping hand to those who may be in difficult situations outside the classroom. He always strives to teach his students lessons that will help them beyond academics, such as the value of charity, making the best out of difficult situations, and the importance of civic engagement.

In the face of numerous challenges over the past two years, Mr. Klipfel has proven to be a

resilient figure in the CA-25 community. After a school shooting in November of 2019, he helped his school rebuild and become stronger in the aftermath of tragedy. As the world transitioned to online learning and Zoom classes, Mr. Klipfel worked to keep students engaged and active in the classroom to ensure their continued academic success despite the odds facing them.

I am proud that such an exemplary teacher was selected to represent California’s 25th District and California at large on the national stage and honored for his service and accomplishments. Mr. Klipfel no doubt represents the best of what teachers can be, and the promise of the future when we invest ourselves into helping young people realize their full potential inside and outside of the classroom. California’s 25th district, our state, and our country are grateful for all Mr. Klipfel has given our community as he continues to inspire and educate the leaders of tomorrow.

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TRIBUTE TO STEVEN BLANK

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Steve Blank, an entrepreneur who has inspired thousands of innovators to solve some of the world’s most pressing problems.

Steve Blank was born in New York City to immigrant parents and attended the University of Michigan for one semester. He then served his country for four years in the U.S. Air Force, repairing fighter planes in Thailand.

Steve Blank was fortunate to return to Silicon Valley in the exciting 1970s. He worked for 21 years in high tech, and founded many companies, including Zilog, MIPS Computers, Convergent Technologies, E.piphany (now Epiphany) and retired in 1999. In the mid-1990s, he created the Customer Development model that focused on distinguishing between companies that execute business models as opposed to startups that search for them, thus launching the LeanStartup movement.

In 2011, Mr. Blank created the LeanLaunchPad experiential entrepreneurship class at Stanford University, Columbia Business School, and UC Berkeley. The LeanLaunchPad changed the way entrepreneurship is taught by giving students hands-on experience in what it takes to start a company instead of having them write business plans. Also in 2011, the National Science Foundation adopted Mr. Blank’s LeanLaunchPad curriculum for its Innovation Corps (I-Corps), in order to help the nation’s leading scientists and engineers learn how to take their tech ideas from the lab to the marketplace. The NSF I-Corps is now the standard for how scientific research is commercialized in the U.S. It has been adopted by other federal research agencies (including NIH, DOE, HHS, and NSA), and has trained 1,900 teams, and launched over 1,000 startups.

In 2016, Mr. Blank, Joe Felter, and Pete Newell created Hacking for Defense (H4D) at Stanford University—the first in a series of mission-driven entrepreneurship courses to provide a new platform for national service and change the way critical national security problems are solved. H4D is supported by

Congress and taught at 48 universities in the U.S. and at universities in the United Kingdom and Australia. H4D also gave rise to several sister courses that are accelerating mission-driven entrepreneurship in other sectors and policy arenas. These courses include: Hacking for Diplomacy, Hacking for Oceans, Hacking for Cities, Hacking for Energy, Hacking for Homeland Security, Hacking for Recovery, and Hacking for Climate and Sustainability.

As a result of Mr. Blank's work, hundreds of students at universities across the U.S. are engaged right now in a new form of national service, helping to create a pipeline of innovation for our nation as they solve real problems at startup speed. As a result of their experience in a LeanLaunchPad or "Hacking for X" courses, many of these students are choosing careers in the public sector.

Steve Blank has written many books, teaches entrepreneurship at Stanford and other distinguished institutions, and has earned numerous accolades for his innovative work. He was listed as one of the Masters of Innovation by the Harvard Business Review and one of the 30 Most Influential People in Tech by Forbes. He won the 2013 Silicon Valley Visionary Forum award, and with his wife was honored with the 2013 Environmental Leadership Award. He has often been a commencement speaker and his speech at Philadelphia University was ranked one of 300 best commencement speeches in the last 300 years by NPR.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring Steve Blank on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the LeanLaunchPad and the 5th Anniversary of H4D. Steve Blank has made our students wiser, our environment cleaner and our country stronger. He is a national treasure.

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#### FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

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#### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, Veterans Day is approaching and although we recognize these selfless individuals annually, one day surely is not enough. Every year we honor these individuals and their sacrifices, but we don't always get to hear their stories. Here, in South Jersey, we have an incredible community of active military and veterans, as well as their families. Today we honor three individuals: Jerry Callahan, Marco Polo Smigiani, and Ronald Rease. Their stories have been depicted in Veronica Dudo's, Emmy-nominated story, *Freedom Isn't Free*. These men put their lives on the line for our country in three wars. These men, all from South Jersey, are Purple Heart recipients after they were wounded in battle protecting our great Nation. As a district, and a Nation, we owe unconditional reverence to the three of them for their sacrifices to this country. I thank the gentlemen, it is an honor to be their Congressman.

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#### RECOGNIZING JAMES A. SULLIVAN, WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND AMERICAN HERO

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#### HON. BRIAN J. MAST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. MAST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. James A. Sullivan, a veteran of World War II, a true American hero and a pillar of our North Hutchinson Island community.

For nearly a century, Mr. Sullivan has committed to the betterment of his community. At the young age of seventeen, before he had even graduated from high school, he answered the call to serve his nation. In fact, he sent his sister in his place to accept his diploma and enlisted in the U.S. Navy with his parents' signature.

During his time with the U.S. Navy, Mr. Sullivan rose to the rank of Third-Class Petty Officer Radioman. He was assigned to the elite contingent stationed on Merchant Marine ships that transported critical supplies to the U.S. military across the Pacific throughout World War II. This was a dangerous role: despite its name, the U.S. Navy Armed Guard had little defensive equipment and sustained one of the highest casualty rates of any military division.

Following his time in the Navy, he earned a degree from Bunker Hill Community College, and felt a continued call to service. He joined the Thin Blue Line and served for nearly four decades as a police officer in Medford, Massachusetts.

Along with his beloved wife, Theresa, he is the cornerstone of a loving family who is continually inspired by his example of service, patriotism and love.

To quantify Mr. Sullivan's impact is nearly impossible. His determination and dedication are inspiring to all those he meets. I can say, without a doubt, that our Nation is a better place because of his leadership.

Our Nation has a proud history of military service, and the many men and women who have worn the uniform deserve to be held in the highest regard. All Americans owe a great debt of gratitude to their fellow citizens, like Mr. James A. Sullivan, who have valiantly served, and particularly as we recognize Veterans Day, I would like to convey my sincerest appreciation to him.

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#### IN RECOGNITION OF SARA CASASSA, 2022 NEW HAMPSHIRE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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#### HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Sara Casassa on being named New Hampshire's 2022 Teacher of the Year. Serving her community as a teacher for the past three decades, Sara has made a lasting impact on the lives of students and families across the New Hampshire public school system.

Sara arrived at Barnard School in 2009 as a language arts teacher while also having knowledge as a webmaster and technology integrator. Sara's compassion and selflessness

have given her the ability to cultivate an effective learning environment both virtually and in the classroom. It is without doubt that Sara has been an asset for students inside and outside the classroom. Moreover, her easy-going personality and sense of humor has made her beloved amongst the South Hampton community.

As the proud product of Manchester public schools, I know firsthand that access to a high-quality education is the cornerstone of our democracy, our economy, and our future. Sara's dedication to her profession, to providing a robust and engaging education experience to her students will no doubt lead to countless open doors for her students down the road. Sara is an example of what an exceptional educator and leader looks like.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate Sara for her achievement and thank her for her decades of service to our community. Sara has demonstrated a deep dedication to teaching and inspiring our future leaders. This is a well-deserved honor.

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#### CHASE MAZUR—EAGLE SCOUT

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#### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, the Boy Scouts of America is a youth organization that instills moral and ethical principles in young people. Ascending the ranks in this youth organization is no easy feat, but for those who reach the pinnacle, it is a mighty accomplishment. The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest in the BSA and does not come easy. Chase has accomplished an incredible goal, of which he and his family should be proud. He has exemplified what it means to be a leader in his community; a leader within his troop and organization; and leader in the classroom. I congratulate Chase on his incredible accomplishment. God Bless Chase and God Bless America.

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#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED  
NOVEMBER 3

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Judith DelZoppo Pryor, of Ohio, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Owen Edward Herrnstadt, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Matthew S. Axelrod, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

SD-534

Committee on Finance

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Chris Magnus, of Arizona, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Lisa A. Carty, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Near Eastern Affairs), Elizabeth Anne Noseworthy Fitzsimmons, of Delaware, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, David R. Gilmour, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Patricia Mahoney, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, Peter Hendrick Vrooman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, Peter D. Haas, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and Julie Chung, of California, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, all of the Department of State, and Atul Atmaram Gawande, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine implementation of aviation safety reform.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine programs at the Economic Development Administration.

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on U.S. cybersecurity policy.

SVC-217

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gabriel P. Sanchez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Samantha D. Elliott, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire, Linda Lopez, and Jinsook Ohta, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Katherine Marie Menendez, to

be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, and David Herrera Urias, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 587, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to provide that the President or certain agency heads may remove the Inspector General, or place an Inspector General on non-duty status, only if certain conditions are satisfied, S. 1794, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to provide testimonial subpoena authority, S. 2273, to authorize Inspectors General to continue operations during a lapse in appropriations, S. 2991, to establish a Department of Homeland Security Center for Countering Human Trafficking, S. 3035, to establish the Artificial Intelligence Hygiene Working Group, S. 2993, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency the National Cyber Exercise Program, S. 2491, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the National Cyber Resilience Assistance Fund, to improve the ability of the Federal Government to assist in enhancing critical infrastructure cyber resilience, to improve security in the national cyber ecosystem, to address Systemically Important Critical Infrastructure, S. 3099, to amend title 44, United States Code, to establish the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program within the General Services Administration, S. 2540, to make technical corrections to title XXII of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, S. 2274, to authorize the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to establish an apprenticeship program and to establish a pilot program on cybersecurity training for veterans and members of the Armed Forces transitioning to civilian life, S. 2322, to require a pilot program on the participation of non-asset-based third-party logistics providers in the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, S. 2793, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to establish an enhanced use lease pilot program, S. 2541, to authorize the reclassification of the tactical enforcement officers (commonly known as the "Shadow Wolves") in the Homeland Security Investigations tactical patrol unit operating on the lands of the Tohono O'odham Nation as special agents, S. 1941, to direct the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to standardize the use of core-based statistical area designations across Federal programs, to allow between 120 and 180 days for public comment on any proposed change to such designations, and to report on the scientific basis and estimated impact to Federal programs for any proposed change to such designations, S. 2838, to require the Director of the Government Publishing Office to establish and maintain an online portal accessible to the public that allows the public to obtain electronic copies of all congressionally mandated reports in one place, S. 419, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a full annuity supplement for certain air traffic controllers, S. 442, to amend title 40, United States Code, to require the Administrator of General

Services to procure the most life-cycle cost effective and energy efficient lighting products and to issue guidance on the efficiency, effectiveness, and economy of those products, S. 2483, to require the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to establish cybersecurity guidance for small organizations, S. 2989, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the Blue Campaign of the Department of Homeland Security, S. 138, to waive certain pay limitations for Department of Agriculture and Department of the Interior employees engaged in emergency wildland fire suppression activities, H.R. 2662, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978, H.R. 4426, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure that the needs of children are considered in homeland security planning, H.R. 3263, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Department of Homeland Security a medical countermeasures program, H.R. 2617, to amend section 1115 of title 31, United States Code, to amend the description of how performance goals are achieved, H.R. 4363, to establish a daily public reporting requirement for covered contract awards of the Department of Homeland Security, H.R. 3419, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 66 Meserole Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Joseph R. Lentol Post Office", H.R. 2044, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 17 East Main Street in Herington, Kansas, as the "Captain Emil J. Kapaun Post Office Building", and the nominations of Ernest W. DuBester, of Virginia, and Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, both to be Member, and Kurt Thomas Rumsfeld, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, all of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine upholding Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe commitments in Hungary and Poland.

SD-419

3 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense collaboration, focusing on improving outcomes for servicemembers and veterans.

SR-418

NOVEMBER 4

9 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 2342, to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration of disputes involving sexual assault and sexual harassment, S. 2629, to establish cybercrime reporting mechanisms, and the nominations of Holly A. Thomas, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Mary Katherine Dimke, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Maame Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Charlotte N. Sweeney, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Jennifer L. Thurston, to be United States District

Judge for the Eastern District of California, Hernan D. Vera, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Clare E. Connors, to be United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii, Zachary A. Cunha, to be United States Attorney for the District of Rhode Island, Nikolas P. Kerest, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont, Cole Finegan, to be United States Attorney for the District of Colorado, and Kenneth L. Parker, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, all of the Department of Justice.

SH-216

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
Business meeting to consider S. 1617, to modify the requirements for the Administrator of the Small Business Administration relating to declaring a disaster in a rural area, S. 1621, to re-

authorize and limit the pre-disaster mitigation program of the Small Business Administration, the nomination of Dilawar Syed, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, and other pending calendar business.

SR-428A

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine the potential non-electric applications of civilian nuclear energy.

SD-366

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the road ahead for the COVID-19 response, focusing on next steps.

SD-G50

11 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-106

NOVEMBER 16

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security.

SD-106

## POSTPONEMENTS

NOVEMBER 4

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael Kubayanda, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission.

SD-342/VTC