

He was preceded in death by his parents, his mother-in-law Maria Tindara Calabrese, three brothers: Salvatore Merlo, Vincenzo Merlo, and Domenico Merlo, and a sister Giovanna Merlo.

WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
DAY 2021

**HON. GRACE MENG**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2021*

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in honor of Women's Entrepreneurship Day which is celebrated around the world each year on November 19th.

Women-owned U.S. firms make up nearly 20 percent of all firms that employ people and this number is growing. There are nearly 13 million women-owned firms and they employ close to 10 million people. As a testament to their success, women-owned firms reported revenues of nearly \$1.9 trillion. This is truly astounding and shows you how vital women are to the economy. I applaud these women entrepreneurs and their economically vital businesses.

I also applaud Wendy Diamond, who has personally spearheaded the Women's Entrepreneurship Day movement. Since her campaign launched in 2013, her Women's Entrepreneurship Day Organization has annually funded one thousand impoverished women with microloans to start their entrepreneurial journey in Nicaragua, India and Africa, hosted a nationwide entrepreneurship training program for 60,000 female college students and early-stage entrepreneurs in Saudi Arabia, initiated and funded the premiere Women's Disability Cohort Pitch Competition, a visionary program that raises funding opportunities for women marginalized by their disabilities in partnership with 2Gether International, provided financial literacy education to one thousand rural women in the Philippines, and partnered with a Uruguayan university to offer scholarships to young women.

Women's Entrepreneurship Day is now celebrated in 144 countries and 65 universities and colleges internationally, with numerous global ambassadors. The Women's Entrepreneurship Day mission is to empower the nearly four billion women worldwide to be catalysts of change and uplift the over 250 million girls living in poverty around the world.

As in past years, the Women's Entrepreneurship Day Organization Pioneer Awards recognizes, and honors distinguished women who are leaders and innovators across multiple categories with inspiring accomplishments. This year's honorees include:

Cathie Wood, Founder and CEO of ARK Investment Management, LLC—Financial Pioneer Award

Jeni Britton Bauer, CEO/Founder Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams—Culinary Pioneer Award  
Judith Heumann, International Disability Rights Advocate, The Heumann Perspective—Human Rights Pioneer Award

Mona Scott-Young, CEO of Monami Productions—Entertainment Pioneer Award

The Honorable Kathy Hochul, 57th & first female Governor of New York State—Government Pioneer Award

Nadja Swarovski, Chair and Founder of Atelier Swarovski and Chair of Swarovski Foundation—Fashion Pioneer Award

Dawn Dickson-Akpoghene, CEO and Founder of PopCom—Technology Pioneer Award

Madam Speaker, I urge the entire House to recognize these remarkable role models, and to celebrate Women's Entrepreneurship Day this year and every year moving forward.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JACOB  
DEITER AND HIS VETERANS ME-  
MORIAL EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2021*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jacob Deiter, an outstanding young man who dedicated his Eagle Scout project to our nation's veterans. Jacob went above and beyond to bring a veterans' memorial to his hometown of Van Buren, Ohio. His hard work and dedication are truly deserving of high praise.

Jacob is a 17-year-old senior at Van Buren High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 313. In order to complete his Eagle Scout project, he spent the last two years planning and organizing the establishment of a memorial in the town square to honor the area's veterans.

Since 1775, millions of Americans have served in the United States Armed Forces. Every battle has left an impact on our nation's veterans and their families. It is important to recognize the sacrifices they made for our country. This memorial includes a sidewalk with engraved bricks honoring area veterans as well as a granite memorial stone. There are also seven flag poles, one for each branch of service along with the United States and POW flags.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jacob Deiter for the completion of this memorial for the veterans of Van Buren. He has shown outstanding leadership in his community and is most worthy of this recognition. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I wish Jacob all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
LORRAINE SULLIVAN FROM THE  
DEARBORN MICHIGAN SOCIAL  
SECURITY OFFICE

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2021*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Lorraine Sullivan on the occasion of her retirement from the Dearborn, Michigan Social Security Office after over thirty-seven years of service to the Social Security Administration. Her significant contributions in service of our community are worthy of commendation.

Mrs. Sullivan got her start at the Social Security Administration as a Stay in School participant. She later held many titles as she worked her way up the ranks, serving as Development Claims Clerk, Claims Technical Expert, Operations Supervisor and now, District Manager of the Dearborn Field Office. The recipient of two Regional Commission Citations, her excellence in service is evident through her work as a leader in the office. Dedicated to improving the conditions of the workplace, she is an advocate for diversity and inclusion within her office and celebrates the diversity of her staff, encouraging them to present developmental trainings on various topics.

Known by others for her can-do attitude and willingness to help others, her staff describes her as a fair, straightforward, and empathic manager. Always looking for a way to uplift her staff, she has encouraged and mentored many team members who have gone on to become leaders in their own right. Outside of work, she enjoys travelling, dancing, and spending time with her loving family, including her granddaughter Carlaheya. Mrs. Sullivan and her husband Carl Sullivan have two sons, Theo and Carl. An active member of Mount Olive Baptist Church—the church where she and Carl married twenty-three years ago, she is an enthusiastic volunteer and member of the choir.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lorraine Sullivan for her dedicated service to the Dearborn Michigan Social Security Office. We are grateful for her years spent serving countless Michiganders and her legacy will live on through the numerous staff members that she has mentored. I join with Lorraine's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to her in retirement.

FTC INVESTIGATING BIG OIL

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2021*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of President Biden's call for the FTC to investigate the world's largest oil companies that appear to be engaging in egregious price manipulation of oil and gasoline prices.

In August, Big Oil started substantially reducing production—a bizarre move as our economy was surging forward after the pandemic downturn.

At a time when oil production costs are going down, and unprocessed gasoline awaits distilling, Big Oil is driving prices up—and reaping the benefits. The two biggest companies are on pace to double their income since 2019. This is outrageous.

It appears corporate fat cats are padding their own wallets at the expense of our national wellbeing. Enough is enough.

The FTC should take a deep dive into Big Oil—and put a stop to any nefarious behavior that is harming hardworking Americans.

I applaud President Biden's call for action—and hope to see enforcement soon.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICES OF THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION'S EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS ON THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF TSA'S ESTABLISHMENT

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I join with the Ranking Member of the House Homeland Security Committee, JOHN KATKO, and Transportation and Maritime Security Subcommittee Chairwoman BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN and Ranking Member CARLOS GIMENEZ, to mark tomorrow's 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Transportation Security Administration.

Following the devastating attacks of September 11, 2001, Federal authorities undertook the massive effort to safeguard and defend our national transportation system. In the past two decades, TSA has implemented advanced security technologies, responded to new and ever-changing threats, and protected the lives of billions of passengers from around the country and across the globe. Today, even amid the dangers of the COVID-19 pandemic, Transportation Security Officers, Federal Air Marshals, Transportation Security Inspectors, and other TSA employees continue to serve on the front lines and protect the lives of passengers and the security of cargo traveling by air, sea, road, and rail.

I include in the RECORD the text of a resolution recognizing the service and sacrifices of TSA's employees and officers on the 20th anniversary of TSA's establishment.

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the service and sacrifices of the Transportation Security Administration's employees and officers on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of TSA and the role TSA's employees and officers play in keeping our Nation secure.

Whereas November 19, 2021, marks the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act (Public Law 107-71), which amended title 49, United States Code, to establish the Transportation Security Administration (TSA);

Whereas the TSA was established following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, with the mission to secure transportation systems and restore confidence in air travel;

Whereas for 20 years TSA employees and officers have bravely served on the front lines keeping our skies and the traveling public safe, even in the face of targeted attacks such as that which took the life of Officer Gerardo Hernandez;

Whereas the TSA has remained on the front lines at our Nation's airports throughout the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas the TSA has had over 10,000 employees test positive for COVID-19, with 32 TSA employees having lost their lives from March 2020 through October 2021;

Whereas since its establishment, TSA employees and officers have endeavored to improve security domestically and internationally, across all modes of transportation,

against a wide range of evolving physical and cyber threats; and

Whereas Americans will continue to look to TSA to be vigilant in the face of known and emerging threats: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes—

(A) the service and sacrifices of the TSA's employees and officers on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of TSA; and

(B) the role TSA's employees and officers play in keeping our Nation secure; and

(2) encourages all Americans to observe TSA's 20th anniversary with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

HONORING JANICE SIEGEL ON HER RETIREMENT

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2021*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the work and dedication of my longest-serving congressional staff person—Janice Siegel.

Janice worked with me and a small group of people on the brief but intense campaign to fill the vacancy left by Ted Weiss in 1992. She came with me to Washington, D.C., to set up my office and staff for my first term and stayed with my office for 29 years. As my Director of Operations, Janice provided sound advice on complicated budget, ethics, and personnel matters. Her careful, methodical approach to financial matters has served the office well and has saved us tens of thousands of dollars over the years. Janice also managed my D.C. schedule for more than twenty years, made countless train/plane/and hotel reservations for me, and tracked every penny of our Members' Representational Allowance. Perhaps most importantly she made sure we never overspent our MRA, and, therefore, I was never asked to pay for any office expenses from my own pocket. I thank her for that.

Janice also coordinated numerous office moves over her career in the House and worked on everything from the color of the carpet, walls and drapes, to the purchasing of equipment, and movement of phones and computers throughout the House complex. She was well known throughout the House by the many hundreds of people she worked with on all these matters over the years.

Janice not only served my office well, but she was a real asset to the House of Representatives as a whole and helped with numerous House-wide initiatives to make the House operate more efficiently and effectively.

Janice founded the Professional Administrative Managers (PAM) organization, and as its leader she organized a number of large meetings which brought staff together with House Administrative officials to discuss the implementation of new policies and procedures related to House operations. In addition, she worked with the Office of the Inspector Gen-

eral to create a "Financial Administrators Curriculum" which is now offered by the Congressional Staff Academy. Her organization included offices from both sides of the aisle and its influence was felt by the leaders of House Administration who frequently sought input and advice from the group. She was in regular contact with the various Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) of the House, the C.F.O., and the Directors of Payroll during her time on the Hill. These relationships gave her access to information and resources that were very helpful to our office.

On another note, Janice has always cared about me personally, about my reputation, and especially about my personal safety. Over the years, Janice made sure the Capitol Police were aware of the threats against me and took additional steps to enhance my safety. She has had my interests in mind as she made spending and ethics decisions and was driven by a strong sense of right and wrong that kept me out of trouble for her entire tenure. As she was fond of saying, her job was to keep me OUT of the news. Meaning, she never wanted there to be a news story that we were not running the office ethically or in a financially sound manner.

Finally, Janice is a compassionate, caring person who has a touch for and a real understanding of the importance of nice gestures. She takes the initiative to make suggestions for reaching out to people, especially when they are sick or someone close to them has recently passed away. She is thoughtful and considerate of others when it matters most. I appreciate all she has done over the years to connect with people facing trying times.

I would be remiss if I did not mention Janice's family and her husband, Frank Mumford. Janice is a wonderful daughter, sister, and wife and mentioned her family often while at work. She cared for her father when he became ill and moved into her home, and helped her sister get the help she needed to get treatment for cancer. She and Frank supported each other through tough times and were always there for one another. She is lucky to have Frank by her side.

Janice herself is a breast cancer survivor and she worked in our office all through her own treatment. She faced the diagnosis bravely and unafraid. She has always been a strong supporter of breast cancer research and funding and was always looking for ways for us to get involved and be supportive of the cause. We know that the loss of her mother to the disease when she was just a child affected her deeply. We imagine her mother would be proud to see her daughter working in Congress, supporting efforts to increase funding for breast cancer research, working for a Member from New York City, and doing so with such distinction and for such a long period of time.

I know I am proud of the work she has done for us and want to sincerely thank her for everything she has done for me.

We will miss Janice. We wish her all the best in her retirement.