

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INDIANA SUMMER 2022 COUNTY FAIRS

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, it is summer, and Hoosiers all over the great state of Indiana are renewing our proud and long-standing tradition of attending our great country fairs.

County fairs are a time for communities to gather, to celebrate, and to encourage young Hoosiers in agriculture.

My team and I have spent our summer attending county fairs across Indiana's Sixth District. We enjoyed ribeye sandwiches in Jefferson County, saw the livestock in Shelby and Henry counties, and cooled off with a lemon shakeup on Delaware County, among the many county fairs in southeast Indiana.

I hope to see many more constituents at the fairs in the weeks ahead and encourage all Hoosiers to attend their local county fair and the Indiana State Fair, which runs from July 29 through August 21.

HONORING COMMUNITY BRIDGES

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 45th anniversary of Community Bridges and its impact on Santa Cruz County. Community Bridges empowers people to reach their full potential by providing essential services and resources. With 10 programs, including specific initiatives for Children and Nutrition, Family Resources, and Seniors and Transportation, this organization serves more than 22,000 people a year across Santa Cruz County.

Since 1977, Community Bridges, also known as Puentes de la Comunidad, has provided invaluable resources to the people I represent. At 20 locations and outreach sites, its efforts make a difference in the lives of seniors, children, and countless families across Santa Cruz County, at no cost to the people it serves. The organization meets people where they are, providing bilingual and culturally competent services, respecting the dignity of those they serve, and helping everyone in Santa Cruz County reach their full potential. Moreover, it works to uplift the most vulnerable and historically underrepresented; 76 percent of its clients are people of color, and many of its programs are targeted to seniors and young families.

As a true institution in Santa Cruz County, Community Bridges has expanded its reach through strong connections with countless and equally valuable organizations and programs. With a guiding principle that together, anything is possible, Community Bridges facilitates

thousands of volunteers to come together and serve their neighbors and friends.

As the Central Coast continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, the effects of wildfires, and rising living costs, Community Bridges plays an invaluable role as a leader in our community and a catalyst for positive engagement, recovery, and improvement.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize this impactful organization on the occasion of its 45th anniversary. I extend my appreciation to its committed Board Members and team of volunteers that continue to support the people of Santa Cruz County.

RECOGNIZING CHEF CAROLINE GLOVER

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Chef Caroline Glover and congratulate her on receiving the 2022 James Beard Award for Best Chef in the Mountain Region.

A Chef with a passion for farming and cooking, Caroline combined both to open Annette: Scratch to Table, in the fall of 2016, in Aurora, Colorado. Annette is named for her Great Aunt Netsie who bestowed upon Caroline the need for a strong opinion and confidence in her own taste, which would carry her through 15 years in the restaurant industry.

A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, Caroline developed her craft working as a sous chef in both New York and Denver in critically acclaimed restaurants. She has also spent an extensive amount of time on farms in Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Colorado, honing and developing her passion for locally-grown food.

Caroline's culinary creativity has not gone unnoticed. She was recognized as one of the "10 Best Chefs in America" by Food & Wine Magazine in 2019, and Bon Appetit Magazine named Annette one of the "50 Best New Restaurants in the Country" in 2017.

The awards don't stop there. Caroline was a finalist for the same James Beard Foundation Award in 2020 after being named a semifinalist in 2018 and 2019. This Award is presented annually to chefs and restaurants in the culinary industry who exemplify exceptional talent and excellence in their craft—alongside a commitment to racial and gender equity, sustainability, and community. Caroline focuses on sustainability and sourcing locally-grown food to honor food producers and nourish eaters in a creative way, and as such, I cannot think of a chef more deserving of this award.

Caroline's culinary contributions to our community are representative of the extensive and diverse selection of food Colorado's Sixth District has to offer. I congratulate Caroline on winning one of the most coveted awards in the

culinary industry—and I have no doubt this is just the start of a long and incredible career.

HONORING EVERETTE B. "OBIE" OBENSHAIN, JR.

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Everett B. "Obie" Obenshain, Jr. of Salem, Virginia, who passed away on July 14, 2022, at the age of 82. Obie served the City of Salem as sheriff for 30 years.

Obie was born to Everett B. Obenshain, Sr. and Mildred Obenshain. He served as a Patrolman for the Salem Police Department from November 3, 1966, until July 4, 1969. That year, after Salem had become an independent city, he was elected city sergeant and supervised an office of four deputies. In 1971, the Code of Virginia changed and the post became sheriff. He held that position for decades. From 1981 to 1982, he also served as President of the Virginia Sheriffs' Association. In addition to his service as the elected sheriff, Obie held an appointment on the Salem Board of Elections for nineteen years.

Obie was an active citizen beyond his roles in Salem government. He belonged to the Edgewood Lions Club since 1965, the American Legion, and the Salem Sports Foundation. As a proud Republican, he was the first member of the party to win a citywide election. While he was often encouraged to run as an independent when he was on the ballot, he always ran on the party ticket and supported others who did the same.

I was honored to call Obie a friend. I knew him before my law career began and worked with him for years, including in his capacity as sheriff. During my terms in the Virginia House of Delegates, I heard from him often as he sought to raise the pay of his deputies. The loyalty he showed them was characteristic of the man.

Obie was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel. He is survived by son Everett "EB" Obenshain III; daughter Susan King; grandchildren Amber Cook (Justin), Sarah Sieloff and husband, Jack, Emily Obenshain, Rachel Brodrecht and husband, Lawson, Mason King, and Gia King; and great-granddaughter, Haleigh Cook. He is also survived by adoptive grandchildren Scott McCauley, wife Amanda, and daughter, Braleigh, Jordan McCauley and wife, Alexa, and DeAnna McCauley; and many nieces and nephews. I offer them condolences on the loss of a fine man and public servant.

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RECOGNIZING REBECCA
LOCKRIDGE

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I want to celebrate the life of Rebecca Lockridge, a long-time resident of Southwest Detroit in Michigan's 13th District Strong, on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday.

Mother Rebecca Lockridge was born on July 24, 1922 in Columbia, Tennessee, and later moved to Detroit, Michigan on February 9th, 1944 at the age of twenty-two with her sister, Martha. She married the love of her life, Albert B. Lockridge in 1946, raising five children in the home on Prairie Street that they bought as newlyweds. Mother Lockridge has remained an active and engaged neighbor through her work with the Midwest Civic Council, where she served as Treasurer for decades, as well the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. She also served as a career counselor at Chadsey High School for more than two decades, guiding our community's youth in their college and career endeavors. Mother Lockridge has contributed so much value to her community, family, and friends. After her retirement, Mrs. Lockridge has maintained her good health by participating in a local exercise group, cooking healthy meals, and enjoying the sun with her friends and family, including her four grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. May she continue to shine bright, surrounded by love and laughter in the years ahead.

Please join me in wishing a happy 100th birthday to Mother Rebecca Lockridge, a paragon of Detroit's perseverance and a figure of notable civic service in Michigan's 13th District Strong.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF KAREN
KELLY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Karen Kelly, one of the most dynamic female leaders in Kentucky politics, who has worked with me through various roles in southern and eastern Kentucky over the last 28 years. She has served as my District Director for Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District since 2013, and as she moves on to the private sector, I want to honor her today before my House colleagues who understand the immense value of having a fierce and loyal leader on the frontlines in the district while we are working diligently on Capitol Hill for our people at home.

Karen is the most recent of many incredible female leaders that I have been blessed to have on staff, starting with my very first Chief of Staff in Washington, Marty Driesler. Marty was a force of nature and was instrumental in many of my early successes in Congress—just as Karen Kelly has been in Kentucky for nearly three quarters of my tenure in Congress. Much of my staff in Washington and in Kentucky have become long-tenured experts

in their respective fields, providing excellent aid to folks across Kentucky's Appalachian region, and trusted advisors during my public service in the U.S. House of Representatives—and chief among them being Karen Kelly.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher once said, "If you set out to be liked, you would be prepared to compromise on anything at any time, and you would achieve nothing." As we know well in Congress, the world of politics isn't for weak-minded, spineless individuals. To be effective, you must stand firm on the values you hold dear, even at the risk of losing popularity; however, Karen has managed to maintain both. In fact, she has become one of the most highly respected leaders in Kentucky because of her relentless commitment to her conservative values and her courage of conviction to do what's best for the people of our region, even when the going gets tough.

In 1994, Karen started out answering the phones and doing casework in my Pikeville office, quickly working her way up to become a Field Representative in my Hazard office. From day one she proved to be a highly motivated and promising visionary with an intense work ethic to accomplish any task that I set in her path. Soon after, I asked her to lead the Eastern Kentucky PRIDE organization, a non-profit environmental education and improvement task force to help clean up our hillsides, lakes, and streams across Kentucky's Fifth District. She quickly learned the complex ropes of grant funding and grew PRIDE's outreach operations in the schools. She also led the charge for more water and sewer project opportunities with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and exponentially grew volunteer cleanup participation.

In the early 2000s, I quickly realized that we had another crisis to clean up in Eastern Kentucky when a deadly scourge of prescription overdose deaths was ignited by a flood of overprescribed powerful painkillers in our rural region. When I considered the best person to give life to this multifaceted response, I tapped Karen to take on an unprecedented role and lead the nation's first rural holistic organization to combat the growing drug epidemic. Together, we named it Operation UNITE—Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education. She formulated my vision into a comprehensive task force that became a model for the rest of the country—and she didn't stop in Eastern Kentucky. Karen helped me coordinate with like-minded leaders in Washington on the issue to launch the National Rx Drug Abuse Summit, putting Operation UNITE's efforts on the national stage. We welcomed approximately 750 attendees to the first Rx Summit in 2012 in Orlando, Florida, and today, it is the largest comprehensive convention of its kind, with four U.S. Presidents serving as keynote speakers, along with leaders from each of Nation's top agencies on illicit drug-related policies.

Nine years ago, I asked her to return to my Congressional office to help me reinvigorate and revitalize southern and eastern Kentucky just as the coal industry was targeted by a relentless regulatory war that led to the loss of more than 12,000 coal mining jobs. During that time, she helped me established the bipartisan SOAR initiative—Shaping Our Appalachian Region, with former Governor Steve Beshear. Her diligent work and coordination

were invaluable to our early comprehensive efforts to formulate and lead the SOAR organization and gain the trust of our constituents as we worked hard to bring jobs and new industry opportunities to the region, including the state's largest rural broadband expansion project and much more.

I often remind folks that our best resource in Eastern Kentucky isn't coal, tobacco, or timber—it's our people—and Karen exemplifies that. Her sheer determination to improve our region through compassionate advocacy and excellence in project execution has made a resounding impact across our region. While she has rightfully earned recognition and many accolades for her public service, her quiet generosity behind the scenes is a testament to her heart for God. Over the years, she has personally taken some of our less fortunate youth under her wing, providing support and encouragement to help them take hold of their own destiny. Today, many of them are now following in her footsteps to become the next generation of bright young rising leaders.

I am personally grateful to have had such a wonderful leading lady by my side over the last 28 years and I wish Karen and her family the very best in years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF ELMER LEE DAVIDSON

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate the life and service of Elmer Lee Davidson who lived 99 extraordinary years before his passing on June 9, 2022. Mr. Davidson was born February 4, 1923 to G. Edgar and Minnie Bass Davidson. Shortly after the outbreak of WWII, Mr. Davidson and five of his high school buddies literally climbed out of a school window to enlist in the U.S. Army. At the age of 17, these brave young men lied about their age to answer the call to fight against the Nazis. Throughout their time in Europe, each of Mr. Davidson's five high school best friends lost their lives fighting in support of the Allies.

Elmer's first taste of battle was near Bizerte, Tunisia on October 18, 1943, against the infamous German Field Marshal Johannes Rommel. After their triumph the 933rd departed Tunisia for Naples, Italy. Shortly thereafter, the 933rd Field Artillery Battalion was merged into the 940th Field Artillery Battalion.

For almost 2 years in direct combat, Elmer served as a radio dispatcher/radio technician, Technical Sergeant in the 940th Field Artillery Battalion, under the command of General George Patton and later General Omar Bradley. Elmer was on the front lines in North Africa, Italy, France, Germany, and Austria. He participated in numerous historic battles including the breakthrough of the Gustav Line at Monte Cassino, one of the bloodiest, costliest, and coldest sieges in WWII. For his contributions, Elmer was awarded the French Croix de Guerre Silver Star. Then, the battalion shifted direction to support the Rome Amo Campaign for the liberation of Rome, Siena, and Florence.

Once secured, the 940th moved to Sarreguemines, France in support of the campaign to breach the Siegfried Line and cross

the Rhine River into Germany. Shortly after entering Germany, he was witness to the shocking tragedies of the Mannheim-Sandhofen concentration camp. He would also support the 45th Infantry Division's liberation efforts at the Dachau concentration camp in April 1945. After the surrender of Nazi Germany, Elmer arrived home in Dallas on August 15, 1945.

Once retired from the U.S. Army, Mr. Davidson worked at A.H. Belo Corporation newspaper company for over 43 years, later becoming its publisher. Mr. Davidson fully retired in 1988 to enjoy life with his beautiful wife Frankie. He also received multiple civic awards including Citizen of the Year from the City of Grand Prairie. Without a doubt, Mr. Davidson lived a life of dedicated service to his community and country.

Madam Speaker, I have shared with the House today only a small portion of this hero's life. I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capital to recognize Elmer Lee Davidson, a member of the greatest generation. Furthermore, Madam Speaker, I extend my personal condolences to the Davidson family for the loss of such an extraordinarily brave and loving man. May God rest the soul of this great American.

HONORING ORLI SHEFFEY AND SHEDDING LIGHT ON THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I am here to shed light on the unprecedented mental health crisis that is devastating countless families, including many in my own community.

Earlier this year, I attended the funeral of Orli Sheffey, an outstanding young constituent, and the daughter of my dear friend Steve Sheffey. She passed away at the age of 19 as a result of mental illness—an invisible illness that far too many Americans confront. I rise to honor Orli today. In Hebrew, Orli means “my light,” and Orli was a light to so many. She was a daughter, a sister, a classmate, and a friend, and while her time on this Earth was brief, her impact is lasting.

It is clear that we must confront the nationwide mental health crisis. Too many people feel like they are in darkness. Too many people feel alone and ashamed. And too many people cannot find the resources and health care that they need. According to reports, 4 in 10 Americans report suffering from anxiety or depression. It's not hard to see why. Americans have been forced to deal with a devastating pandemic, mass shootings, racial injustice, and increasing hate crimes and intolerance.

Congress and the Biden-Harris Administration recognize this crisis. I am proud that we passed the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act, to improve mental health resources for healthcare workers. I am grateful that the 9–8–8 suicide and crisis lifeline is now LIVE. I urge anyone who is struggling with a mental health crisis to call the 9–8–8 lifeline. And we need to make sure that the resources that Congress has already created are known

and easily accessible. In 2016, my bill, the Mental Health on Campus Act was enacted through an appropriations package. It created a grant program to ensure that colleges and universities could provide vital mental health resources for students. We must make sure students can access these resources and do not feel ashamed or stigmatized for doing so. There is much more work to be done.

It is critical at this moment that we honor Orli. Part of what we can do is to work to shine light on this crisis. I will never stop fighting to ensure that the mental health needs of our communities are met.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I missed the below Roll Call Votes due to pending judicial matters.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 364, NAY on Roll Call No. 365 (Previous Question), and NAY on Roll Call No. 366 (Rule).

RECOGNIZING THE 2022 WORLD COMING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE (WOCOTOMADI) INTERNATIONAL KINGS DAY

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in recognition of World Coming Together to Make a Difference (WOCOTOMADI) International Kings Day 2022, I want to highlight the visit of the below dignitaries from Africa and the good work of this organization:

His Majesty Dada Awiyan Kokpon, Benin; Princess NIARE MAYE ASSANATOU and Dr. Boubacar Diakite, Mali; Bishop Kilem KASSI Daniel, His Majesty Tchiffi Zie Jean Gervais, Ivory Coast; His Majesty Nfonrifo Mbombo Njoya Mouhamed Nabil, His Royal Highness Sonkwe Djitsa Adrien, His Majesty Soukoudjou Jean Rameaux, His Majesty Tchoua Kemajou Vincent, His Majesty Tanefo Jean Marie, His Majesty Njitack Ngompe Pelé, His Majesty Tchio Maurice, His Majesty Toto Bekombo Théodore, His Majesty Essoa Etoja Gabriel Sylvain, His Majesty Mbassi Bessala Prosper Parfait, His Majesty Elong Kotto Pierre Patrick, His Majesty Moline Molungu Otto, Her Majesty Mama Jean Marie, His Majesty Tsala Ndjomo Guy, His Majesty WEA TOUTOU Jean Jacques; His Majesty Roger II NKAMADJOU; His Majesty ONDIGUI ONANA Théodore; His Majesty DISSAKE MOUANGUE Alain Camille; His Majesty YONKEU Jean; His Majesty TATABONG Alexander; His Majesty Lamido Yacouba Mohamadou Mourtalla; His Majesty Soumbou Angoula, His Majesty Ndong Tchombe William, His Majesty Djarnou Tchanchouang Annick Julio, His Majesty SIKAM HAPPI V Sylvester, His Majesty Ibrahim El Rachidine, His Majesty Bakari Yerima Bouba Alioum, His Majesty Etundi Atanga Firmin Jean Benoît, His Majesty Effa

René Désiré, His Majesty Fon Jou Wilson, Her Majesty Asaba Fontem, His Majesty Ntsek Serge, Prince Théophile Tatsitsa Gha, Cameroon; S.M. TEINGNI DETIO Jean-From Bamboutos, His Majesty Dean Marie Mama Center Region. Hon Tchagna Jacqueline Reve Angeline, from Bazou, Nde, Cameroon, Hon Toukam Sandjo Tela Angele, from Mifi, Bafoussam, Cameroon, Hon Kan Souhaing Colette, from Koungki, Bandjoun, Cameroon, Hon Ayissi Sings from Monateli, Lekie, Cameroon; Eteme bijou Ursule epse Arroye From Kon Yambeta, Ndjournou epse Bendobal Claire from Nitoukoue, Ngono Essomba Eliane Virginie from Akono, Eric Niat From Nde, Marie Angel Metenga from President of African Mayor Center Region, Zimthern in Bodio Marthe felecite from Bafia, Feuh Mbeugon, and Ngambou Vincent from Douala.

CELEBRATING POSSE LOS ANGELES' 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Posse Los Angeles on their 20th Anniversary. Posse Los Angeles is headquartered in California's 34th Congressional District and is the Pacific Coast branch of the national Posse Foundation. The Posse Foundation was founded in 1989 and is dedicated to identifying and supporting public high school students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential who may be overlooked by traditional college selection processes.

The Foundation extends to students the opportunity to pursue personal achievement and academic excellence by placing them in supportive, multicultural teams (“Posses”).

Since 2002, Posse Los Angeles has selected numerous talented and diverse leaders to attend some of the nation's top colleges and universities. Posse Scholars are awarded full-tuition merit scholarships and begin a lifelong relationship with The Posse Foundation that will see them through to graduation and help them become leaders in the workforce.

Today, I am proudly share that the Posse Foundation has identified, recruited, and trained more than 10,000 students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential, and has been recognized as one of the most comprehensive college success and leadership development initiatives in the country.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating Posse Los Angeles on their 20th Anniversary and in wishing them continued success for years to come.

HONORING GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions to the central coast of California's infrastructure and economy by the Granite Construction Company,

which celebrated its centennial on January 4, 2022. Founded 100 years ago, the Granite Construction Company is one of our Nation's largest civil infrastructure contractors and construction materials producers.

Pieces of its legacy came together in 1900 when John T. Porter, his son Warren, and A. R. Wilson partnered to buy the Logan Quarry and form the Granite Rock Company in Watsonville, California.

By 1922, the Granite Construction Company branched out as a wholly owned subsidiary. And since its founding, it has been guided by five core values: safety, integrity, excellence, inclusion, and sustainability. In 1990, Granite Construction Company entered the public market and reached the \$1 billion mark in annual revenues by the end of the decade. Over the past century, the company has expanded its projects across the United States, including the California Aqueduct system, highways for the 1960 and 1996 Olympic Games, transit projects in San Francisco and Oakland, California and Washington, D.C., as well as the remarkable rebuilding of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York.

Granite Construction Company and its devoted staff, which includes thousands of Central Coast community members, have created an innovative culture and exceptional team that delivers excellence for clients across the United States. Since 1922, the company has driven the creation of vital infrastructure that millions of people use every day. Granite Construction Company is one of the largest diversified construction and construction materials companies in the country, as well as a full-suite provider in the transportation, water infrastructure, and mineral exploration markets.

Granite Construction Company's headquarters in Watsonville is a source of pride for the Central Coast and has been for the past 100 years. Granite Construction Company contributes to California's 20th Congressional District's social, economic, and environmental success by providing career opportunities, operating ethically and responsibly, and engaging meaningfully for positive social impact.

In addition to being an industry leader in safety and sustainability, Granite Construction is dedicated to diversity from the top down. Its diverse board of directors includes three women, and its Granite Resources and Opportunities for Women initiative is committed to supporting women in a typically male-dominated industry.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to commemorate this company that has grown into one of our Nation's largest civil infrastructure contractors and construction materials producers. I extend my appreciation to Granite Construction and its team members, subcontractors, suppliers, and partners for creating an innovative culture and exceptional team that delivers excellence for our national infrastructure.

RECOGNIZING MR. WILLIAM J. PEREZ

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. William J. Perez

on the occasion of his retirement after more than 47 years in the construction industry. After decades of leadership and supporting Inland Empire labor unions and helping to grow our economy, the Southern California community owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Perez for his work.

Mr. Perez's career began in 1975 in an electrician apprenticeship program, and he graduated in 1979 from the program as a Journeyman Electrician. In 1995, Mr. Perez became a Business Manager for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 440—a position he held for 11 years. His expertise and experience as a foreman, general foreman, estimator, prevailing wage compliance director, and organizer made him an invaluable member of local unions and the construction industry. He also served as the President of the California State Association of Electrical Workers and President of the I.B.E.W.—NECA Statewide Joint Apprenticeship Committee.

Since 2007, Mr. Perez has worked as the Executive Secretary-Business Manager for the Building and Construction Trades Council of San Bernardino & Riverside Counties. Through his role within the Council, Mr. Perez assisted with the representation of over 16,000 skilled craft workers—represented by 31 local construction unions and district councils in the Inland Empire. Mr. Perez's dedication to the working families and workers' rights is reflected in his current position as a board member for the State of California Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL—CIO.

Bill's dedication to his career is also reflected in his commitment to his family and his community. Bill has been married for over 30 years to his wife. They have two children and four grandchildren.

For his remarkable accomplishments, it is my honor to recognize William J. Perez. His decades of supporting the labor union community and the working families of the Inland Empire are worthy of the highest commendation.

TRIBUTE TO JESSE CHARLES ROMERO

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of Jesse Charles Romero who passed away on July 6, 2022. Mr. Romero dedicated his life to advancing minority rights and equal justice under the law. He is survived by his wife, Anna Alicia Romero, and sons Emiliano Sandino, Antonio Cesar, and Victor Aetius Emmanuel.

Jesse Charles Romero was born in Corpus Christi, Texas on November 4, 1960, to Juan Leos Romero and Amelia Ramirez Romero. Mr. Romero was a first-generation college student, earning his Bachelor of Arts degree from Southwest Texas State University. During his early career with the Texas State Legislature, he worked to address systemic inequalities facing minority groups, particularly among Hispanic and Latinos. Throughout his life, he held an enduring belief that inequality and injustice can be resolved through legislative solutions and hard work.

Later, as a grassroots organizer, Mr. Romero worked at the Southwest Voter Registra-

tion Education Project, where he grew under the mentorship of voting rights activists including Willie Velasquez, Antonio Gonzalez, and Andy Hernandez. As his career progressed, he served as Director of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus and a Policy Analyst for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), where he championed equitable public school funding, college access, and healthcare for all. Some of his most rewarding work was in bilingual and dual language advocacy. Mr. Romero employed the motto, "educate, collaborate and advocate" and fought to improve education for non-English speakers.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the life and legacy of Jesse Charles Romero. I thank Mr. Romero for his many years of public service and advocacy for a more equitable world. He will be missed, but the contributions he made to our community have left a lasting impact.

CONGRATULATING GEORGE W. WALDROP, SR. ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate George W. Waldrop, Sr., World War II veteran of Lancaster County, on the occasion of his 100th birthday and to wish him a joyous birthday celebration.

Mr. Waldrop was born on July 26, 1922, in Greenville, South Carolina to Claude Furman Waldrop and Lola Elizabeth Waldrop. He attended the Greenville city schools and graduated from the high school in 1940. He then began work at the Ottarway Hotel and the Poinset Hotel, both in Greenville, South Carolina.

On February 13, 1943, Mr. Waldrop married Harriet Louise Sistare. Throughout their 73 years of marriage, the pair raised two children, George W. Waldrop, Jr., and Harriett Waldrop Strom, and were blessed with four grandchildren.

On July 15, 1943, Mr. Waldrop was sworn into the United States Army at Fort Jackson where he trained as a combat infantryman. He courageously served the nation during World War II in the European Theatre and participated in combat in the Ardennes, the Rhineland, and Central Europe, including the Battle of the Bulge.

As a testament to his fearless service, Mr. Waldrop was awarded the World War II Victory Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the American Theater Ribbon, the EAME Theater Ribbon, and three Bronze Service Stars.

He authored What "Poppy" Did in The War or as I Remember It, recounting his experiences serving in many locations during World War II. Mr. Waldrop is also a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 31 and is the oldest member of that American Legion post.

I am pleased to congratulate George W. Waldrop, Sr. on his life of service and sacrifice, and I wish him a very joyous 100th birthday celebration among his family and friends.

HONORING INDIANA STATE
REPRESENTATIVE TOM SAUNDERS

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor State Representative Tom Saunders. Representative Saunders is retiring after nearly three decades of public service, and I am proud to join Hoosiers in celebrating a friend who has had an immeasurable impact on our beloved Indiana.

During his time of service, he had the honor of being recognized as Legislature of the Year by the Indiana Conservation Alliance. He also received the Distinguished Public Service Award from the Indiana Department of the American Legion.

Representative Tom Saunders has long served as a distinguished voice on behalf of the people of Henry County and our entire state. He worked hard to bring greater economic opportunity to Hoosiers and was a strong advocate for the improvement of local schools.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I rise to honor State Representative Tom Saunders, wish him an enjoyable retirement, and to thank him for his many years of public service.

HONORING JAMES RUFUS REED OF
JASPER, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize and honor the life of James Rufus Reed of Jasper, AL after his passing on June 4, 2022. Rufus Reed's dedication to his work, community, family, and especially his faith, serves as an example to us all of the love we should share for each other and those we hold dear to our hearts.

James Rufus Reed was born on August 21, 1940 in Cordova, Alabama. He attended Cordova High School, and upon his graduation in 1959, he went on to attend Walker College. Mr. Reed began working for the Alabama Power Company as an electrician, and retired as a Safety Specialist after 29 long years.

Alongside his career serving the customers of Alabama Power, Mr. Reed served as a trustee for his alma mater, Cordova High School, where he dedicated his time to improving the lives of young people.

He also served on the Walker County Civil Service Board where he was committed to bettering the community that he called home. We will always humbly remember Mr. Reed's service to Walker County and Alabama's Fourth Congressional District.

Most importantly, Mr. Reed was also a devoted servant of the Lord. He served as a deacon at Cordova First Baptist Church, and later as deacon at Jasper's First Baptist Church. In his efforts to teach the Word, he faithfully led Sunday School and served as a devout leader in the church throughout the years.

Mr. Reed was preceded in death by his grandparents, Joe and Alma Reed and Marion

and Susannah Wylie; and his parents, Leighton and Mendie Reed.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Patsy Collier Reed, who was his constant companion.; Rufus had two wonderful children, Alabama State Senator Greg Reed, who married, Mitsy; and Angie Reed Lum, who married George. His great legacy will also be cherished by his grandchildren, Andrew Reed; James Reed; John Michael Reed and his wife, Kalei Woodley Reed; Reed Lum; and his siblings, Doris Vines, Wilson Reed, Kay Williams, and Darlene Bell.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in celebrating the life of James Rufus Reed and the love he shared for his community, his state, his family, and especially for his faith.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF FERNANDO
GRAY OF AURORA FIRE RESCUE

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Fire Chief Fernando Gray of Aurora Fire Rescue, and to congratulate him on his upcoming retirement from the City of Aurora.

During his five exemplary years with Aurora Fire Rescue, Chief Gray remained dedicated to serving our community. He has surpassed expectations—striving to meet any and all challenges with innovative approaches and best practices, while emphasizing personnel safety.

As Aurora Fire Rescue's first Black fire chief, Gray was instrumental in recruiting more minority firefighters to the department, reflecting the diverse community it serves. Faced with an unprecedented pandemic, fire departments across the country were forced to restructure their operations almost instantaneously—a feat Chief Gray tackled seamlessly. He worked with the Colorado Attorney General's office to implement a consent decree agreement to restore public confidence in Aurora's public safety personnel after Elijah McClain was killed.

Chief Gray is a life-long public servant committed to making our community a better and safer place through his work in the fire service. Prior to his appointment as Fire Chief for the City of Aurora, Chief Gray worked for the City of Dallas for over 20 years—serving in nearly every capacity within the organization except Fire Chief. Further, city leadership affirms that Chief Gray's commitment to professionalism in the fire service is unmatched, and I have no doubt the City of Aurora has benefited greatly from his exemplary leadership.

Chief Gray's contributions to our community, Aurora Fire Rescue, and those around him have been enormous. I thank Chief Gray for his service to this community, and wish him the best on his next journey serving the Las Vegas community.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RE-
LATED AGENCIES APPROPRIA-
TIONS ACT, 2023

SPEECH OF

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 8294, legislation that would authorize appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023 for a number of federal agencies and programs, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development, or HUD.

I want to thank Chairwoman DELAUNO and Chairman PRICE, among others, for their support and leadership in putting together this strong package. While there are many good provisions in this package, I want to take a moment to highlight one of the key victories for our communities.

Americans nationwide have faced difficulties finding affordable housing long before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the pandemic has exacerbated an existing crisis. As rent increases and wages stay stagnant, many members of our communities are facing the threat of homelessness.

Without stable housing, children face challenges in school, adults struggle to maintain employment, and those battling physical and mental health disorders, as well as substance abuse, lack the support they need to adequately address and treat these issues.

According to the Housing and Urban Development 2021 Annual Assessment Report, the number of sheltered individuals that identified as chronically homeless increased by 20 percent between 2020 and 2021. The report also identified that more than 326,000 people are still experiencing sheltered homelessness in the United States on any given night. Homeless Assistance Grants, like the Continuum of Care and the Emergency Solutions grants, help people who are at risk of or are currently experiencing homelessness through non-profits, community organizations, government agencies, or other providers. These programs are successfully used by state and local governments, as well as an extensive network of providers of shelter and housing services in hundreds of communities, to reduce homelessness.

I am delighted that the package that passed the House would provide \$3.6 billion for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants program. Earlier this year, I led a letter, signed by 140 of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, urging the inclusion of that amount.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants, like the Continuum of Care grant, have a profound impact on our communities, including my own city of Milwaukee. According to the City of Milwaukee, the Milwaukee Continuum of Care was able to track a 77 percent decrease in people experiencing chronic homelessness over the last 10 years. This decrease was made possible through robust federal funding of supportive housing programs to end homelessness, including the Homeless Assistance Grants program.

Given the lack of affordable housing across the Nation and the ongoing effects of the

COVID-19 pandemic, strong funding for HUD's McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants program is necessary to address homelessness and to get more people off the streets and into permanent housing. The increase in this bill is necessary and will provide much-needed resources to state and local governments to address the housing crisis. I look forward to working with the Chair and my colleagues to ensure this increase is maintained and even increased as the FY 2023 appropriations process moves forward.

RECOGNIZING KAREN ROSALES ON
HER ELECTION TO THE NAFCU
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Karen Rosales on her recent selection to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Karen currently serves as the President and CEO of Arlington Community Federal Credit Union, serving the financial services industry for more than 30 years. As CEO, Ms. Rosales has guided the strategic direction, service delivery, and operational efficiency of ACFCU. Under her leadership, the credit union now serves more than 23,000 members who live, work, worship, volunteer, go to school, and do business in the Arlington area.

Karen has served on the Board of Directors for many community and Credit Union industry organizations, including Leadership Center for Excellence, Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization, and Credit Union Miracle Day. Ms. Rosales also currently serves on the Board of Directors for Callahan and Associates.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Karen Rosales and wishing her the best of luck in her new role on the NAFCU Board of Directors. I look forward to working with her in this regard.

FARM BILL IMPACT SERIES NO. 13

HON. TRACEY MANN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to deliver the 13th installment of my Farm Bill Impact Series during a time when the effects of a poor wheat harvest in Kansas are only compounded by crushing inflation.

This is insult added to injury for Kansas wheat farmers. Producers are laboring under the burden of skyrocketing input costs while they work hard to keep our country fed, fueled, and clothed, and they deserve workable solutions to this inflation crisis before the situation gets any worse. Farming is already a risky, volatile business without the added burden of inflation, and USDA estimates that input costs will continue to rise to astronomical rates throughout 2022.

For an example of the risk and volatility—the wheat harvest just ended in Kansas, and the results were a fraction of the yield that

farmers in the Wheat State hope for and bank on during normal seasons. The Farm Bill (which Congress will reauthorize in 2023) exists, in part, specifically for situations like this past wheat season—to provide emergency assistance to the people who feed, fuel, and clothe the world even when mother nature doesn't cooperate.

The weather in Kansas can be extreme and unpredictable, which means that growing wheat in the wheat state can be a very difficult prospect sometimes. I had an intern in my office this summer named Parker Vulgamore who is a rising senior at Kansas State University where he serves as the student body president. He is also a member of the sixth generation of his family farm in Scott City, which lies in my district. Vulgamore Family Farms is a wheat, corn, and sorghum operation, with wheat being a staple. This year, due to an exceptional drought and extreme conditions throughout the growing season, much of the wheat never grew past three inches tall. So, what is typically a highly anticipated three-to-four-week wheat harvest only lasted a day and a half. Many wheat farmers in Kansas barely even ran their combines this year—they harvested what they could, cut their losses, and moved on.

This is where Farm Bill emergency assistance programs like crop insurance come in. Crop insurance serves producers and consumers alike because it helps prevent producers from going out of business and grocery store aisles from sitting empty. Farm Bill programs like crop insurance have secured our national food supply and helped generation after generation of producers avoid bankruptcy when times get tough. We're in one of those times right now. Inflation is skyrocketing in America, President Biden is trying to impose his Farm Killer Tax, and producers are going out of business. The chance to reauthorize the Farm Bill for 2023 has come at a critical moment in time.

The farm crisis isn't just about money. It's about morale and spirit. It's about joy. Missing wheat harvest time in Kansas doesn't just mean missing out on the yield of a cash crop—it means missing out on the special Kansas tradition of celebrating the culmination of all your family's hard work. It means missing out on grandma's casserole in the harvest field and missing out on seeing your mom in the semi, your dad in the combine, and your little brother getting to drive the grain cart for the first time. A bad wheat harvest in Kansas doesn't just create financial insecurity, it also leaves a void where a renewal of family camaraderie should be. American agricultural producers are hurting not only from the skyrocketing input costs that come with inflation, but also from the lowered morale that comes with drought, thin margins, and a broken supply chain. In 2023, Congress must reauthorize the Farm Bill with American farm families at the front of our minds, because they are in a crisis.

I'll be back on the floor soon to deliver another installment of my Farm Bill Impact Series and highlight more programs and titles within the Bill that I believe Congress must understand and support to ensure that agriculture thrives in America. The people who feed, fuel, and clothe us all deserve our unwavering support. They also deserve a robust safety net in the Farm Bill and workable solutions to the inflation crisis before it's too late.

HONORING DAVID KELLER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of David Keller as he retires from the Friends of the Eel River (FOER) Board of Directors after 21 years of service.

Mr. Keller has long been committed to environmental stewardship and public service. During his tenure on the FOER board, he played a key role as an advocate for critical community projects and restoration initiatives, and as an expert on watershed and coastal programs.

Mr. Keller graduated from the City College of New York in 1967 cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, with a BA in Psychology and Sociology, and completed his graduate degree in Social Psychology at the University of Michigan in 1969. His passion for woodworking brought him to Northern California, and since 1976, he has been the manufacturer of his own specialized woodworking tools, the Keller Dovetail System.

Mr. Keller's public service precedes his time on the FOER board. He served on the Petaluma City Council from 1996 to 2000. In this role, he helped pioneer the first U.S. adoption of form-based building codes for downtown redevelopment and led the defeat of the first full privatization of a municipal wastewater treatment plant in the U.S., which resulted in a city-owned wetland-based treatment facility. He also was a strong advocate for utility ratepayer protections in community choice aggregation programs. In addition to his service on the city council, Mr. Keller also served as an elected member of the Bolinas Fire Protection District Board of Directors, the Sonoma County Conservation Action Board of Directors, and is the founder and former Director of the Petaluma River Council. He also served on the Bolinas Lagoon Technical Advisory Committee where he led the campaign to reconstruct the Bolinas beach and groin after a 1982 storm disaster.

Mr. Keller's vast and successful service to the community was invaluable during his tenure on the FOER Board. After two years as a general board member, Mr. Keller took on the role of FOER Bay Area Director in 2003. He's worked tirelessly for dam removal on the Russian River, salmonid fisheries and watershed restoration, resolving inter-basin water transfer conflicts, and to help transform the defunct North Coast Railroad's line to the Great Redwood Trail. Mr. Keller also played a role on the Potter Valley Project Ad Hoc Committee where he represented Eel River interests to ensure the protection of salmon and steelhead populations.

Madam Speaker, David Keller exemplifies what it means to be a community-minded public servant and environmental steward. His dedicated service both in the City of Petaluma and to the Friends of the Eel River has played a significant role in community action and environmental stewardship in the North Bay. Therefore, please join us in congratulating him for decades of inspiring work and in wishing him a fulfilling and relaxing retirement.

DECATUR COUNTY BICENTENNIAL

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Decatur County and its county seat, Greensburg, Indiana, in its Bicentennial celebration. Decatur County and the wonderful city of Greensburg were founded in the year of 1822 by veterans and war heroes of the war of 1812, and still stand today as a model county and city.

Decatur County is known for its Hoosier hospitality, industry, art filled streets, and rich history. Decatur County and the city of Greensburg will long stand as a beacon of hope, from the communities filled with hospitality to the famous "Tree City" courthouse.

Madam Speaker, today I honor Decatur County on its historic bicentennial.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Rollcall No. 378. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on Roll Call No. 378.

HONORING BEBE MOORE CAMPBELL NATIONAL MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought on an unprecedented number of mental health issues for Americans across the nation. However, America has been dealing with a crisis for years.

This is particularly true for youth of color. Black children under the age of 12 are dying by suicide at twice the rate of their White peers. Suicide is the leading cause of death for Asian Pacific Islander youth ages 12 to 19 years old.

That is why I am proud to have introduced H. Res. 1217, urging mental health resources be provided for adolescents of color.

Similarly, I am proud to see that as of this past week, Americans can finally use the nationwide 988 Lifeline.

This will afford everyone in need 24/7 confidential support if they are experiencing suicidal or mental-health related stress.

Despite this stride forward in our fight to accessible mental health care, there are still systemic and institutional barriers to our children of color. Already, the lack of cultural understanding and competency by health care providers cause many to delay or forgo treatment and leads to 'underdiagnosis'.

We must commit to saving the lives of our children.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF BYNUM BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize The 75th Anniversary of the Bynum Baptist Church located in Bynum, Alabama.

The Bynum Baptist Church began organization on a Sunday afternoon on September 14, 1947 at Bynum Community Building, Desoto Manor.

The members of the Organizing Presbytery consisted of: Dr. B. Locke Davis, Pastor, Parker Memorial Baptist Church in Anniston; Rev. L.R. Perry, Pastor, Liberty & Bethel Baptist Church in Crossville; Rev. Otis C. Fincher of Wedowee; Rev. G.C. Shaddix, Pastor, New Haven Baptist Church, RFD 1 in Anniston; Bro. Ben Sawyer, Deacon, Parker Memorial Baptist Church; Bro. Fred B. Bryant, Deacon, Parker Memorial Baptist Church and Bro. S.L. Johnson, Moderator, Deacon, Parker Memorial Baptist Church.

The church was organized with a charter membership of 37 Baptists living in and near the Bynum Community who desired to organize a church. Today the church's pastor is Rev. Benjie K. Miller.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this milestone for Bynum Baptist Church.

HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, MICHIGAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 175th Anniversary of the City of Taylor, Michigan, located in the Downriver area of Metro Detroit. The City of Taylor is strong and resilient—just like their residents. The city offers beautiful recreation areas, excellent educational opportunities, and a strong sense of community. Their nearly two centuries of excellence are worthy of commendation.

Named after former President Zachary Taylor, the city began as a small township. In the city's early days, it was part of Ecorse Township, but residents of the area found they were too spread out to fully participate in the necessary civic functions. Because of this, residents petitioned to form a separate community, which was approved in 1847. For what started as an agricultural area, Taylor has flourished into a diverse city of many industries and opportunities. Residents of Taylor can live, work, and shop all within a twenty-four square mile area. The city is well connected to the rest of Metro Detroit through highways and is just east of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport. As they say: "all roads lead to Taylor."

Taylor's talented residents are employed at various medical centers, retail locations, and transportation practices, providing essential services to the entire Downriver community. The city is home to the Taylor High School, Taylor Prep Charter High School, Trillium Academy, and the Downriver campus of Wayne County Community College where students thrive. Natives of Taylor include famous athletes, actors, and musicians—there is no shortage of talent coming from this city.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the City of Taylor as they celebrate 175 fantastic years. Although much has changed over the years, the sense of resilience and community that is found in Taylor has never changed. We wish Mayor Tim Woolley and the entire Taylor community the very best during this time of recognition and celebration.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF PROFESSOR JOHN F. STACK, JR.

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart I rise today to commemorate a true academic scholar, Mr. John F. Stack, Jr. whose commitment to democracy in international and public affairs at the Florida International University has left an impressionable mark on the community and on me.

John began his career in 1976, as an instructor and shortly after Chair of the Department of Political Science at FIU and remained committed throughout his tenure to advancing FIU's core mission in providing high-quality teaching, state-of-the-art research, and collaborative engagement with our local and global communities. FIU's College of Law is credited in large part to John's leadership as Chair of the College of Law initiative in 2000 and his devotion to the rule of law in remaining part of the faculty for the past two decades. As if establishing a Law School wasn't enough, Professor Stack additionally served as the founding Director of the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy and as the founding Dean of the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs.

Due in large part to his determination and vision for FIU, John led FIU to many firsts and has impacted thousands of students along the way. Under his leadership at FIU's Green School of International and Public Affairs, South Florida made history as the first university in Florida to achieve the designation of Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs, one of only 40 globally.

Throughout his extraordinary career, he has received numerous awards, including Doctor of Humane Letters in 2018 presented by his alma mater, Stonehill College. Among John's proudest moment was leading and advising FIU's Model UN team to rank Number 1 in the North American College Model U.N. Championship in 2019, a first in FIU history.

John was more than a professor; he became a personal mentor to me as well as to my Chief of Staff, Cesar Gonzalez. Before I began my professional career a friend recommended that I sit down with John to discuss my future. Although I was not one of

John's students, he agreed to sit down with me. After a number of conversations, he urged me to consider public service. Though he considered public service demanding, he implored on me that there is no greater honor than serving your neighbor, community, country and fellow man. I am forever grateful for his mentorship and guidance throughout my time in public service.

While the loss of John marks a sad day for FIU and South Florida, his legacy will remain. I am fortunate to have had the privilege of working with such a talented and honorable individual.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to my dear friend and mentor, Mr. John F. Stack, Jr., for his outstanding leadership and dedication to higher education and public service, and I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

HONORING DIANE WINSTON

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Diane Garner Winston of Wytheville, who passed away on July 7, 2022.

Mrs. Winston was born in Norfolk, Virginia, on December 31, 1928, to George Hayden Garner and Vera Duke Garner. She earned a bachelor's degree in medical technology from the Medical College of Virginia, now Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine. She married William Overton Winston and they raised four children.

God and country were foundational in Mrs. Winston's life. She was an active member of Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church. During World War II, she volunteered in Norfolk as an airplane spotter and nurse's aide. The faith and patriotism of individuals such as Mrs. Winston have often been the stable and steady pillars holding up families and communities across our land.

Mrs. Winston was preceded in death by her husband and a son, David C. Winston. Survivors include son Stephen Winston (Sandi); daughters Mary Blount (Tyler) and Rebecca Brewbaker (Bill); twelve grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren. I offer them my condolences on their loss.

RECOGNIZING THE LIBERIAN ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I want to recognize the Liberian Association of Michigan as they gather to celebrate the one hundred seventy-fifth anniversary of Liberia's independence and the contributions of Liberian Americans to Michigan and the 13th Congressional District Strong.

Founded in 1971, the Liberian Association of Michigan remains grounded in their mission

to provide assistance to those in need and to preserve Liberia's cultural heritage in our communities. In its commitment to these ideals, the Association hosts numerous events throughout the year, including African Heritage and Liberian Independence celebrations, as well as events that give back to the community, such as Thanksgiving and Back to School programs.

Beyond hosting numerous charitable and social events, Liberian Association of Michigan is "Doing the Right Thing for the Right Reason," the theme of this year's annual celebration, in its outreach and support to recent immigrants to our country. The Association and its members have created a welcoming space for new residents, while providing social and economic support. I commend their incredibly valuable work and I am incredibly proud of the Liberian Association of Michigan's many contributions to our richly diverse communities.

Please join me in recognizing the Liberian Association of Michigan as they celebrate more than fifty years of service, culture, and kinship across Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

HENRY COUNTY BICENTENNIAL

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the bicentennial of Henry County, Indiana. Henry County is rich in history and overflowing with Hoosier hospitality. Henry County was officially founded on June 1, 1822. Today it boasts museums to celebrate its past, parks and trails to discover its nature, and manufacturers, factories, and small businesses.

Henry County is home to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and served as the home court to the movie Hoosiers in Knightstown. A museum and birthplace of the inspirational Wilbur Wright also find its home here, in Henry County. It is also the birthplace of the famous LOVE artist, Robert Indiana.

The rich history and beauty of Henry County stands proudly on 392 square miles and includes the Old National Road, the oldest of the great Crossroads of America.

So be it then, Madam Speaker, that all Hoosiers join us in celebrating Henry County's grand Bicentennial.

HONORING COMMANDER MATTHEW MALDONADO

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Commander Matthew Maldonado from the Salinas Police Department after 29 years of service. The Salinas Police Department is an integral part of our community, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all Salinas residents for more than 145 years.

Commander Maldonado demonstrated an early commitment to public safety and serving his community. Raised in the City of Salinas, he graduated from Salinas High School in 1989 and attended classes at Monterey Peninsula College and Hartnell College, going on to graduate from Union Institute and University with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Management. Following in the footsteps of his father Richard Maldonado, who served with the Marina Department of Public Safety, he began his career with the Monterey County Sheriff's Department in 1992.

After graduating from the Gavilan Police Academy and a two-year assignment to the Correction Division, Commander Maldonado was hired by the Salinas Police Department and assigned to the Patrol unit working the midnight shift. While on the force, Commander Maldonado served in a variety of roles including patrol officer, crime scene investigator, and as a member of the Violence Suppression Unit/SWAT.

In 2004, he was promoted to Sergeant, where he supervised Patrol operations, the Violence Suppression Unit, the Narcotic Unit, and the Monterey County Joint Narcotics Team. Throughout his tenure, Commander Maldonado has been a strong leader with a commitment to public safety and education, having served as a firearms instructor for 17 years and as SWAT team leader-turned-commander for 18 years. He was also a founding sergeant of the California Department of Justice "STING" Task Force. Then-Sergeant Maldonado's teams were responsible for Operation Knock Out and Operation Snake Eyes, two successful wiretap cases into the Nuestra Familia criminal organization.

Matthew Maldonado was promoted to Commander in 2018. As a commander, he supervised patrol operations and served as the Hostage Negotiations Team Commander. For the last three years of his career, Commander Maldonado served as the SWAT Commander and was the commander in charge of the Northern California, South Bay Metro, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Salinas Violence Suppression Task Force. His team conducted successful narcotics and gang investigations spanning from Monterey County to the North Bay area and most recently worked closely with the Salinas Police Department's detectives on the wiretap case Operation Black Widow, which reached as far as Yuma, Arizona and the southern border of California and Mexico.

Throughout his career, Commander Maldonado has been recognized for his outstanding contributions to the community. Along with earning the Monterey County Peace Officer Association's Award of Merit three times, he was also awarded the Salinas Police Department Outstanding Duty Award twice.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Commander Matthew Maldonado for his years of service to our community on the Central Coast. I extend my gratitude to all those who selflessly dedicate their lives to serving their community. I extend my personal appreciation to Commander Matthew Maldonado and his dedication to the community of Salinas.