

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

STATE OF ISRAEL

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD remarks submitted at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman of Temple Lev Tikvah, and are a reflection of his views:

I have returned from the torn Land of Israel where I grew up, following a visit throughout July of a shaking, even shocking experience. Israel is undergoing a trauma whose lasting impact is impossible to predict. However, the current internal crisis threatening Israeli democracy, the Middle East's sole one, is due to the most extreme coalition government in Israel's history attempting to alter its Western liberal orientation by disabling the Supreme Court's standing as an independent Judiciary. Consequently, the unprecedented mass demonstrations for months in opposition to the proposed radical agenda which I watched in disbelief and participated in, have reflected a powerful popular response determined to preserve Israel as both the Jewish and democratic state envisioned by its founders. Already adversely affected are the Israeli economy, military, public health, the woman's status, education, Pride community and society at large, while Israel's enemies, Iran and its proxies, become further emboldened. The special relationship between Israel and the United States is at risk as well as the essential bond between Israel and American Jewry.

With heartfelt, even prophetic pathos and deep grasp of the multi-layered Israeli scene since its inception and prior, veteran Israeli author Ari Shavit offers us a concise manifesto for urgent action with the goal of "Saving Israel," his recent book's alarming title (Saving Israel. Rishon LeZion: Miskal-Yedioth Ahronoth Books and Chemed Books. 2023). He begins with a statement of both profound gratitude and grave concern, "the State of Israel is a miracle. No other nation did what we have: To build anew a national home following two thousand years. No progressive democracy succeeded to flourish as we have, following a Shoah and living under a volcano. Despite all the troubles, problems, weaknesses, difficulties and blemishes—The Zionist dream has been realized. The people of Israel lives and the state of Israel lives. Our sons and daughters have in our ancestral land what our grandfathers and grandmothers did not: Sovereignty, freedom, prosperity, pride and progress. Being a technological, economic, military and political super-power, Israel of the 21st century is a strong country capable of shaping its own fate and march toward a brilliant future. But the deep 2023 crisis threatens the Israeli miracle and erasing our astonishing successes, leaving us homeless."

Shavit does not mince words. On the one hand, heaps praise upon Israel's successes though Israel is not a global, as the author claims, but a regional superpower. In light of trying beginnings and facing monumental challenges that were likely to doom the fragile creation: Attacks from a collection of su-

perior military establishments while absorbing penniless immigrants from west and east three times larger in size, into a war zone with meager resources. On the other hand, he bemoans the Jewish people's destructive tendencies that brought down Jewish sovereignty and led into long exile and ultimately a consuming Holocaust. "And the Jewish people has multi-talents though sorrowfully it lacks the talent to be a people. It tends toward extremism, internal strife and self-destruction . . . Israel needs to be both powerful and ethical, both national and liberal, both Jewish and democratic. Only a combination of resoluteness and openness will guarantee that not weakness nor zealousness will bring us again to the pit's cusp."

The author is convinced that the goal is within reach though the hour is late and the Israelis with all their complexities and tribal tendencies ought not further delay. He thus concludes, "The good and silent great Israeli majority will not remain still. The democratic Jews will not let a wondrous national and human enterprise to go down. For all of us have a stake in this special place. And we all know that there wouldn't be a Fourth Commonwealth. The Third Commonwealth is the Jewish people's last opportunity. With determination, love and faith we'll defend Israel and rebuild the house."

Rabbi Israel Zoberman is founder of Temple of Lev Tikvah in Virginia Beach.

RECOGNIZING BOBBY MAGEE LOPEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Bobby Magee Lopez, the winner of the Arvada Olde Town Shindig Mural Contest.

This competition showcased the work of local artists competing for the next Olde Town Mural commission. Mr. Lopez was selected by a panel of art experts to complete the city's next Olde Town mural project.

It is my honor to recognize and congratulate Mr. Lopez on his achievement and thank him for his dedication to public arts. Colorado's 7th Congressional District looks forward to enjoying his mural upon its completion.

RECOGNIZING DR. JOHN GERMILLER'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF OTOLARYN- GOLOGY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the achievements of a remarkable constituent from my district, Dr. John Germiller. Dr. Germiller is an attending sur-

geon and Director of Clinical Research in the Division of Otolaryngology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and an Associate Professor at Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. In a first in the nation breakthrough, Dr. Germiller's team was able to restore the hearing of an 11-year old boy named Aissam who was born deaf through a revolutionary gene therapy surgery.

The type of deafness experienced by Aissam affects over 200,000 people worldwide, a genetic disability which was previously deemed untreatable. Through a procedure at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Dr. Germiller was able to carefully inject a harmless virus carrying the corrected genes into Aissam's ear, which strengthened the tiny hairs within the inner ear that are required for full hearing ability. Dr. Germiller's study does not only provide a beacon of hope to adults and children affected by this type of genetic deafness, but also serves as the first step in utilizing gene therapy to help people experiencing other disabilities and diseases.

Dr. Germiller's career serves as a beacon of ingenuity and innovation, and his achievements inspire myself and others. I am sure that his contributions will have a lasting impact on the field of medicine. I thank Dr. Germiller for his tireless service to our community, our Nation, and the world.

HONORING CHIEF RICK COLLINS UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CERES POLICE DEPART- MENT

HON. JOHN S. DUARTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Rick Collins upon his retirement from the Ceres Police Department.

Chief Collins began his career in law enforcement after graduating from Ceres High School and joining the Ceres Police Department as an Explorer at the age of 19. In 1995, he was hired as a Reserve Officer, and in 1997 he was hired as a full-time officer where he was assigned to patrol. He was then assigned to the Detective Bureau in 1999 and worked as a financial crimes and high-tech crimes investigator.

Chief Collins was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2004 and assigned to the Patrol Division. During this time, he earned a BA in Organizational Leadership from Chapman University and a master's degree also in Organizational Leadership from Brandman University. In 2008, he was promoted to Lieutenant where he managed the department's Special Operations units. In 2015 he was promoted to Captain, and in 2019 he was promoted to Chief.

Chief Collins is also a graduate of the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute, class 235, and of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, class 268.

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Off duty, Chief Collins has devoted his time to Ceres youth sports. He's coached youth soccer and served on the youth soccer board for three years. He's also volunteered as a coach for youth baseball.

Throughout his distinguished career in law enforcement, Chief Collins has exemplified the highest standards of duty and commitment to public service—earning the admiration of myself and his local community in the Central Valley. Upon his retirement, I want to extend my best wishes to Chief Collins on his new journey.

COMMEMORATION OF THE 34TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLACK JANUARY

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 34th anniversary of the “Black January” killings in Azerbaijan.

January 20, 2024, marks the 34th anniversary of the military invasion and vicious massacre of civilians in the city of Baku, Azerbaijan by the forces of the Soviet Army on January 20, 1990. On the night of January 20, 1990, approximately 26,000 Soviet troops stormed Azerbaijan's capital city in tanks and armored vehicles. The Soviet military bulldozed and open fired on innocent Azerbaijanis and peaceful protestors, including women and children. The attack resulted in 147 people killed, around 800 injured, 841 arrested, and 5 missing. I offer my thoughts and prayers to the families of those who gave their lives for the independence of Azerbaijan.

Despite these merciless acts, the Azerbaijani people continued to fight for their freedom and became independent in 1991. The United States was one of the first countries to recognize Azerbaijan's independence and fully established diplomatic relations on February 28, 1992. As the co-chairman of the Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus, I recognize the sacrifices of the Azerbaijani people in their steps toward a free-market economy and encourage a recommitment to the democratic values for which many Azerbaijanis sacrificed their lives.

RECOGNIZING A HIDDEN HERO OF THE HOLOCAUST: KADRI CAKRANI

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as we approach International Holocaust Remembrance Day to remember all the lives lost in this horrific event so many decades ago, and also to acknowledge the efforts of a particular and only more recently recognized hero of this period: Kadri Cakrani.

During World War II, Kadri Cakrani served as Commandant-General in the City of Berat, in Albania. Although his nation was occupied by Axis forces, Commandant Cakrani was able to utilize his position of relative authority to save lives.

Commandant Cakrani rallied soldiers under his command and the local citizenry to help

shelter hundreds of Jewish people who would otherwise have been killed by Nazi forces. Cakrani repeatedly lied to Nazi officials, claiming no knowledge of Jews within his area of authority. At the same time, he was coordinating the movement of families from one side of Berat to the other to ensure they were not discovered.

Commandant Cakrani even went so far as to shelter Jews within his own home during this period. In 1943, Cakrani successfully sheltered three U.S. Army nurses (Wilma Dale Lytle, Ava Ann Maness, and Helen Porter) trapped in the area after a plane crash returning them safely to the Allied powers.

The risks that Kadri and those working with him faced while they carried out these brave actions were enormous. Eventually, the rise of Communist leader Enver Hoxha forced Kadri Cakrani to flee the country in November of 1944. Cakrani eventually found his way to the United States, where President Harry Truman granted him political asylum and where he then settled down for the remainder of his life.

Kadri Cakrani passed away in 1972, but his efforts to bend the arc of history towards justice have been only recently rediscovered. Cakrani had safely fled to the United States, but many of the heroes that worked beside him remained behind the Iron Curtain in an Albania under communist rule. As a result, to protect those who would otherwise still be at risk, Kadri did not talk about these accomplishments.

Today, Albania is a free and democratic society. Scholars have pieced together the story of this remarkable man and those who worked beside him for good. On behalf of the residents of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois, I want to share my deepest gratitude to Kadri Cakrani and those who worked with him to save so many lives. These efforts and risks deserve recognition and remembrance, and I am so pleased to be able to share his story. Our world is better off because of the role that Kadri Cakrani played in it while he was here.

CAMPBELLSVILLE-TAYLOR COUNTY CHAMBER

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of the Campbellsville-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce of Kentucky's 1st Congressional District.

Through the efforts of the Rotary Club, Lions Club, and local businesses, the Campbellsville-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce was first organized in May of 1949. Membership was small at first but has grown over the decades to include over 325 investors. I commend the bridge that has been created between local businesses, education, government, civic, and religious organizations.

The Chamber has been able to boost tourism efforts in Taylor County and has organized many popular events that has brought the community together, including the annual 4th of July Celebration which has become the largest Independence Day Celebration in Kentucky. I am honored to represent them in Congress.

I join with the community of Taylor County in celebrating the 75th anniversary of the

Campbellsville-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce and look forward to many more years of services.

CONGRATULATING WILLIAM T. HARRIS, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF SPACE CENTER HOUSTON

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Space Center Houston President and Chief Executive Officer William T. Harris on receiving the prestigious Quasar Award for Economic Development Excellence from the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership.

William was named the President and CEO of Space Center Houston in 2019 and has since overseen and worked to ensure its continued success. As the Official Visitor Center of the Johnson Space Center, Space Center Houston is the top attraction for international visitors in the Houston area. Last year, it welcomed around 1.3 million guests, provided more than 1,700 jobs, and generated an annual economic impact of \$118.7 million.

Apart from his role in making sure Space Center Houston thrives, William has held many nonprofit leadership positions in museums and universities nationwide for more than 39 years. He currently serves as the immediate past chair on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Association of Science and Technology Centers, on the QueensCare Charitable Board, as Board Vice President of the Association of Science Museum Directors, on the Board of Directors for the Greater Houston Partnership, among others.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate William Harris on receiving this recognition and commend his dedication to STEM education and work to inspire generations of future pioneers in space.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for two votes on January 11, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call No. 7 and Roll Call No. 8.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS REAUTHORIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I am thrilled to reintroduce the “HOME Investment Partnerships Reauthorization and Improvement Act,” with Representative JOYCE BEATTY (D-OH03).

I thank our original cosponsors for their support, as well as U.S. Senator CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO (D-NV) for sponsoring the companion bill. This updated legislation would significantly increase federal funding available for affordable housing across the country to tackle the housing crisis in states like California.

With historically high housing costs, a minimum wage worker in California must work an 88-hour week on average to afford a modest one-bedroom rental at a fair market rate. No American working full-time should live in poverty or be forced into homelessness. Congress and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) must support collaborative solutions to incentivize affordable housing production and rental assistance to address the drastic shortage of housing options in California and across the country.

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) is the largest federal affordable housing block grant and is HUD's flagship program to support private developers and nonprofits building new affordable housing. Since established by Congress in 1990, the HOME program has helped state and local housing agencies support a wide variety of housing needs, from financing new construction and home repairs to funding down payment and rental assistance. HOME funding is the primary federal tool available for state and local governments to build affordable rental and owner-occupied housing for low-income to extremely low-income families with private developers. Moreover, HOME is a great federal investment, leveraging \$4.76 in non-federal public and private funds for every dollar in HOME funding.

Since 1992, the HOME program has supported more than 1.36 million units of affordable housing for renters, home buyers, and homeowners. In California, the HOME program has invested \$5.27 billion into affordable housing across the state; built or preserved 121,727 homes; given rental assistance to 43,810 families; supported 277,318 jobs; and generated \$19.2 billion in local economic development.

Despite these incredible investments, this essential program was last reauthorized in 1994 and needs critical updates to better address today's housing crisis. Our legislation would not only reauthorize the HOME program for the first time in three decades, but also make several much-needed improvements.

Specifically, our bicameral "HOME Investment Partnerships Reauthorization and Improvement Act" would authorize \$5 billion in HOME funding for fiscal year 2024 and boost the funding for the program by five percent annually through fiscal year 2028. This critical investment would reverse the chronic underfunding of the affordable housing investment program, which Congress appropriated only \$1.5 billion in fiscal year 2023.

In addition, our bill would allow HUD to make loan guarantees under the HOME program, leveraging limited federal resources to allow state and local participating jurisdictions to tap more generous private financing to build new affordable housing. It would also improve HUD's ability to provide downpayment assistance to homebuyers and home repair assistance to homeowners under the HOME program. Moreover our bill would unlock HOME funds for nonprofits, community land trusts, and other shared equity homeownership partnerships to make more and better affordable

housing available to those Americans most in need.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members of Congress to cosponsor the "HOME Investment Partnerships Reauthorization and Improvement Act" to bring this critical HUD program into the 21st century and provide state and local partners with the financing needed to construct and rehabilitate affordable rental housing and provide homeownership opportunities for working families. Lastly, I want to thank my former Legislative Assistant, Mr. Tigran Agdaian, for his critically important role in developing this legislation during the 116th Congress while on my staff.

RECOGNIZING JACOB FLANNIGAN AND TRAVIS CANON

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. Pettersen. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jacob Flannigan and Travis Canon for earning an Honorable Mention Award in the 2023 Congressional App Challenge.

Jacob and Travis built an interactive app entitled Study Buddy which allows users to dress up a virtual animal avatar after completing tasks such as homework.

Jacob and Travis, students from Golden High School, spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding and app development while developing new skills and further advancing their STEM education. Their perseverance and dedication to this challenge exemplifies the character and determination the faculty instills in the students at Golden High.

Congratulations to Jacob Flannigan and Travis Canon for their hard work on this project. I am certain they will exhibit the same dedication and character in their future accomplishments, and I wish them the best of luck going forward.

RECOGNIZING THE NATURALIZATION OF MARITZA COROMOTO BIGGS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Maritza Coromoto Biggs, who will officially become a citizen of the United States of America on January 27, 2024, having recently completed her naturalization interview and test.

Ms. Coromoto Biggs, born in Punto Fijo, Venezuela in 1958, was the fourth of ten children. She grew up in a modest but hard-working family. Her father worked for a petroleum company and her mother was a young homemaker. At an early age, she made history as one of the first women in the Venezuelan Air Force and came to this country in November of 1982 as a diplomatic delegate to learn how to fly and operate F-16s from the distinguished professionals of the U.S. Air Force.

Ms. Coromoto Biggs had a long and distinguished career advancing peace, stability, economic development and the improvement of human conditions throughout the Western Hemisphere through her work at the Inter-American Development Bank. She and her husband, Tyler Sanford Biggs, an economist at the World Bank, built a family and community of close friends here in the United States. She has two daughters who live and work in Virginia and Washington, D.C. today and is a proud *abuelita* to her two grandsons.

As Ms. Coromoto Biggs takes her oath of loyalty to the United States, a place that feels more like home than her home country, we celebrate the American dream and the opportunity that this country continues to provide, and we congratulate Ms. Coromoto Biggs on her naturalization.

HONORING DON GUNDEN'S CAREER AND CONTRIBUTION TO INDIANA'S SECOND DISTRICT

HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate my friend and fellow Hoosier Don Gunden as he prepares to retire from Forest River Inc. early next month.

Currently serving as General Manager of Forest River's Rockwood, Flagstaff and Palomino brands. Don "Gunny" Gunden has long been a leader in the recreational vehicle industry. Don started out in the RV business working at Starcraft straight out of college, and for the next half century he has devoted his professional life to the industry that is so important economically to northern Indiana and a source of so many happy memories for families all across America.

Don's 2022 induction into the RV/MH Hall of Fame only underscores his entrepreneurial spirit, commitment to excellence, and the tireless work he has done to maintain Elkhart's proud status as the RV Capital of the World.

As he prepares to retire, spend more time with his wife Theresa, and write the next chapter of his life, I am proud to congratulate Don Gunden on a distinguished career and a job well done. The Elkhart community and RV industry as a whole are unquestionably better off thanks to this good man.

I join Hoosiers throughout Indiana's Second District in expressing our gratitude and thanks to Don for his many contributions to our area and in wishing him a very happy, well-deserved retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL WALTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. WALTZ. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 15.

RECOGNIZING USMC 1STLT
CECILIA ANN EADO ON EARNING
HER WINGS OF GOLD

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary constituent from my district, United States Marine Corps First Lieutenant Cecilia Ann Eado. 1stLt Eado is graduating from Advanced Jet Training at Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas on February 2, 2024, earning the coveted "Wings of Gold".

Cecilia was born to Chris and Mariann Davies in Doylestown, PA and graduated from Central Bucks High School West. Since her childhood, Cecilia had been driven towards the goal of becoming a pilot, following in the footsteps of her brother, father, and grandfather. Her family has a distinguished legacy of service as aviators with her Grandfather Joe and older brother Christopher both serving in the United States Navy. Her father Chris was also a huge inspiration as a highly successful Boeing 777 pilot for United Airlines.

1stLt Eado attended college at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, where she participated as an NCAA Division 1 Collegiate Athlete in Cross-Country and Track. It was during college that Cecilia was selected into the United States Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Course, completing Officer Candidate School during her summers. She earned a spot in the Marine Corps Aviation and was commissioned as a 2ndLt upon graduation at a ceremony held at the Liberty Bell Pavilion in Philadelphia on January 2, 2020.

After completing Marine Corps Officer Basic School in Quantico, Virginia, Cecilia reported to her primary flight training at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida. She completed Aviation Preflight Indoctrination and went on to Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas to finish her primary flight training on the T-6B Texan II. Her performance was exemplary, and she was selected to Advanced Jet Training on the T-45A Goshawk. Upon her graduation, 1stLt Eado will be assigned to a fleet replacement squadron for either the F-35 Lightning II or the F-18 Super Hornet.

Cecilia met her husband, 1stLt Urgy Eado, while serving in the Marine Corps.

I am beyond proud of and exceptionally grateful for 1stLt Eado's service to our great Nation. Her dedication to this country as a Marine Corps Fighter Pilot demonstrates the highest commitment to the values that make America the beacon of liberty to the world. I am truly impressed by her determination to achieve greatness and employ all her mental and physical capacities to become the Woman, Officer, Marine, and Pilot that she is today. I wish her nothing but the best in her continued service to the United States.

RECOGNIZING NOLAN KEATING
AND MILO HUMMON

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nolan Keating and

Milo Hummon for earning the Best in Show Award in the 2023 Congressional App Challenge.

Nolan and Milo built an app entitled Carbon Chronicle, which features a technically sophisticated interactive platforming game of an animal escaping rising ocean levels as well as informational slides to teach users about climate change.

Nolan and Milo, students from Golden High School, spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding and app development while developing new skills and further advancing their STEM education. Their perseverance and dedication to this challenge exemplifies the character and determination the faculty instills in the students at Golden High.

Congratulations to Nolan Keating and Milo Hummon for their hard work on this project. I am certain they will exhibit the same dedication and character in their future accomplishments, and I wish them the best of luck going forward.

HONORING MR. EDWARD R.
DESMOND

HON. KATHERINE M. CLARK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding citizen of Waltham, Massachusetts—a devoted husband, father, grandfather, a dedicated serviceman; and distinguished World War II Navy Veteran, Mr. Edward R. Desmond. Mr. Desmond was honored by the History Department at Marshfield High School on January 25, 2023.

Edward Desmond, known to most as Eddie, served as a Petty Officer 2nd Class on USS LCS (L) (3) 128 and served at the Battle of Okinawa. In his service he was regarded highly by peers as a good cook and earned the Navy's Combat Action Ribbon for his time under fire in the Battle of Okinawa.

Edward also received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal and was involved in the Liberation of the Philippines. During his time in the Navy he spent time away from family in service to his country in some of the longest and hardest battles in the history of naval warfare. Perhaps even more notable than the long list of accolades and awards is Edward's 40-year career devoted as a Central Office Technician for the New England Bell Telephone Company.

Mr. Desmond has accomplished so much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the support of family. Mr. and Mrs. Desmond raised five children. They are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren.

It is a great honor to represent Edward Desmond and his lifetime commitment to advancing our Nation's understanding of World War II, what happened, and what can be done to avoid another war.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF CAPTAIN PHILLIP MIKE
BRODERICK

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Captain Phillip Mike Broderick, a firefighter from Des Moines who lost his brave battle with liver cancer on January 14, 2024.

Prior to spending nearly 16 years with the Des Moines Fire Department, Mike spent over two decades serving our nation in the United States Army. He was a man who put service over himself for his entire life, and his commitment to ensuring safety for his community and his nation was unwavering. Those who knew him personally shared he was an incredible friend, a devout husband, a loving father, and someone who served his country and community with purpose and care. Mike Broderick leaves behind his wife Emily and daughters Grace, Ireland, Piper, and Cambell.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain Mike Broderick's commitment to our Nation and the entire Des Moines community. I join his family and those closest to him in mourning his loss. May his memory not be forgotten.

COMMEMORATING THE SERVICE
OF MAJOR GENERAL DOUGLAS
FARNHAM

HON. JARED F. GOLDEN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. GOLDEN of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give my sincerest congratulations to Major General Douglas Farnham on his retirement following 40 years of service in the United States Air Force. On behalf of the people of Maine and our Nation, I thank him for his dedicated service, and extend congratulations on his retirement.

Major General Farnham graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1984 and began his first assignment as a student in undergraduate pilot training at Vance Air Force Base. He then served as an instructor and flight examiner in the C-21A Learjet and as the primary pilot for the Commander of the United States Space Command.

Major General Farnham joined the Maine Air National Guard in 1991 and served in various command and operations positions in the 101st Air Refueling Wing in Bangor through 2012. In 2013, he briefly left Bangor to deploy to Qatar as United States Central Command Deputy Director of Mobility Forces. After his deployment, he returned to Bangor as Commander of the 101st Air Refueling Wing from 2012 to 2016.

In 2016, Major General Farnham was appointed as Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard. In this position, he served as Commissioner for the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, managing the Maine Army and Air National Guard, Maine Veterans' Services, and Maine Emergency Management Agency.

Major General Farnham's commitment and dedication to the safety and well-being of this country is clear from his dozens of military awards and recognitions, including a Legion of Merit, a Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, a Combat Readiness medal with two oak leaf clusters, and countless others he received throughout his military career for his leadership and service to the country.

It is my honor to congratulate Major General Farnham on his well-deserved retirement. I thank Major General Farnham for his 40 years of dedicated service to our country.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MARIJUANA IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING PARITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Marijuana in Federally Assisted Housing Parity Act. Senator CORY BOOKER is introducing the companion bill in the Senate. This bill would permit the use of marijuana in federally assisted housing, including public housing and Section 8 housing, in compliance with the marijuana laws of the state (including the District of Columbia) where the property is located.

Individuals living in federally assisted housing should not be denied admission, or fear eviction, for using a legal product. Adult-use marijuana, medical marijuana or both are currently legal in 38 states and the District of Columbia, and over 90 percent of Americans support legalized medical marijuana. Under current federal law, users of drugs that are illegal under federal law, including marijuana, are prohibited from being admitted into federally assisted housing. Moreover, federal law allows landlords to evict residents of federally assisted housing for using illegal drugs.

The federal government has begun to change its approach to marijuana. In 2018, the Food and Drug Administration approved Epidiolex, which is derived from marijuana. Epidiolex is used to treat children who suffer from seizures. Notably, the medicine does not contain tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the psychoactive component in marijuana. For the last several years, Congress has prohibited the Department of Justice (DOJ) from using federal funds to prevent jurisdictions from implementing their medical marijuana law's. This bill would similarly allow individuals to use marijuana in federally assisted housing in compliance with a state's marijuana laws. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), like DOJ, should not be allowed to prevent jurisdictions from implementing their marijuana laws.

Under this bill, HUD must develop regulations that restrict smoking marijuana in federally assisted housing in the same manner and the same locations as HUD restricts smoking tobacco in federally assisted housing.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING PARKER BROWN AND THE CARRABBA'S TEAM

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Parker Brown and his team at Carrabba's Italian Grill on winning Westminister's 2023 Large Business Community Support Award.

Receiving four nominations for the award, constituents in the community thanked Carrabba's owner, Parker Brown, for donating much of his resources and time to support local school events and students. Carrabba's and Mr. Brown have donated food and raised funds for the community as a whole as well, earning them this Large Business Community Support Award.

Mr. Brown has been a managing partner for Carrabba's since 2013, and also serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Westminster Chamber of Commerce.

On behalf of the residents of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, I congratulate Mr. Brown and his team for their hard work and thank them for their dedication to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LLOYD DOGGETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I missed a vote on Thursday, November 2, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 572.

CELEBRATING SEPTA CHAIRMAN PASQUALE T. DEON, SR.'S RETIREMENT

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, Representative DWIGHT EVANS, in recognition of the retirement of a remarkable constituent from my district and dear friend, Pasquale T. Deon, Sr. who will be retiring from the board of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, SEPTA on January 25, 2024. Pat is the longest tenured chairman and Board Member of SEPTA, serving the residents of the greater Philadelphia region since 1995.

During his tenure at SEPTA, Chairman Deon was committed to the securing of budgetary stability for the transportation authority through the use of innovative financial mechanisms. Chairman Deon revitalized the transit authority and contributed to 22 years of balanced budgets and the growth of SEPTA into the fifth largest public transportation system in the nation. Furthermore, Chairman Deon boasts an impressive record of bipartisan success for SEPTA, having worked with 6 governors, 5 Philadelphia mayors, and numerous

Commissioners and Councilmembers to secure the resources integral to SEPTA's continued operations throughout the region. Additionally, Chairman Deon was an active member of his community and advocate of various important causes throughout Philadelphia, including co-chairing SEPTA's Hub of Hope initiative to construct a homeless engagement center that provides resources for Philadelphia's homeless population.

Under his leadership, Chairman Deon advocated for the development and implementation of new technologies that put SEPTA at the cutting edge of efficient public transportation, including the introduction of the SEPTA Key, the integration of the SEPTA Control Center centralized command station, and the implementation of Positive Train Control, a system designed to advance and improve rail safety technologies. Additionally, Chairman Deon oversaw numerous technological advancements dedicated to making SEPTA a more sustainable system, including the introduction of hybrid buses into the fleet. SEPTA is now a committed partner of the MACH 2 hydrogen hub proposal, a project aiming to use existing technologies to generate clean hydrogen energy with the goal of transitioning the SEPTA fleet to zero-emission by 2040.

Chairman Deon's career will continue to service as a beacon of innovation and ingenuity worth emulating. By his example, we are convinced that his colleagues will continue his work towards modernizing SEPTA into an efficient, cutting-edge transit authority dedicated to quality service for the residents of the Commonwealth and all those who visit our Philly region. Thank Pat for his tireless service to our community.

NORTHEASTERN SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize the Northeastern Senior Community Center on its 50th Anniversary on March 5, 2024, and tireless diligence in serving our community's Seniors.

In 1974, the Northeastern Senior Community Center opened. In addition to serving a noon meal, it "open[ed] new social dimensions in the life of the persons of Social Security age." In its 50 years, the Center has grown exponentially, and presently reaches well over 400 participants who receive monthly hot meals and participate in indispensable and engaging activities. The Center's selfless and unhesitatingly diligent volunteers never leave behind Seniors who are homebound—delivering meals to more than 60 residences throughout ten municipalities in York County. The Center's growth, professionalism, concern, and mission focus has led to earning 75 volunteers, four part-time employees, and Executive Director Deb Davis—all unwaveringly dedicated to serving our Seniors.

As the first senior center to open in York County, operating through ebb and flow, it is a vital part of our community. The legacy of its founding members (Clara Butcher, Jay W. House, Helen C. Provenza, B. Charlotte Sides, Cleon F. Prowell, Sylvia Sweitzer, J.E.

Caldwell, Roland E. Garvin, Elvan Kennedy, Margaret F. Neff, Hilda Loucks, and first Director David E. Sipe) is enduring. The Northeastern Senior Center's focus on its mission of enhancing, enriching, enlightening, and nourishing the lives of our Seniors—active and homebound—sets the standards by which all other similar organizations should be judged.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 10th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I'm honored and privileged to recognize and commend the hardworking people of the Northeastern Senior Community Center on its 50th Anniversary. I wish them all continued Godspeed in their service to our community, Commonwealth and Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of the Millennium Challenge Corporation on the occasion of its 20th anniversary.

Established by Congress in 2004, the Millennium Challenge Corporation has had tremendous success reducing poverty, building sustainable economic growth, and promoting good governance in lower income countries.

Over the past two decades, MCC has invested nearly \$17 billion in 86 projects across 50 countries, delivering results for over a quarter billion people in sectors including agriculture, energy, health care, transportation, and education. MCC's data driven, evidence-based approach to foreign assistance is a vital model to address the challenges of our times. The agency's focus on results paired with rigorous transparency, and oversight standards ensures we are investing in the most effective solutions in partner countries that share our values.

These efforts not only improve people's lives and promote stability, resilience, and growth, but also crucially advance U.S. global development priorities and national security goals. As geopolitical and social challenges around the world continue to evolve, it is essential to recognize the value investments in programs that build resilient communities and promote poverty reduction have on our national security.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the incredible work of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for the last 20 years and look forward to its continued success.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF DONNA LYNN TAUB

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Donna Lynn Taub, who passed away on November 10, 2023, at the

age of 75 due to pancreatic cancer. Donna was a tremendous source of love and joy to her family and all those who knew her, and her multifaceted talents were invaluable to our community.

Donna Lynn Taub was born in Brooklyn, New York, on August 27, 1948, to parents Abe and Florence Newman. She was close to her siblings, Neil and Lois, playing with them outside for hours on end. She also had many lifelong friends who she met as a girl and remained close to throughout the years.

Donna graduated from Levittown Memorial High School in 1966, and went on to study art history at American University in Washington, D.C. She became an art teacher in San Francisco, and on September 15, 1977, Donna married Dr. Eli Taub, after being introduced to him by her brother. Dr. Taub said that he fell in love with her intelligence, wit, and red hair.

Donna and Eli had two children, David and Ilana, the latter inheriting her beautiful red locks. Donna was devoted to her children in all their endeavors, including Girl Scouts and school performances. After raising them, Donna and Eli travelled the world together, including Europe and Asia, enjoying many visits to Israel and going on countless cruises.

Donna was highly versatile in her professional life. After her children were born, she became a travel agent based in Los Altos. She also began selling books on eBay and trading stocks, and was very successful at it all, paying for new cars with her earnings.

Donna is survived by her beloved husband Eli, her son David and his wife, Michelle, and her daughter Ilana. Her grandchildren are Mettabel, Atalia, and Zebulon.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in offering our condolences to Donna Taub's family and honoring the life of this extraordinary woman. How blessed I am to have known and represented her. We are a better people and a stronger country because of her and how she lived her life.

RECOGNIZING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit (SIU) for receiving the Distinguished Unit of the Year Award from the Major County Sheriffs of America.

With a focus on violent crime, intelligence, government threats, and domestic counter-terrorism, this unit is responsible for investigating violent crimes and conducting task force operations to arrest those responsible. In 2022 alone, the unit worked 1,715 hours of collective overtime and conducted operations resulting in the arrests of nine gang members associated with a murder and five adults associated with a nationwide human trafficking operation.

It is my honor to recognize the members of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Special

Investigations Unit on behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District. We thank them for their unwavering dedication to public service and their tireless work to protect our community.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ALMOND DAY

HON. JOHN S. DUARTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, joined by my colleagues, Rep. DAVID VALADAO and Rep. TOM MCCLINTOCK, to proclaim February 16, 2024, as National Almond Day.

Today, we celebrate the remarkable contributions made by almond farmers, processors, workers, and all those involved in the almond industry. National Almond Day recognizes the industry's success and innovation, highlighting its vital role in our Nation's agriculture and economy.

Almonds, often referred to as nature's wonder, offer many benefits. They are the healthiest shelf-stable protein grown on Earth and are gluten-free. They provide essential nutrients such as healthy fats, fiber, vitamin E, calcium, niacin, magnesium, iron, and potassium. Almonds contribute to maintaining healthy hearts, cholesterol levels, and blood sugar. They even promote skin health and protect against ultraviolet radiation.

One remarkable aspect of almonds is their versatility. Almonds serve as a healthy and delicious food option, suitable for snacking or as an ingredient in baking and cooking. They have become a staple in countless households, enriching our diets and enhancing our culinary experiences.

My home state of California is the heart of this industry. It is home to 7,600 almond farms, most family-owned and operated by dedicated third- and fourth-generation farmers. These small-scale, sustainable practices are the backbone of the almond industry, fostering a sense of community and preserving farmland.

The impact of the almond industry extends far beyond agriculture. It employs 110,000 people in California and contributes a staggering \$9.2 billion annually to our economy. Furthermore, California is responsible for supplying 100 percent of the almonds in the United States and 80 percent of the world's almond supply, making our state a global leader in almond production.

On this special day, we honor the hardworking men and women who work tirelessly to bring almonds to our table. National Almond Day is a tribute to their dedication and innovation. As we enjoy the nutritious and delicious almonds, let us also recognize the profound impact of the almond industry on our lives, communities, and environment.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in celebrating National Almond Day and the contributions of almond farmers, processors, and other industry members who make the almond industry one of the most successful and innovative in the United States.

May National Almond Day be a source of pride and inspiration for all.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MRS.
LORRAINE EDITH GEITTMANN

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Mrs. Lorraine Edith Geittmann, who passed away on January 5, 2024, in Redondo Beach, California. My friend Lori Geittmann was a remarkable person and I will miss her dearly. Lorraine Edith Geittmann was born December 11th, 1933, in Lancaster, Wisconsin, to Elmer T. and Leone E. (Allen) Geittmann. She grew up in the Ohio River town of Metropolis, Illinois. She was a 1951 Honor Society graduate of Metropolis Community High School. She won the Massac County general scholarship to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She was a senior reporter on the student newspaper of the Daily Illini and was elected to Honorary Shorter Board and Torch. She received her bachelor's degree in Journalism in June of 1955, and moved to California where she had family members.

In 1957, she joined the staff of the Daily Breeze Newspaper where she worked for 10 years, taking leave in 1960 to be a congressional fellow of the American Political Science Association in Washington, DC. She worked on the staff of Rep. B.F. Sisk of Fresno California, and Sen. Edmund Muskie of Maine. While in Washington she attended the inauguration of John F. Kennedy. She returned to the Daily Breeze Newspaper in 1961 but left in 1967 to attend graduate school to study Political Science at California State University at Long Beach where she was a graduate assistant.

In 1969 she became a Los Angeles County Deputy Probation Officer and held that position for 25 years. She was the secretary of the Probation Officers union for two terms.

After her retirement in 1994, she served as a Commissioner on several Redondo Beach City Boards, and as the President of Friends of the Library. She served 5 terms as president of the Beach Cities Democratic Club and several years as an AD 66 Delegate for the Democratic Party. She also served several terms as an elected member of the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee, and a member of the executive board of the Democratic State Central Committee. She was a 1980 delegate to the Democratic National Convention. She served on a committee for the Beach Cities Health District. She also was a volunteer for several years at Torrance Memorial Hospital and belonged to Omnilore Learning in retirement from 2000 until her passing.

She was an early member of the Pacific Unitarian Church in Rancho Palos Verdes.

She was preceded in death by her parents, longtime companion Robert Jones, brothers: Charles Geittmann and John W. Geittmann, sister-in-law Myrna Geittmann, nephew J. Greg Geittmann, and great nephew Shawn M. Norman.

She is survived by her niece Suzanne Lowery, nephew William F. (Karen) Geittmann, great nephew Geoffrey W. (Cindy) Geittmann, Kyle (Courtney) Howerton, great great nephew Leon and her great, great, nieces Autumn F. Norman, and Grace S. Geittmann from Marion, Illinois, along with niece Jodie L.

Geittmann and nephew Rick A. Geittmann from Rainier, Washington.

HONORING EAGLE SCOUT EZRA FOOTE

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ezra Foote of Kentucky's 1st Congressional District for earning the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout.

I would like to offer Ezra my sincerest congratulations for attaining this high-esteemed rank. He should be immensely proud of the accomplishments he has made to reach this point. I encourage him to continue taking on new projects and setting a positive example in his community.

I am honored to recognize him for this accomplishment. Ezra has achieved a place of honor, but he now also has a responsibility to strive for greatness. As an Eagle Scout, he is challenged to become the best person that he can be. I wish him all the best in his great future endeavors, of which I know there will be many.

I join with the community of Calloway County in celebrating Ezra Foote for his hard work and dedication. Congratulations once again and best wishes for continued success.

RECOGNIZING NEW HOPE BOROUGH CHIEF MICHAEL V. CUMMINGS RETIREMENT

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. Fitzpatrick. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional constituent from my district, Chief Michael V. Cummings of New Hope Borough Police Department who is retiring after over 45 years of dedicated service as a law enforcement officer.

Michael was born and raised in Buffalo, New York, but moved to Warminster, Pennsylvania in 1971 where he has remained ever since. He graduated from Temple University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology with a concentration in Criminology. After graduation he began his career in 1977 with the Doylestown Borough Police Department where he remained for over 30 years.

During his tenure with Doylestown Borough, he held the ranks of Patrol Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, and Lieutenant. Michael Cummings during his tenure in Doylestown Borough had many notable accomplishments. As a patrol officer Michael was instrumental in forming what was to become a three dog K-9 unit. Michael, along with his police K-9 Bergey, went a step further and trained to compete at a regional and national level with the United States Police Canine Association.

As a sergeant, Michael was trained as a polygraph operator. In that capacity he served many police departments in providing testing for both criminal cases and new police hires. Michael Cummings was one of the first Drug

Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Instructors in Bucks County teaching the anti-drug curriculum to 6th graders in the elementary schools in the Borough.

Michael was also the supervisor of the Doylestown Borough Detective unit. He supervised the more serious cases that occurred in the Borough. One of these cases resulted in the arrest of a Columbian national and the seizure of 102 kilos of cocaine, hundreds of thousands of dollars confiscated, and property forfeitures Michael was awarded a commendation from the Commissioner of the Philadelphia Police Department as well as other local and state authorities for his work on this case. In addition, Michael was awarded the Delaware Valley Association of Police Professionals Officer of the year as the Bucks County recipient.

The Central Bucks County Region realized a need for a special response team for the handling of critical incidents. Michael Cummings was trained as a Negotiator and was appointed by the members of the executive Board to supervise the Crisis Negotiation Team servicing 20 municipalities in the Central and Upper Bucks region of the county.

In 2009 Michael became Police Chief of New Hope Borough. In his 15 years as chief he led numerous initiatives to better the force and community as a whole. He worked with the Borough Council to replace an aging fleet of patrol vehicles and upgraded equipment to include Mobile Data Terminals, greatly enhancing effectiveness in the field.

Chief Cummings standardized and streamlined his department in numerous ways during his tenure. He set out to issue every officer the same side arm replacing an inefficient and disjointed system of different manufacturers and models. He was successful in obtaining funds to purchase Glock pistols that have since been upgraded to include red dot sights and mounted lights.

The record system for the Parking Enforcement Department was unorganized. Chief Cummings was able to work with a parking enforcement company to install software that made it possible to track all tickets and automatically send out letters to violators. When many of the parking tickets were discovered to be unreadable, Chief Cummings obtained handheld parking devices that took pictures. The error rate went to zero as the registration plates could be verified by pictures. He was also tasked with the implementation of a new parking system that used kiosks and a parking application. This new parking system has resulted in an increase in parking revenue.

Faced with the cost of looking up vehicle registrations becoming cost prohibitive, Cummings was able to install a Mobile Data Terminal connected to the Bucks County Radio Center in the station. Now vehicle registrations from all over the country can be accessed not only in a timely fashion but without cost.

Chief Cummings championed de-escalation during his tenure. He made sure that all full-time New Hope Borough Officers received 40-hour Crisis Intervention Training. In 2022 a body cam program was instituted with the help of a grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (P.C.C.D.). He was able to obtain another PA P.C.C.D. grant to replace and outdated records management system. In 2023 the New Hope Borough Police Department became an PA accredited police department. To date, only 19 boroughs in the state have obtained this designation.

Chief Cummings is not only the Police Chief but the Emergency Management Coordinator for New Hope Borough. He was appointed by the Borough Council and the Governor to this position. In this role he has been involved in all the floods, winter storms and hurricanes since 2010. His expertise allowed him to work with the New Hope Solebury District Superintendent to develop a multi-faceted response program to deal with any threat that could be presented at the school district buildings. Officers, School Staff and Emergency responders were all involved and trained.

Chief Cummings has served as the head of the Central Bucks Crisis Negotiators Team Leader, the President of the Bucks County Chiefs Association, and the President of the Delaware Valley Hostage Negotiators Association. Despite numerous leadership positions, Michael attends all events. He oversees all operational plans for 5K races, parades, festivals, protests, and other large gatherings.

Chief Cummings is proud of his work as a liaison to the LGBTQ+ community and enjoys a strong affiliation with New Hope Celebrates the Umbrella organization. He has supervised the annual Pride Celebration in New Hope culminating in a parade that draws 10,000 people. Michael's expertise and dedication to public safety has resulted in 15 incident free years of celebration.

I am eternally grateful to Chief Cummings for the life of committed service he has given to our community, district, and country. His selfless example is a beacon of civic stewardship for the next generations of law enforcement to emulate. Michael's proficiency and devotion will be sorely missed, but I am excited for his entry into this new chapter and wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE SONGFEST FOR KOREAN VETERANS

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the veterans of the Korean War. The Korean War was fought from 1950 to 1953 and resolved by Armistice on July 23, 1953, 70 years ago, and seemed to be forgotten about. In fact, last year I introduced House Resolution 858 acknowledging the importance, courage, and sacrifice of veterans from the Korean War.

We should all remember with honor those who bravely served in that war. We should also honor the memory of the more than 36,000 Americans and 7,000 Korean Augmentees who lost their lives to Chinese and North Korean armies, not to mention the tremendous loss of life to the Korean people, as well as remembering the more than 7,500 Americans still lost, unaccounted for and missing to the day.

We are blessed to have almost 50 Korean War veterans with us at SongFest for Korean vets today, who served in every aspect of the Korean War and support of those efforts, with awards that include the Purple Heart, Silver and Bronze Stars, Combat Infantry Badges and Combat Patches from units with names like the First Marine Division, the 24th and

25th Infantry Divisions as well as many others. Including those who served on ships with names like the USS *Antietam*, the *Baoding Straight*, the *Bennington*, the *Boxer* and the *Cabot*. These men and women served in Pusan, Inchon, Chosin, and on hills with names like Heartbreak Ridge and Pork Chop Hill. We have many Korean Americans who remember that war and the effects on their land that remains divided and dangerous to this day, some of whom have joined us for this celebration and commemoration.

Mr. Speaker, let it be Proclaimed that we will always honor and never forget the contributions of every Soldier, Marine, Sailor, and Airman who served on the Peninsula or in support of Korea, the Forgotten War. We will also never forget the sacrifice of the Korean people and will not rest until all those missing come home again. A grateful Nation honors them on this American Heroes Day at the South Florida Fair.

RECOGNIZING AVA SOMMER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ava Sommer for earning an Honorable Mention Award in the 2023 Congressional App Challenge.

Ava built an app entitled Voter Pride Guide app, which helps users keep track of pro and anti-LGBTQ legislation in state legislatures around the country, share resources and articles, and connect them with ways to be civically engaged through voting and more.

Ava, a student from Peak to Peak High School, spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding and app development while developing new skills and further advancing her STEM education. Her perseverance and dedication to this challenge exemplifies the character and determination the faculty instills in the students at Peak to Peak High.

Congratulations to Ava Sommer for her hard work on this project. I am certain she will exhibit the same dedication and character in her future accomplishments, and I wish her the best of luck going forward.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for two votes on January 12, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE on Roll Call No. 9 and NO on Roll Call No. 10.

TRIBUTE TO LENA "JACKIE" JACQUELYN TAYLOR

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to extend my

condolences to the family and community mourning the passing of Lena Jacquelyn Taylor, affectionately known as "Jackie," a caring and benevolent entrepreneur and a passionate champion for community engagement. It saddens me to say that Jackie passed peacefully in the early morning of Tuesday, December 19, 2023.

Born on June 9, 1945, in the heart of Little Rock, Arkansas, to the loving embrace of Thomas Bartholomew and Delta Ivory Thompson, Jackie, the youngest of eight children, proudly stood as one of "Mama Delta's Finest."

Jackie's educational journey unfolded within the halls of Milwaukee Public Schools, where she assumed leadership as the cadet captain at Lee Street Elementary School. She progressed to John Marshall High School, where she became part of the inaugural class of African American students to integrate into the school.

In 1965, Jackie and Wilbert united in matrimony, fostering a family that extended beyond their own, embracing nieces and nephews as their own. The marriage may have seen its course, but the commitment to parenting and supporting their daughter, Lena Carolyn Taylor, endured. Jackie's return to education at MATC and UW-Milwaukee marked a significant chapter, guided by her exceptional counselor, Jimmy Johnstone.

Jackie's professional journey was interwoven with roles at American Motors, AO Smith, and Milwaukee Public Schools. Simultaneously, she immersed herself in her mother's business ventures, accumulating invaluable knowledge. After completing her coursework, fueled by her mother's entrepreneurial spirit, Jackie embarked on her path as a business owner, collaborating in managing a grocery store, restaurant, real estate holdings, and facilities aiding veterans and the unhoused.

Her benevolent spirit, inherited from her mother, manifested in civic engagement as an Elks Temple No. 247 member. Jackie orchestrated debutante balls, displaying dynamic leadership, providing invaluable social etiquette and moral guidance to young black women.

In the later stages of her life, she joyfully welcomed her "darling baby boy," Jacques Taylor. A devout believer from a young age, Jackie's spiritual journey took a profound turn under the pastoral leadership of Reverend Thomas B. Moody at Solomon Community Temple United Methodist Church. Her commitment to Christ and the church catalyzed the establishment of The Love House in 1994, a faith-based initiative offering support to the unhoused, returning citizens and those grappling with mental health challenges.

For nearly three decades, The Love House, initially rooted in her home, evolved into a beacon of hope. Jackie's tireless efforts surpassed counseling to encompass securing employment, fostering independence, and reuniting individuals with their families and communities. Every week, she hosted a food pantry, spreading love through her culinary creations and warmly welcoming everyone who crossed her path.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Lena "Jackie" Jacquelyn Taylor. She has helped transform the lives of so many people, including my constituents. The people of the 4th Congressional District,

the State of Wisconsin, and the United States benefitted greatly from her commitment to service.

HONORING MS. AMY FALK
SHELDON

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent Amy Falk Sheldon for her outstanding work at the National PTA. As Director of Resource Development Amy made an immeasurable difference in the lives of PTA leaders across the county. She tirelessly dedicated her time to PTA's mission to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. Beginning in 2015, Amy collaborated with local PTA leaders to develop corporate alliances and create partnerships which delivered engaging and educational opportunities for members. Amy is a dedicated humanitarian having worked at the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry and American Association of University Women. She is also a board member of the Washington Area Women's Foundation.

I am proud the National PTA is headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia and congratulate Amy for her service to the organization, its staff, partners, and affiliates.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CEO AND PORT DIRECTOR OF PORT EVERGLADES, JONATHAN DANIELS

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jonathan Daniels, the CEO and Port Director of Port Everglades, for his service and leadership to the industry.

Jonathan Daniels has been the CEO and Port Director of Port Everglades since the summer of 2020. Located in South Florida, Port Everglades is one of the busiest ports in the world, welcoming cruises and container and cargo traffic. Assuming the role at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Daniels successfully led the port through tumultuous times and helped build a future of sustained growth. Through his leadership and the efforts of his staff, the port persevered and is experiencing a revival with the return of cruises and upgrades to infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in recognizing Mr. Jonathan Daniels for his outstanding leadership and contributions to Port Everglades and the constituents of Florida's 23rd Congressional District.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PAUL HARVEL FOR OVER 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor the life and service of Mr. Paul Harvel, a distinguished leader who dedicated over five decades to the advancement of Arkansas chambers of commerce, economic development, and the agricultural industry. His profound impact on countless communities and unwavering commitment to excellence leave an indelible mark on our collective memory.

In July of 2014, the American Chapter of Commerce Executives rightfully bestowed upon Paul Harvel the Life Member Award, the highest individual honor in the chamber of commerce profession. This accolade, presented to only 42 individuals in the ACCE's century-long history, reflects Paul's exceptional lifetime of leadership, service, and dedication to the business community.

Former Governor Mike Beebe aptly noted that there are few parts of Arkansas untouched by Paul Harvel's influence. His wisdom, expertise, and collaborative spirit benefited numerous communities, creating a legacy of positive change and progress.

Paul Harvel's extensive career included pivotal roles such as CEO of the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce, where he played a key role in establishing Pulaski County Technical College. His visionary leadership saw the growth of the Little Rock Chamber's assets from \$70,000 to over \$10 million during his 21-year tenure.

As President and CEO of the Arkansas State Chamber, Paul Harvel initiated Leadership Arkansas, contributing significantly to the organization's growth, with total income rising from \$800,000 to \$1.8 million and membership expanding from 650 to 1,400. His impact also extended to the Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce, where he led successful efforts to secure over \$2 million for a new economic development fund.

Beyond his chamber work, Paul Harvel championed Arkansas' agriculture sector, drawing from his upbringing on a farm in Kellar, Texas. From his early days as a vocational agriculture teacher to his instrumental role in founding the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame in 1987, his contributions to the state's agriculture legacy are immeasurable.

Paul Harvel's passing is not only a loss to his family, including his wife Barbara, daughter Michelle Boulden, and grandson Hunter Tuggle, but also to the broader community that benefited from his vision, dedication, and tireless efforts.

In honoring Paul Harvel's memory, let us reflect on the remarkable legacy he leaves behind and strive to continue the positive impact he made on Arkansas and beyond.

RECOGNIZING BEN PYATT

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ben Pyatt's dedication as a life-long educator in our community. Mr. Pyatt has served generations of Arvada students and is retiring after thirty years in public education.

In addition to his job as a math teacher, Mr. Pyatt helped teach student driving when Arvada High School was short on driving instructors. After the school disbanded the driver's ed program, Mr. Pyatt joined the Arvada Driving School, where he served for nearly three decades.

Mr. Pyatt has played a key part in driver's education for Arvadans, teaching an estimated twenty-thousand people in his community how to drive over his career. It is my honor to recognize Mr. Ben Pyatt for his dedication to his community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KAREN ROSEBERRY

HON. DARRELL ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and celebrate the life and accomplishments of Karen Roseberry, who passed away on January 12, 2024.

Mrs. Roseberry devoted her life to public service: in the classroom, health clinics, and political arenas. She was a highly-regarded educator, teaching hundreds of students over a nearly ten-year span. Mrs. Roseberry also served as an advisor to several candidates running for public office.

Mrs. Roseberry's passion for helping others was demonstrated through her time as Executive Director of the Women's Resource Center in Lancaster, California, which offered counseling, testing, and spiritual support for expectant mothers and fathers. Her tireless dedication to protecting the health and welfare of the unborn was illuminated through her work on the California Prolife Council, most recently serving as Vice President.

Mrs. Roseberry's years of service left a lasting impact on Southern California—and the entire state—that will be admired and modeled for future leaders to reproduce. While we mourn the loss of an extraordinary leader in our community, we can find joy in the fact that Mrs. Roseberry's legacy will continue to enrich the lives of Californians to come.

RECOGNIZING LAURA "BABE" E. RAUDENBUSH SIDMAN 102ND BIRTHDAY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Laura "Babe" E. Raudenbush Sidman, a remarkable constituent from my district about to celebrate her 102nd birthday.

Laura was born on January 29, 1922, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

When she had completed schooling, Laura found a job working at the Quartermaster Depot in South Philadelphia. She took the Frankford EL Line to work every day. It was on one of those daily trips that she met Joe Sidman, the man who was to become her husband. Laura and Joe were married in October 1942.

As Joe was in the Army, they spent the first few months of married life in Florida. Once Joe was out of the service, they settled in an apartment in Mayfair for a few years. Joe and Laura then moved in with Martha and Harry Raudenbush who lived in Somerton for a short period of time while looking for a home. In 1950, Babe and Joe moved to their home on Elmwood Avenue in Trevose.

Babe and Joe raised 3 wonderful children, Lorraine, Barbara, and Jay while in their Trevose home. Once the kids were in school, Laura went back to work part time at Mortimer's Clothing store. Eventually she settled into a job at the Trevose Hardware Store joining her good friend, George Wehlau. Laura would continue in this position for over 20 years, becoming a staple of the community. She enjoyed baking cookies for her loyal customers who came back time and again for her caring nature and incredible baked goods.

Laura's love of sports has been a lifelong interest. She is an avid sports fan, especially of the Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies. Win or lose Laura can be seen in front of the TV rooting for her favorite teams. When the Phillies won the pennant in 1950 Laura sat in front of her TV trying to take pictures of the action. Although those pictures didn't develop well, Laura did manage to get a picture roster of the 1950's winning Phillies. It hung in her home for many years.

In the community, Laura supported the Neshaminy "N" club with all kinds of baked cakes whenever asked and her son wrestled and played football for Neshaminy. She has been a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Langhorne for over six decades. During this time, Babe sang in the choir and was an esteemed member of the Altar Guild. In the course of her service on the Alter Guild, Laura trained generations of congregational members in the proper altar set up and the care, handling, and cleaning of the communion vessels. After Laura's retirement from the Altar Guild, she was presented with a Lifetime Achievement certificate.

Laura could not be prouder of her growing family. She has 3 doting children, 3 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren in addition to numerous nieces and nephews and their children. I am very grateful for her incredible life of service to her family, community, and country. As Laura "Babe" Sidman celebrates the first century of her life and 102nd birthday, I wish her nothing but the best in the coming years and a heartfelt Happy Birthday.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF WIER HARMAN

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and contributions of Mr. Wier

Harman who sadly passed away on December 11, 2023, at age 57. Wier leaves behind a legacy as a champion of arts, culture and civic engagement in Seattle, Washington.

Wier grew up in Virginia, attended the University of Pennsylvania and studied directing at the Yale School of Drama. In the early 1990s, he directed plays and was the marketing manager at Seattle's Annex Theatre. He left Seattle for jobs in Atlanta and New York before returning to serve as Executive Director of Town Hall Seattle for 17 years. In 2015, Seattle Metropolitan Magazine named him one of "15 People Who Should Really Run Seattle."

Wier will live on through his contributions to Seattle and the Pacific Northwest. His passion was evident in his love for community, commitment to arts and culture, and tireless efforts to shape Town Hall Seattle into an inclusive and welcoming space for everyone in the region. Wier's enthusiasm and dedication to providing a platform for the people of Seattle to come together and forge a deeper understanding of one another garnered the trust and admiration of so many of us who experienced his work at Town Hall. Not only did he expand the landmark Town Hall's event offerings to include civics, arts, music, and sciences, but he also insisted on keeping ticket prices affordable and making attendance free for many young people.

Wier positioned Town Hall at the intersection of so many different communities and conversations. He was a connector—Wier seemed to know everyone, and everyone seemed to know Wier—and he used this capital to encourage new bonds and friendships to the benefit of our entire region. Wier was an advocate for young artists and cross-disciplinary collaboration. He championed civic participation, bold ideas, conversation and debate, empathy, kindness and generosity.

Wier's dedication to a robust civic life and his support of arts and culture will serve as a model for years to come. As he put it in describing Town Hall's essential work: "Our role is simple and profound—to remind us that some things must be experienced together, and that 'coming together' is often its own reward." His enduring spirit will live on in his wife, Barbara Sauermann, his children Stella and Ruby, and all of us who admired him so greatly in his community.

HONORING TEXAS RANGER MAJOR GROVER HUFF

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of longtime Texas lawman, Major Grover Franklin Huff. Since 2018, Major Huff has served as the Company Commander of Company "A," which encompasses a thirty-five-county area bordered to the east by Louisiana, to the south by the Texas Gulf Coast, and to the north and west by Companies "F" and "B." On January 31, 2024, Major Huff will hang up the signature cowboy hat and un-pin his fifty-peso Ranger badge for the last time.

Major Huff was born to Allen and Beatrice Huff on February 2, 1962, in Orange, Texas.

He graduated from West Orange-Stark High School in 1980 and attended Lamar University. He then enrolled in the Jefferson County Jail Academy and the Lamar University Police Academy, graduating in 1985. Before joining the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), Major Huff began his lengthy career in law enforcement, serving with the Orange County Sheriff's Office and the Bridge City Police Department.

In 1989, Major Huff attended DPS Recruit School as part of Class A-89 and was inducted as a state trooper on February 16, 1990. On June 1, 1997, Major Huff joined the prestigious Texas Rangers, the oldest law enforcement organization on the North American continent with statewide jurisdiction.

His fellow Rangers have characterized Major Huff as a "Ranger's Ranger." He is known as an expert in crime scene processing and has taught advanced criminal investigation courses to state, local, federal, and even foreign law enforcement officers. Over the past four decades, his work has resulted in the conviction of numerous violent criminals, justice for countless families, and safer Texas communities. Major Huff, however, has said that his greatest accomplishment has been overseeing the development of new Rangers and their promotion through the ranks of the storied law enforcement agency.

Mr. Speaker, in its two-hundred-year history, only the finest law enforcement officers have had the honor of calling themselves Texas Rangers. I am proud that Major Grover Franklin Huff is among them. I wish him, his wife, Diane, and their family all the best in the next chapter of their life.

HONORING SHERIFF DEAN GROWDON

HON. DOUG LAMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, Rep. TOM MCCLINTOCK, to honor the nearly 30-year public safety career and service of Lassen County Sheriff Dean Growdon.

Sheriff Growdon's career began in 1994 as a Correctional Deputy for the Lassen County Sheriff's Office. He would serve there briefly before being promoted to Deputy Sheriff where he would serve as the resident Deputy in Big Valley and in the main office in Susanville. In 1998, Dean received the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award from the Susanville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) No. 2381.

Dean was then promoted to Sergeant, supervising the jail, as a Patrol Supervisor, Commanded the Interagency Narcotics Force, and was appointed as team leader for the Sheriff's SWAT team. In 2005, Dean was recognized with a Certificate of Valor, the highest law enforcement award for valor in the State by the California State Attorney General Lockyear for his actions during a domestic violence incident.

Dean has been a vocal advocate for our first responders serving on many different Statewide boards where he impacted public safety policy. As a member of the California State Sheriff's Association, Dean served on

the legislative committee, influencing new laws. Dean was appointed and served as the Chair of the Detention and Corrections Committee and served on the Corrections Standards Authority and then the Board of State and Community Corrections.

Dean's public service career will be remembered fondly for his dedication to improving the Lassen County Sheriff's Office and the community. His commitment to mentoring his fellow employees, his compassion, his knowledge, and leadership have been impactful and will be greatly missed by our community.

On behalf of the people of Northern California, I thank Sheriff Dean Growdon for his service, and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I missed a vote on February 1, 2023, on the Motion Or-

dering the Previous Question on H. Res. 83. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 101. I missed a vote on November 3, 2023, on Amdt. 127 offered by Mr. ROY (TX). Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 595. I missed a vote on December 14, 2023, on the Motion to Adjourn. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 722.