

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, due to flight delays and cancellations from my home state of Louisiana, I was unable to be in attendance for votes on the evening of March 11, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 79 and NAY on Roll Call No. 80.

RECOGNIZING GOVERNOR C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER'S INDUCTION TO THE EASTERN IDAHO AGRICULTURE HALL OF FAME

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter on his induction into the Eastern Idaho Agriculture Hall of Fame. His exemplary contributions to the agricultural community have left an indelible mark, inspired generations, and shaped the landscape of our region. He is joining a long line of dedicated men and women who have shaped Idaho agriculture for generations to come.

Governor Otter has been a strong and effective advocate for Idaho agriculture and agribusiness throughout his career in public service including his time as Idaho's longest serving Lieutenant Governor, two terms in the Idaho House of Representatives, the U.S. House of Representatives, and as Idaho 32nd Governor. His dedication, expertise, and passion for agriculture have not only propelled his own success but have also enriched the lives of the residents of Idaho. This recognition is a testament to his outstanding achievements and enduring commitment to the advancement of Eastern Idaho's agricultural legacy.

From Governor Otter's humble beginnings on a small farm in Caldwell to his service in the Idaho Army National Guard and his impressive tenure in the agribusiness sector, he has exemplified hard work, integrity, and a deep commitment to the well-being of Idaho and its residents. His various roles at the Simplot Company and various appointments to prestigious committees and advisory boards are a testament to his expertise and influence in the industry.

Agriculture is a core component of Idaho's economy. With Governor Otter's appointment by President Ronald Reagan to the Task Force on International Private Enterprise, the World Bank's Agriculture Advisory Committee, and the Center for International Private Enterprise has helped many Idaho producers get Idaho's many commodities exported throughout the world. Perhaps more important than

the economy is the culture of friendliness, care, and concern for neighbors that he helps create. For myself, his friendship over the years is truly invaluable, and I am deeply honored to call him my friend.

I thank Governor Otter for serving Idaho through his leadership roles and for his time spent in the agribusiness sector. Because of the positions that he has held, he understands just how important agriculture is to the sustainability of the state. The experience that he has gained over the years is invaluable to Idaho agriculture and agribusiness. Congratulations to Governor Otter on his induction into the Eastern Idaho Agriculture Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING OLIVER TOSTEVIN

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending Oliver Tostevin's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Oliver has been involved in the Eagle Scouts since the fifth grade when he joined as a cub scout. Over the years, he has been very involved in his troop by contributing countless hours to community service, participating in many outdoor adventures, and leading his fellow scouts on their path to Eagle Scout. To achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, Oliver decided to renovate his local baseball field. His project involved putting together new bleachers, painting the dugouts, and cleaning out any trash from the area. Thanks to him and his efforts, our South Jersey community has a beautiful baseball field for everyone to enjoy. I am honored to congratulate this young man on his remarkable achievements, and I wish him all the best. God Bless Oliver and God Bless the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, my vote card was not working on the first vote on March 11, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 79.

CELEBRATING GABRIEL BURNS

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, this February, we gathered to celebrate Gabriel Burns, a bright young man who worked his way up to

the rank of Eagle Scout. To achieve this rank, Gabriel undertook an Eagle Scout Project involving the renovation of his local youth baseball field. This long process involved getting permission from the City of Millville, meeting with the president of the local baseball association, and analyzing the state of the fields. Since he joined years ago, Gabriel has really enjoyed his time with the Scouts, and he is grateful for all the opportunities they have given him. He will always cherish making memories at Camp Roosevelt, hanging out with his friends, and earning merit badges. This young man has a bright future ahead of him and I can't wait to see what he accomplishes. God Bless Gabriel and God Bless the United States of America.

COMMEMORATING THE RETIREMENT OF JESS LAIRD

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. GOODEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jess Laird, a banker and community servant, who will be retiring from 36 years of service to the First State Bank of Athens on March 12. Jess passionately dedicated himself to his community for decades, consistently putting the needs of his neighbors, friends, and family before his own.

During his 36 years at First State Bank, Mr. Laird advanced from Loan Officer to President and CEO. In addition to his roles at the bank, he served in leadership roles at the Athens Rotary Club, as President of the Athens Economic Development Corporation, in the Athens Chamber of Commerce, and on the UT Health Athens Board of Managers. In his free time, Mr. Laird was involved with the Athens Teenage Baseball Association where he coached as his sons played baseball.

As he steps down from his duties, I wish him, his wife, two sons, and three granddaughters all the best. I am proud to represent the city of Athens, which owes a great deal to Jess Laird, and I applaud him for his lifelong dedication to his family, career, and Athens, Texas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to attend votes last night. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 79, and YEA on Roll Call No. 80.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANDREA SALINAS

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for the recorded vote on Roll Call No. 58. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 58.

CELEBRATING FLANAGAN'S

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege of sharing the inspiring story of Tommy Flanagan and his family. In 1995, Tommy Flanagan bought a bar in Manhattan called Flanagan's at 119 Fulton St. Despite their efforts, the aftermath of 9/11 impacted their business beyond repair, ultimately leading to its closure in 2004. Seeking a fresh start, Tommy, along with his wife Eve and their children, Tommy Jr. and Shannon, made the decision to relocate to South Jersey in 2018. It was here that they discovered the old Buck Tavern, a place that they knew would be their next adventure. This month, I had the honor of attending the ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly renovated and refurbished Flanagan's, a bar that I know will quickly become a cornerstone of the community. Tommy and his family have embraced their new community wholeheartedly and are excited for the opportunities that lie ahead in South Jersey. As they embark on this new chapter, I want to extend my support and well wishes to the Flanagan family. I thank Tommy and Eve for choosing South Jersey as their home. May their new beginnings be filled with prosperity and happiness. God Bless Tommy and Eve and God Bless the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, on March 8, 2024, I missed votes in the House in order to attend funeral services for a family member. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 73, Rep. Houlahan Amendment; YEA on Roll Call No. 74 Rep. Tlaib Amendment; YEA on Roll Call No. 75, Rep. Lynch Amendment; YEA on Roll Call No. 76, Ranking Member Waters Amendment; YEA on Roll Call No. 77, Democratic Motion to Re-commit, and NAY on Roll Call No. 78, H.R. 2799—Expanding Access to Capital Act.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CELIA GOULD

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my sincerest congratulations and recognition

to Celia Gould, for her exemplary service and dedication as the Director of Idaho State Department of Agriculture. During Celia's tenure, she enhanced Idaho's economy via the ag sector, and she significantly contributed to the well-being of our communities.

Celia Gould was appointed Director of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture in January 2007 by Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter, and she was the first female to hold the position in Idaho. She is the owner/operator of a fourth generation ranching and farming Operation, G+ Ranches of Buhl, Idaho and holds a master's degree in public administration from Boise State University. Celia spent 16 years in the Idaho House of Representatives, where she served on the Agricultural Affairs, Education, and Revenue and Taxations Committee, she also served as the Chairwoman of Judiciary, Rules, and Administration Committee. Her work has not only made a significant impact on the state's economy but has paved the way for other women to assume leadership roles in Idaho politics.

Celia's leadership has been instrumental in implementing innovative agricultural practices, promoting sustainable development, and fostering an environment where farmers and agribusinesses can thrive. Under her guidance, Idaho has seen remarkable growth in agricultural productivity and efficiency, ensuring that our state remains a leading contributor to the Nation's food supply.

One thing is for sure, if there was a problem in the ag industry—you could count on Celia to not only dedicate the appropriate resources to address the situation, but you could count on Celia to be there to see it through. She is Idaho Ag.

Her commitment to collaboration and partnership with local farmers, research institutions, and government agencies has been pivotal in addressing the challenges facing our agricultural community. Her ability to navigate complex issues and bring together diverse stakeholders towards a common goal is a testament to her exceptional leadership and vision. Idaho Ag is better because of Celia.

I thank Celia for her continued service and dedication to the State of Idaho. I am truly fortunate to be able to call her a lifelong friend, and I look forward to her future endeavors. Her visionary leadership and unwavering commitment serve as an inspiration to us all. Congratulations to Celia.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WASHINGTON STATE TROOPER CHRISTOPHER GADD

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Washington State Trooper Christopher Gadd, who tragically died while on duty on March 2, 2004. He was taken far too soon.

Trooper Gadd was born in Pasco, Washington and attended Kentlake High School in Kent, Washington. He continued his education at Green River College and Tacoma Community College, where he earned his Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) certification. In September of 2021, Trooper Gadd began his

career with the Washington State Patrol, as a cadet in Grandview, Washington. Gadd graduated with WSP's 116th Trooper Basic Training class in 2022. He earned two best-in-class awards among his class of 44: the Top Academic Award and the Top Collision Investigation Award.

For the Gadd family, law enforcement and public service is a tradition. Chris's father is a WSP Trooper, and his sister serves with the Texas Highway Patrol. WSP Chief John R. Batiste said Chris knew all too well the risks of public service but still offered that service with unquestioned valor and, now, unfathomable sacrifice.

Trooper Gadd resided in Snohomish County and was known as a loving husband, devoted father, caring brother, beloved son, and committed friend. He is survived by his wife Camryn, 2-year-old daughter Kaelyn, parents, and sister. Our community will miss him dearly, and I am forever grateful for his commitment to service.

CELEBRATING COSTA MARINE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I want to highlight the remarkable journey of Costa Marine Canvas and Enclosures, a true American success story, founded by Joe and Donna Costa in 1971. Starting with humble beginnings in the basement of their apartment, Costa Marine has grown into a leading fabricator of custom yacht enclosures, upholstery, covers, and interiors. Over the years, Costa Marine's commitment to excellence has earned them exclusive partnerships with renowned boatbuilders like Viking Yachts and Ocean Yachts. Despite the passing of Joe in 2011, Donna continues to play a vital role in the company's operations alongside the second-generation leadership of Chris Costa, Jennifer Smith, and Kevin Jelinski. I had the privilege of touring their facility this February, and I can attest to the impressive operation of Costa Marine Canvas and Enclosures. From their dedication to quality craftsmanship to their focus on community and employees, Costa Marine exemplifies the very best. Their story serves as an inspiration to us all. I thank Costa Marine for their outstanding contributions and for representing the best of American entrepreneurship. God Bless Costa Marine and God Bless the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 79, and NAY on Roll Call No. 80.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I was otherwise detained in a meeting at the Senate off the floor yesterday. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 79 (H.R. 1752), and YEA on Roll Call No. 80 (H.R. 886).

CELEBRATING MT. HARMONY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS BECOMING NEWLY PUBLISHED AUTHORS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago, the students at Mt. Harmony Elementary School, located in my district, accomplished a terrific feat: they became published authors. Each grade wrote and illustrated a book documenting their recent visit to the National Mall right here in the heart of our Nation's capital. I thank their librarian Melaney Sanchez, Mt. Harmony PTA Treasurer Jennifer Franco, National Mall Education Specialist Ranger Jen Epstein, and everyone else who helped make this extraordinary, hands-on learning experience possible. Together, they took more than 600 kids to Washington, D.C.

During these visits, the students learned about American history and the principles upon which our democracy rests. From the sculpture of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to the statue of President Abraham Lincoln, the dark stone walls commemorating the Americans who died in Vietnam to the quiet fountains that honor the fallen of World War II, they saw monuments and memorials that pay tribute to the men and women who have sustained our country for the past 246 years. Some of the children even had the chance to sing patriotic songs for Veterans at the World War II Memorial. Back at school, students worked together to write down their impressions and sketch what they saw on the field trip.

Mr. Speaker, young Americans like the ones at Mt. Harmony give me hope for this country's future. It is inspiring to see them take such a great interest in America's civic culture and history. We all ought to be grateful to the educators, parents, and community leaders who gave them that opportunity. One day, these children will be the guardians of our great American experiment. They will carry on the same work of the historic figures they learned about on their trip—that sacred American duty 'to form a more perfect Union.' Their authorship of these books proves that they have already started to contribute to that crucial mission. For that, they have my thanks and the gratitude of the Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in applauding the students—and authors—at Mt. Harmony.

CELEBRATING DAVID DOUGLASS

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, this February, I had the privilege of commemorating the 30th anniversary of the tragic passing of a fallen hero, Officer David C. Douglass. On February 18, 1994, Officer Douglass valiantly answered the call of a burglar in the area and tragically lost his life in the line of duty. He was not only a dedicated member of the Lower Township Police Department for 18 years but also served as a lieutenant in the Town Bank Fire Department. His contributions to public safety extended beyond his role in law enforcement; he helped establish the Lower Township SWAT team, instructed at the Cape May County Police Academy, and served as a past president of the Policeman's Benevolent Association. Officer Douglass was a beloved member of our community, known for his integrity, friendship, and mentorship. His legacy lives on through his family, including his wife, son, daughter, and stepdaughter, as well as in the hearts of all who knew him. I thank Officer David C. Douglass for his bravery, his service, and his sacrifice. He will forever be remembered and cherished in our hearts. God Bless Officer Douglass and God Bless the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Monday March 11, 2024 due to a Helsinki Commission meeting. Earlier in the day I managed the floor time for both bills and advocated in support of them. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Yea on Roll Call No. 79 (H.R. 1752), and Yea on Roll Call No. 80 (H.R. 886).

CONGRATULATING VOICES OF UNITY YOUTH CHOIR

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Voices of Unity Youth Choir as they head to Auckland, New Zealand to compete in the 2024 World Choir Games.

This honor is well deserved, considering the setbacks the choir has faced over the last few years. Perhaps the most significant of these recent challenges was the departure of over 40 of their student participants in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. This did not hinder Voices of Unity; they rallied by launching the "Rising With Purpose Rebuilding Initiative," which engaged a new wave of talented North-east Indiana youth.

It was with this soulful new chorale group that Voices of Unity achieved this tremendous success. Unity will be representing Fort

Wayne across the world in the Gospel Music Category of the "Olympics" of the chorale world. This experience will be transformational for the young people involved, and an ideal opportunity for them to represent their community, culture, and Nation to an international audience.

I am proud that our community will be represented by this choir with beautiful song, and I congratulate the singers, staff, and board of Voices of Unity Youth Choir on their great achievement.

RECOGNIZING THE CIVIC WORK, PHILANTHROPY, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE OF HAROLD "SANDY" AND CONNIE WOLFINGER AS HONOREES AT THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SALUTE TO OLEAN BANQUET

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the civic leadership, philanthropy, and community service of Harold "Sandy" and Connie Wolfinger. In the last few years, I have come to know them personally as friends, and I have seen firsthand the deep connection they have to the community. I am glad to see that their dedication and passion was recognized on March 7th as honorees at the thirty-eighth Annual Salute to Olean banquet. Each of their stories of self-built business and success is a testament to the importance and hope in the American Dream. In return, Sandy and Connie have generously given back to their community through local civic leadership and philanthropy, which has benefited generations of students across the region.

Harold, or Sandy as he is called by friends, was the first in his family to graduate from college before going into forestry where he worked his way up from humble beginnings in several companies before starting his own—Northern Forests LLC, which continues to be a success thirty years later. Connie is a native to the area, growing up between the communities of Olean, Cuba, and Portville in the heart of the Southern Tier of New York. She spent over thirty years herself as a real-estate broker, specializing in land lease and sales and formed her own company, Field & Stream Real Estate—through which she met her soon-to-be husband Harold as a repeat buyer.

The Wolfinger Family Donor Advised Fund and the Connie and Sandy Wolfinger Fund make possible annual grants to organizations chosen by the Wolfingers across education, home care, and medical assistance to special projects in their community. Since 2019 they are responsible for nearly one hundred thousand dollars in charitable grants and contributions affecting the daily lives of those in our community.

Their deep network and civic mindedness also gave birth to the Right Thinkers—a monthly town hall for public discussion on current events and policy issues where two hundred or more come to listen, learn, and speak their minds to panels of experts and elected officials.

The generosity and pride that Connie and Sandy have for the Southern Tier is tangible,

and many are better off because of their efforts. Given the above, I ask that this legislative body pause in its deliberations and join me in recognizing Harold "Sandy" and Connie Wolfinger for their decades of service and generosity to their community and upon being named as 2024 Salute to Olean Honorees.

CELEBRATING JAYSON CAGLE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, last month, I had the honor of celebrating Jayson Cagle, a remarkable young man from Pittsgrove, South Jersey, who has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout with Boy Scouts of America Troop 1058. Jayson's journey to Eagle Scout is not just a personal triumph but a testament to his unwavering commitment to making a positive impact in his surroundings. His Eagle Scout project, improving his high school's music room, reflects his dedication to both his community and his passion for music. As a graduating high school senior this year, Jayson has been accepted into Seton Hall University's School of Diplomacy and International Relations, where he hopes to learn how to serve his country on the global stage. Jayson's commitment to service and leadership is an inspiration to us all. I'm proud to congratulate him for his achievements and I wish him all the best. God Bless Jayson and God Bless the United States of America.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT
YSMAEL R. VILLEGAS 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Staff Sergeant Ysmael R. Villegas, a distinguished American hero from California's 39th Congressional District. Born in Casa Blanca in 1924, Villegas, the eldest of 13 children, exemplified the values of our diverse community.

Formerly an "orange picker," Villegas answered the call to serve during WWII, displaying extraordinary bravery at the Battle of Luzon. Tragically, on March 20, 1945, one day before his 21st birthday, he made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. President Truman posthumously awarded him the Medal of Honor on October 19, 1945.

Colonel G. B. Appleman presented the medal to his widow at Camp Haan on November 1, 1945, in our very own Riverside district. The ceremony drew thousands, a testament to the profound impact of Villegas's heroism on our community.

As we commemorate what would have been his 100th birthday, let us remember Staff Sergeant Villegas's selflessness, dedication, and love for family. May his legacy inspire future generations, and the heroism of Staff Sergeant Villegas remains etched in the history and hearts of California's 39th Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING GEORGE MOROZ'S
SERVICE TO THE HENRY FORD
MUSEUM AND THE STATE OF
MICHIGAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize George Moroz, the Director of External Relations and Special Assistant to the President at The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan, on the occasion of his retirement. His longstanding dedication to education and the preservation of history is worthy of commendation.

George got his start in public service with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, serving as Vice President for Development from 1989–1996. In that position, he was in charge of all fundraising activity and government relations for the organization. Armed with that experience, he then took up his position at The Henry Ford, where he has been a driving force in the growth and evolution of the museum over the last three decades.

George's passion for enriching the lives of Michiganders is exemplified by his 27 years of dedication to The Henry Ford and the broader museum community. Throughout his career George worked tirelessly to advocate for the importance of museums such as The Henry Ford and worked with museum advocates on local, state, and national levels. His years of advocacy resulted in the longstanding partnership between the Michigan Museum Association and the Tourism Industry Coalition of Michigan, strengthening the relationship between these critical cultural markers.

George worked tirelessly for 16 years with federal and state partners to bring the John Dingell Transit Station to its current location adjacent to The Henry Ford campus, creating opportunities for visitors from all over the country to access this national treasure. George further played a pivotal role in the restoration and creation of key community sites such as the Greenfield Village, Rouge Oxbow, and Central Farmer's Market Vegetable Shed that will provide enjoyment for generations to come.

Recognizing a greater need for community engagement, Mr. Moroz created and oversaw the Diversity and Inclusion Centered Equity (DICE) initiative, laying the groundwork for Henry Ford's DEAL programming that continues today. These programs have worked to ensure Henry Ford serves as an inclusive cultural hub and carry on George's beliefs in collaboration and community building.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the many accomplishments of George Moroz over the last 30+ years. We thank him for his service, dedication, and leadership in advancing and preserving the cultural heritage of the State of Michigan, and wish him the best in retirement.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE
DESIGNATION OF MARCH 15, 2024,
AS "MORQUIO A SYNDROME
AWARENESS DAY"

HON. NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas: Morquio A syndrome, a classification of Mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS) disorders, is a rare, progressive genetic disorder that affects approximately 1 in every 300,000 births;

Whereas: individuals affected by Morquio A syndrome do not have or do not produce enough enzymes that break down sugar chains naturally in the body;

Whereas: the buildup of sugars negatively impacts the skeletal system and eventually the organ systems;

Whereas the condition of Morquio A syndrome worsens over time and there is no cure;

Whereas there is only one FDA-approved medication for Morquio A syndrome, a synthetic version of the enzyme that patients lack;

Whereas this treatment is a four-hour weekly infusion that helps slow the rapid progression of the disease;

Whereas patients receiving treatment for Morquio A syndrome often need to see numerous specialty doctors frequently and may also require many services for school-age children;

Whereas it is imperative that there be greater awareness of this serious health condition, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state, and national levels;

Whereas "Morquio A Syndrome Awareness Day" is expected to be observed in the United States for years to come, providing hope and information for patients, caregivers, and families around the country: Now, therefore, be it *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

Supports the designation of "Morquio A Syndrome Awareness Day"; and

Recognizes the importance of, with respect to Morquio A syndrome—

Improving awareness;
Encouraging accurate and early diagnosis;
Advancing research;
Developing new treatments, diagnostics, and cures; and

Identifying regulatory pathways for drug development of ultrarare diseases like Morquio A syndrome.

CELEBRATING IAN CROWLEY

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, this February, I had the pleasure of attending the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Ian Crowley, a young man who is a model of dedication, perseverance, and commitment to community service. During his time in the Scouts, Ian has learned the importance of preserving and celebrating our history, a lesson which inspired his

Eagle Scout project. He undertook a major task and installed QR codes at the Lifesaving Station, a local historical site in South Jersey. These codes provide access to videos that detail each of the artifacts' histories, preserving the knowledge for generations to come. Beyond his time spent with the Scouts, Ian excels academically and demonstrates a remarkable work ethic. He always keeps busy, whether that's his pursuit of his pilot's license or his participation in the Ocean City High School golf team. In recognition of his outstanding achievements, Ian has been honored with the Order of the Arrow, an award which

celebrates his dedication to community service, leadership, and the preservation of history. I congratulate Ian on all accomplishments. He makes us all proud. God Bless Ian and God Bless the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded for Roll Call No. 79 and Roll Call No. 80 on Monday, March 11, 2024. Due to delays in travel, I was unable to be present for votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 79, and YEA on Roll Call No. 80.