

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EULOGY BY MONSIGNOR SYLVA  
AT THE FUNERAL MASS OF CON-  
GRESSMAN BILL PASCRELL

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, Bill Pascrell was one of the most unique and authentic people I have ever had the privilege of knowing and serving with as both a colleague and a dear friend. He was so loved and appreciated for his candor and for the authentic way that he communicated his concerns for the people of Paterson and all of New Jersey. The Congress will never quite be the same, and nor will the 'corner,' our committee, or the Democratic Caucus. He was loved and respected by both Democrats and Republicans. He had that kind of impact on people and especially his friends and family for whom he deeply loved. Our hearts go out to his wife Elsie, his sons William III, Glenn, and David, his grandchildren, and the entire Pascrell family.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD a eulogy delivered by Monsignor Eugene R. (Geno) Sylva of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ, who on August 28th captured the essence of the Late Honorable Bill Pascrell:

A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Luke: "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners who love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies, do good to them, lend expecting nothing back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High. For He himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as also your Father is merciful." The Gospel of the Lord.

Please be seated.

Elsie, Bill, Glenn, David, Kelly, the whole family, please know that our love and our prayers have been with you and will continue to be with you. And to have all of you here, and to have his bishop, deacons, priests, to have his beloved firefighters, his wonderful group of pastors, his peers in politics—the Congressman would've loved this. And Bill, I think you're right, if your father was speaking, he'd still be talking now. Because we tried at times, there was no doing this (motions to cut off) once he got rollin'.

On the morning of Sherriff Richard Berdnik's funeral mass, this cathedral was overflowing with people. Police officers, firefighters lined the streets outside, the haunting sounds of the bagpipes wailed, when all of a sudden, my phone in my pocket begins to buzz. Worried that there might be an emergency outside, I take the phone out of my pocket, and I see the name Congressman Bill Pascrell. So, in a hushed voice, I answered the phone, hoping that The Congressman realized that the funeral was about to

begin. There on the line, was the frantic voice of The Congressman, "Monsignor, delay the start of the mass, I'm running late! You have to stall for 15 minutes." This is no exaggeration. "I loved the sheriff, I can't be late for the mass, I have to be there, I'm tellin' ya, start late." I gotta be honest with you, my heart dropped. I'm sure we've all been in those situations where the beloved Congressman has spoken very . . . strongly. You never wanted to let him down, right? You see, after the Sherriff's wake the evening before, the Congressman had been rushed to the hospital and was only being released that very morning. He wanted to go home with Elsie and get changed so that he could look presentable for the funeral mass for his beloved friend, Sherriff Berdnik. Now, most normal men, they probably would've gone home and gone to bed. Not Bill. He had to go to church to pray for his friend.

But that's the Congressman William J. Pascrell Jr. If he loved ya, there was no extent that he would not go to in order to help ya. But what made him truly remarkable, as it is easy to help those whom you love, and who you love, was that Bill would do all that he could to assist you even if he didn't like you, and you might not have liked him. Yes, he was a self-proclaimed tough guy, a street fighter from Paterson, "with only one T!" Right, how many times did we hear that? But what made him so remarkable, and please take this to heart, the Congressman could fight without hate. He could fight without hate. He could become enraged and angry, I'm sure we all felt that, without becoming vengeful. How many times did he and I argue bitterly? And I'm sure you can guess on what some of those issue might have been. I mean we really slugged it out. But as heated as the discussions may have become, however, he never let the disagreement—his anger—lead him to disregard my position, my personhood. And in those exchanges, I got to see his heart, and he took the time to see my heart.

And how was he able to do this? Because he fought one particular prized fight every day. One that was even more important than all of those battles on Capitol Hill. And what was that fight? Not to allow his justified anger—to make the world a better place—to simmer and to settle into hatred. For St. Thomas Aquinas had written, "anger becomes a mortal sin only if through the fierceness of anger, one falls away from the love of God and his neighbor." You see, anger is not always contrary to love. For it seeks at times to make things right. It's only sin when it's no longer tethered to love, which is the greatest good.

Bill was able to tether his fierceness to love. His fiery character, which was trained in virtue by his dear parents, St. John's High School, and yes, the Jesuits at Fordham, to bring about good for God's kingdom. Friends, if there ever was a quote to capture the essence of Congressman Pascrell, it was the words of St. Augustine, whose feast day we celebrate today, so thank you for the other quote from St. Augustine: "Hope has two beautiful daughters—their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are and Courage to see that they do not remain the way that they are".

Because Bill was a man of justified anger, not of hatred—a man of courage, not of intimidation, the Congressman offered to each

one of us in our own ways hope. I just invite you for a moment to recall one of those moments of hope that Congressman Bill Pascrell gave you. A moment of hope that might have been uncomfortable in the moment, but it got you to a place you never thought you could get, and you got.

Friends, as wonderful as those memories are, we're not here today merely to recall those earthly moments of hope that Bill gave us, but to pray for his eternal soul, won only through Christ's victorious battle over sin and death. For it's only Christ's victorious battle, not those that we wage, that we find Christian hope. Our politicians, you provide us with optimism, and boy, do we need that. But only Christ graces us with eternal hope, through His victory, not on Capitol Hill in Washington, but a hill called Golgotha in Jerusalem. How we need both human hope and theological Christian hope. For what is Christian hope? Christian hope is trusting in another who is capable of extending and expanding our limited hope and optimism into the future, into the Divine. And that other is Jesus Christ. Christian hope is more than optimism, a belief that all will be well tomorrow. Hope has a name and a face, hope is a person, and he is Jesus Christ. And with hope and with the Lord, we can face the future without having to know what tomorrow looks like or what even awaits us. With hope, with Him, we know that our lives will not end in emptiness. We have hope in the person of Jesus who is alive and always with us. We know Him and we trust Him. Friends in the resurrection, the risen Lord speaks to us and tells us, "Yes you need me, for no one can do this on their own, no matter the titles we have, the power we have. Yes, you need me, and you love me, and you have me, for I died for you." Friends, in our grief today, we are offered hope amidst our tears. For with hope in Christ, we see the loss of our husband, our father, our grandfather, our peer, and our friend in the light of the resurrection, for even now through our tears the Lord makes the sunset of death give itself way to the dawning of eternal life. Filled with hope, as we just pause for a moment to remember a man who assisted us in this life. So now we pause to pray for him into the next. For you see, if our relationships—our love—ended in death, then Bill's death would be a tragedy: an opportunity lost, a wound perpetually raw. Thus, it is death that we must ask the most important question I really believe: "Can I love someone more, even after they died?" And the answer is yes. And how? By praying our loved one on the final road, through the purification of sin, to his final home in heaven. And friends, speaking of the road to heaven, I'm reminded of something interested about the road to Paterson. Bill Pascrell III this week told me something interesting about his father that I never knew. That Governor Murphy, back in 2020, designated Route 19 the William J. Pascrell Highway. Right? But before you clap; Governor Murphy, that was wonderful. But . . . while you clap, Billy told me that the other day, I thought to myself 'how did I not know that?' You know why I didn't know it? There's no sign telling us that. Sorry Governor, there's no sign. I had to do it. Sorry Mayor. Sorry. Thanks. The road the Congressman has taken, you Elsie, Bill, David, Glenn, the entire family, you've been on with him, you were with him

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through each battle, though there may be no public signs designated to his road or your road. That's ok. You and Dad never needed fame. You see, you knew that he loved you more than everyone else and knew that it was you who allowed him to fight the good fight each day.

And Elsie, having seen you both side-by-side for 30 years, I believe it was only your sweetness, your humility, your strength, your goodness, which in the end, allowed him to win the most important prized fight of his life: that of being man of justified anger, rather than one who ever had a hateful heart. For in the end, Elsie, he always knew that he had you, his greatest prize ever.

By the way, just finishing, you're wondering about Sherriff Berdnik's funeral—what did he do? I was really in a pickle, half Polish, half Italian. I had to start the mass on time for our Polish Sheriff, because I knew he would want that. But being half Italian, I knew I had to wait for our Italian Congressman, for I feared his wrath if I didn't wait. I was saved in the end by the Paterson Police Department and Passaic County Sheriff's department, because I called everyone and said, "Get to Ninth Ave, and get the Congressman and Elsie here." It was miraculous, I think we started two minutes late.

Congressman Pascrell, my dear friend, thank you. I bet you speedily arrive home to heaven, where there will be no need more for you to be fiery and fierce, and where I'm sure Paterson will be spelled correctly. And don't worry Bill, we're going to get that sign up on Route 19.

Bill, through the mercy of God and the help of our prayers, just get home to heaven.

OPENING PRAYER BY HOUSE  
CHAPLAIN MARGARET GRUN  
KIBBEN

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to include in the RECORD the Opening Prayer offered by our House Chaplain, Margaret Grun Kibben on September 9th to grieve the loss of the Late Honorable Bill Pascrell:

In these days with much to be attended to, policies to be written, elections to be run; When the tasks not yet completed vie for attention, in contest with all that must yet be achieved;

When each day is a whirlwind of obligations and demands, break into our thoughts and concerns O Lord, and remind us again how precious is the life you give to each of us.

As we grieve the loss of our dear friend and colleague Representative Bill Pascrell, may it be his passionate and compassionate commitment to this country—and the people he was proud to represent—that inspires us to assess our spirit of service.

May it be his tender heart and gracious kindness that call us to love those with whom we labor in these chambers.

God our Creator, like trees planted by streams of water, may we each, like Bill Pascrell, yield fruit in our season. In the days that you give us, may our leaves not wither. In all that we do, may all be done for you. In this may our lives prosper with the certainty of your favor.

In your righteous name we pray.

HONORING JANA BOMMERSBACH

**HON. GREG STANTON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and legacy of a legendary Arizona journalist, Jana Bommersbach, who passed away on July 17, 2024, at the age of 78 years old.

A North Dakota native, Jana moved to Arizona after earning her master's degree at the University of Michigan. It's in Arizona that she began an incredible career, which revolved around her love of the American West and all its colorful characters.

When Jana started at the Arizona Republic in the 1970s, she was one of just six women reporters in the newsroom. She worked her way up from reporter to editor, first for the Republic and later the Phoenix New Times. Because of her dogged reporting, the Arizona Press Club named her Arizona Journalist of the Year and honored her with its top investigative journalism prize, the Don Bolles Award, multiple times.

Jana's talents took her well beyond the newsroom when one of those-award winning stories turned into her hit book, *The Trunk Murderess: Winnie Ruth Judd*. Nominated for the Edgar Allan Poe Award and winning Arizona's only literary prize, *The Trunk Murderess* revisits the complicated story of Winnie Ruth Judd and a more than 60-year-old murder case, giving us a glimpse of Phoenix as a young frontier town. Jana earned the elderly Judd's trust, getting her to tell her side of the story for the very first time. That was Jana—reporting on true crime before it was trendy—because she understood just how much these stories matter.

Her life's work brought attention to the issues closest to her heart, like mental health and domestic violence. She paired vigorous journalism with selfless advocacy, giving her time to countless nonprofits. In 2020, she was inducted into the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame, rightly recognizing her lifetime of achievement.

More than anything, Jana was a joy to be around: a quick-witted, gifted storyteller who could leave any room in tears of laughter. She kept friends from all backgrounds and political parties and knew how to throw political jabs with a grin. Congress should take a lesson from her.

A trailblazer and fierce advocate for the voiceless, Jana's impact will live on through her work and the countless lives she brightened. We now do our best to keep her spirit with us by aspiring to be more like her. To live a life of purpose, integrity and fun. We join her friends and family in grief and gratitude, thankful we bore witness to her incredible legacy, full of stories to be told for generations to come.

Thank you to Jana, and Godspeed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DAVID ROUZER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. ROUZER. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 419, I mistakenly voted yea when I intended to vote nay.

OPPOSITION TO H.R. 8333, H.R. 1516, H.R. 1398, H.R. 1425, H.R. 7980, AND H.R. 9456

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to a slate of Republican bills offered this week that will do more harm than good in defending the United States' interests from the Chinese Communist Party.

Immediately upon their return from the August district work period, House Republicans have picked right back up with their prioritization of political talking points over responsible legislation. The Republican Majority is pushing forward a package of bills that revive failed programs, forgo due process, and undermine our academic institutions and domestic supply chains. Under the guise of deterring the influence of the Chinese Communist Party, the bills on the flow this week actually make it harder for us to protect national security interests and serve the interests of the American people.

H.R. 8333, the BIOSECURE Act, lists specific biopharmaceutical companies that are subject to federal contracting bans with no clear indication of why those companies were chosen. The bill lacks any due process to add or remove a company as a "biotechnology company of concern." This sets a dangerous precedent going forward for companies that find themselves listed in this bill—or any other similar legislation.

H.R. 1516, To establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes, and for other purposes, defines any connection to a Chinese public school or university as a relationship that is a threat to U.S. security. It would bar Universities with any of these connections from receiving any funds from the Department of Homeland Security, whether that funding is for securing college campuses against possible school shootings or receiving financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) after an emergency.

The Protect America's Innovation and Economic Security from CCP Act of 2024, H.R. 1398, is equally responsible. The Republican Majority would revive a defunct program at the Department of Justice that failed to address any of the actual threats posed by the Chinese Government and only succeeded in ruining the careers of academics and scientists of Chinese descent. Discriminatory impacts aside, the bill is plainly redundant, as the Department of Justice already prosecutes cases of economic espionage and trade secret theft.

H.R. 1425, the No WHO Pandemic Preparedness Treaty Without Senate Approval

Act hampers the United States' ability to respond to emerging pandemics and undermines the Biden-Harris administration's foreign policy agenda. House Republicans have introduced this bill under the pretense that any international agreement negotiated by the World Health Organization (WHO) is an international treaty, however, this is patently untrue. This legislation would only create more barriers, red tape, and headaches for our country as we respond to developing health threats around the world.

H.R. 7980, the End Chinese Dominance of Electric Vehicles in America Act, would threaten the viability of the EV tax credit for consumers created in the Inflation Reduction Act (Pub. L. 117–169). Congress has already set requirements for collecting the full \$7,500 tax credit that strengthen the long-term EV domestic supply chain while also lowering our reliance on China. This bill would add additional requirements that are frankly unachievable and would virtually eliminate access to the EV tax credits that have helped thousands of people afford to purchase new EVs, saving Minnesotans money on gas and making the air in our communities cleaner.

Finally, the Protecting American Agriculture from Foreign Adversaries Act of 2024, H.R. 9456, undermines bipartisan-negotiated provisions from the Fiscal Year 2024. Consolidated Appropriations package that are helping to investigate national security threats from foreign investments into agricultural land, biotechnology, and other aspect of the agricultural industry. The Republican bill threatens to overwhelm the Committee of Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and undermine its ability to investigate and stop real threats. We should not be undermining established law voted for by House Republicans and Democrats.

Mr. Speaker, the interference of the Chinese Communist Party, Russia, and other foreign adversaries poses real threats to our economy, our national security, and our democratic institutions. We need serious, deliberative, nonpartisan solutions to deal with these threats. Instead, the Republican Majority has brought bills to the floor this week that are ineffective at best and outright harmful at worst. I oppose all of these bills and I urge my colleagues to do so as well.

#### RECOGNIZING MY VOICE COUNTS CHARITIES FOUNDATION, INC. FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

##### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, during this Hispanic Heritage Month, it is an honor to recognize My Voice Counts Charities Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization deeply committed to the social integration of Venezuelan immigrants into the American system.

Since its inception, they have tirelessly worked to support the Venezuelan community throughout Central Florida through a range of activities that promote solidarity, mutual support, and empowerment. They have organized job training workshops, English language programs, legal assistance, and healthcare services, facilitating the adaptation and well-being

of hundreds of Venezuelan families across the United States. They have proactively addressed the challenges faced by our community. A prime example is their collaboration with our office to introduce the Venezuelan Adjustment Act in the U.S. House of Representatives. This bill would provide legal pathways and safeguard the lights of Venezuelans who have migrated to the U.S. in search of a better future. This effort underscores their commitment to justice and their ability to positively influence public policy that directly impacts their community.

Thanks to the dedication of their team and the invaluable support of volunteers and collaborators, My Voice Counts has successfully established a robust network of support that not only assists immigrants in integrating but also enriches the diversity and social fabric of local communities.

#### HONORING SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

##### HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church of Newport News, Virginia, on its 75th Anniversary.

The church was established in 1949 and moved to its current location in 1982, with a mission to keep, practice, and proclaim the Orthodox Christian Faith. The church facilitates a number of ministries and organizations that offer engaging programs, philanthropic activities, educational initiatives, and community gatherings including the popular Newport News Greek Festival. This also includes the Daughters of Penelope, an organization that encourages civic engagement and offers scholarship opportunities. Importantly, the church has prioritized serving the disadvantaged in our local community through mission and donation, including support for the homeless, Habitat for Humanity, and the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank.

I also want to acknowledge the leadership of Father George Chioros. Father George was assigned to the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in August of 1999 where he continues to diligently lead the large Orthodox Christian community on the Peninsula. He has actively served the community as a parish priest and as a member of many community boards. He has also participated in many charity organizations throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Father George and the clergy have continued growing the parish community, and they have enhanced numerous church ministries to address the needs of the Peninsula.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I want to congratulate Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church on its 75th anniversary and thank its members and leaders for all they have done for our community. I wish them many more years of success.

#### HONORING SHELLY HARTMANN

##### HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Ms. Shelly Hartmann for her term as Chair of the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council (USHBC), which concludes at the end of this year.

It is because of leaders like Shelly Hartmann that Michigan remains the best place in the country to grow. Shelly has dedicated her career to advocating for her fellow growers through numerous roles. Her impressive resume includes time serving as a member of the USHBC board for over ten years, as the governor-appointed treasurer of the Michigan Blueberry Commission, as a board member of the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program Advisory Council, and as a member of the planning committee for the annual National Blueberry Festival in South Haven.

A pillar of our Southwest Michigan community, Shelly Hartmann currently co-owns True Blue Farms in Grand Junction with her husband Dennis. Overcoming adversity and beginning their operation in the early 1990s, True Blue Farms has become one of the largest growers in North America.

In 2021, Shelly was named the USHBC's first female chairperson. This impressive milestone illustrates Shelly's passion for her fellow growers. Throughout her tenure as chair, she has been a tireless advocate and has continuously enhanced the standing of American blueberry farmers across the world.

Mr. Speaker, as her tenure as chairperson concludes, I ask that you join me and the people of Michigan's 4th Congressional District in thanking Ms. Shelly Hartmann for her decades-long dedication to blueberry growers throughout the United States.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF LUBERTA LEE

##### HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 100th birthday of Luberta Lee.

Luberta was born in Coushatta, Louisiana in 1924. She and her late husband, Sigmund Lee, have 7 children and 17 grandchildren together. They were married for 46 years until he passed. As a couple, the Lee's made the cross country move from Louisiana to California. They settled in San Bernardino, where she dedicated 20 years of service to her community at Community Hospital before her retirement. She has now lived in San Bernardino for 75 years.

On behalf of the 35th Congressional District, I congratulate Luberta on this incredible milestone. It is my honor to represent courageous people like her. I hope that she enjoys much happiness in the coming year.

## REMEMBERING MIKE CODY

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my sincere respects to Mike Cody, a highly respected Memphis lawyer who worked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike, before going on to serve as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, the state's Attorney General, and a Memphis City Council member. Cody passed Sunday at 88. I knew Mike Cody all my adult life, worked as a volunteer in his City Council campaign, and clerked for him at Burch, Porter & Johnson, where he began his legal career in 1961. As firm founder Lucius Burch might have said, 'the hair of the hypocrite was not seen about him.' After he, Burch and others met with King, Cody helped successfully argue, on the morning of April 4, 1968, for lifting a federal injunction preventing King from leading a second sanitation workers march after a first march ended in chaos. King was assassinated that evening. Cody worked with the Reverend James Lawson and others to form what became Memphis Area Legal Services, initially to meet individual sanitation workers' legal needs. He served as a Memphis City Councilman from 1975 to 1977 and was then appointed by President Jimmy Carter to be the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee into 1981. Scrupulously honest, he was known to prosecute both Democratic and Republican officials who abused their offices. An unsuccessful candidate in a special election for Memphis Mayor in 1983, Cody was soon appointed Tennessee's Attorney General during the administration of Republican Governor Lamar Alexander, serving from 1984 to 1988. He was also Chair of the Memphis and Shelby County Crime Commission (1997–1998). In 2005, he was appointed to serve as the Co-Chair of the Tennessee Commission on Ethics focusing on revising state ethics laws. In 2010, he was elected Co-Chair of the Society of Attorneys General Emeritus (SAGE).

Cody graduated from Memphis East High School (1954), then earned his undergraduate degree from Southwestern at Memphis (now Rhodes College), in 1958, received his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1961, and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws from Rhodes in 1989, where he served as an adjunct professor. As Attorney General, Cody argued four cases before the United States Supreme Court: *Rose v. Rose*, 481 U.S. 619 (1987), *Rose v. Clark*, 478 U.S. 570 (1986), *Alexander v. Choate*, 469 U.S. 287 (1985), and *Tennessee v. Garner*, 471 U.S. 1 (1985). The landmark *Garner* case, in which Cody represented the State of Tennessee, established the precedent that an officer may not use deadly force to prevent the escape of a suspect without probable cause to believe the suspect poses a significant threat to the officer or others. The case grew out of a police chase in Memphis. Cody also served as an adjunct professor at Vanderbilt University School of Law, Memphis State University's School of Law, Rhodes College and LeMoyne Owen College. He served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1961 to 1967. He was the author of *Honest Govern-*

ment: An Ethics Guide for Public Service (1992), and law review articles on excluding the mentally ill from the death penalty, Tennessee's experience with the privatization of correctional institutions, and on his representation of Dr. King in 1968, among other scholarly works. A member of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame and the Memphis Amateur Sports Hall of Fame, Cody was a runner since high school and ran in more than a dozen Boston Marathons, finishing fifth in his age group in 1990. He served on the board of the National Civil Rights Museum, as vice chairman of the Memphis and Shelby County Library Foundation, and President of the Memphis in May International Festival (1996). I extend my sincere condolences to his wife Suzanna; his children Jane, Mia and Michael; his extended family, and his many friends. He did much for his community, the legal profession, his state and the Nation. His was a life well-lived.

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 RECOGNIZING CLAIRE NASH'S  
100TH BIRTHDAY
 

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**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Claire Nash, a longtime resident of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, who celebrated her 100th birthday in August. Claire is a beloved member of the Wolfeboro community whose giving heart continues to touch the lives of all who have come to know her. Today, I honor Claire for her steadfast commitment to spreading love and joy throughout her community.

Claire is loved throughout Wolfeboro and the towns surrounding it. Those who know her best would likely agree that it is better to describe her as 100 years young, not old. Everywhere she goes, she brings with her the exuberance and energy of the youngest at heart. As we celebrate Claire's 100th birthday, we recognize her unwavering dedication to her community and her continued contributions to the lives of countless others.

Claire has long been passionate about crochet and other hand crafts, skills she perfected over the years and continues to share with the world. Through the years, Claire has handmade and gifted countless quilts, pillows, and other crafts to the Police Department, Fire Department, Children's Center, and many other local organizations in and around Wolfeboro. In all she does, she inspires us with an enduring legacy of caring, creativity, and selflessness.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I wish Claire a happy and healthy 100th birthday. We thank her for bringing so much happiness and caring to her community and for her continued commitment to the people of New Hampshire.

## HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF READING AND BEYOND

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today, we gather to commemorate a remarkable milestone in the field of children's education and economic empowerment for families—the 25th Anniversary of Reading and Beyond (RAB). This historic occasion is a testament to the enduring legacy and unwavering commitment of RAB to improving literacy and success for children and empowering families across California.

Founded in 1999, RAB was started by members of the First Covenant Church bringing together community leaders to find a solution for children that were struggling to read in the neighborhood. Since then, RAB has been a leader for families in the San Joaquin Valley, providing educational and wellness opportunities that have been carried on through generations.

In 2003, RAB was selected by the U.S. Department of Education in a competitive process to receive national funding. Through this, they were able to develop their Early Childhood Education program into a model that other organizations could replicate. Within the same year, the Fresno Unified School District also honored RAB as a "model for other organizations." In 2008, RAB was recognized by Kern Briggs, the Department of Education Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, as a "remarkable example of the impact that faith-based organizations have in a community." In 2014, RAB was chosen as one of only ten national projects to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for their Fresno Bridge Academy program, for which they were awarded \$12 million to achieve their goal of lifting families out of poverty through educational services.

The RAB mission is both clear and commendable: to empower children and families to achieve productive, self-reliant lives through its holistic, research, and results-based programs with the end goal of helping children succeed. Through this two-generation approach, RAB has been able to create a lasting effect on families that is passed down generationally. As a result of their commitment to this mission, RAB has grown from what started out as a community effort to help children in Fresno's neighborhoods improve their reading into the pillar of children's and family wellness and empowerment throughout the San Joaquin Valley that it is today. Beyond preschool and early childhood education, their services now include youth prevention and intervention programs, parent engagement and family strengthening programs, health and wellness education, training programs and workforce development for adults, and college preparation for students.

As Reading and Beyond reaches their 25th Anniversary, we must recognize and celebrate this momentous occasion. It represents a quarter of a century of dedication, commitment, and service to the families and communities of the San Joaquin Valley. Their work has impacted not only the individual children and families, but also the overall well-being of the Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in honoring the 25th Anniversary of Reading and Beyond. Let us celebrate their legacy and their ongoing commitment to advancing educational, health and wellness opportunities to underserved families and children.

#### HONORING NOAH LYLES

#### HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor my constituent and Olympic champion, Noah Lyles. Born on July 18, 1997, and raised in Alexandria, Virginia, Noah became the fastest man in the world at twenty-seven years old, completing the 100-meter race in 9.79 seconds at the 2024 Olympics in Paris, where he brought home the gold medal. He is the first American to win the 100m gold medal since 2004, a remarkable accomplishment that united us as a Nation in pride. Noah also won a bronze medal in the 200-meter race, a reflection of his talent and determination on the world stage.

Noah graduated from Alexandria City High School, where he is being honored by his alma mater and the Northern Virginia community, who are incredibly proud of his historic tourney at the Olympics this year. I am thrilled to celebrate his career as six-time world champion and Olympic achievements in his hometown and am hopeful his success will inspire the next generation of young athletes in Northern Virginia and around the country.

On behalf of my constituents in Virginia's Eighth Congressional District, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Noah Lyles.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ELISE ROXANN RHODES

#### HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Elise Roxann Rhodes, who passed away on September 9, 2024. Known as "Lesa" to many, Ms. Rhodes was a cherished pillar of our community and brought joy to all those who knew her.

Born on February 13, 1965, in Buffalo, New York, Ms. Rhodes was raised by her parents Roosevelt and Frances Arlene Rhodes in the Central Park neighborhood. She attended Buffalo Public School No. 61 St. Joseph's Catholic Academy, and Archbishop Carroll High School before attending and graduating from Lafayette High School in 1983. While at Lafayette High School, Ms. Rhodes attended the Buffalo Vocational Technical Center, where she discovered her interest in healthcare. Afterward, Ms. Rhodes attended D'Youville University in pursuit of a career in nursing. She graduated in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and in 1995 with a Master of Science Degree in Community Health Nursing.

Ms. Rhodes worked tirelessly as a nurse, providing exceptional care to her patients as a

Registered Nurse, Clinical Nursing Professor, Program Director, academic advisor at the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, and an advocate for underserved communities. Outside of her career, she was a member of the Parish Nurse Ministry of Western New York, as well as a volunteer for the Black Student Union at D'Youville University, advisor for the Minority Nurses Association at the State University of New York at Buffalo, and member of the Buffalo School Health Advisory Board.

As an advocate for her community, Ms. Rhodes found numerous ways to give back. She provided health education information during the City of Buffalo's annual Juneteenth and Kwanzaa Festivals. She participated in marches, demonstrations, and meetings to promote health equity and equal treatment, access, education, and rights for minority communities, especially Black and Latino communities. Because of her steadfast commitment to serving others, Ms. Rhodes was inducted as an Honorary Mother of Ka in Malika Kambe Umfazi Sorority, Inc.

Furthermore, Ms. Rhodes remained deeply committed to her faith. She was a faithful member of Elim Christian Fellowship, as well as a member of the Health Education Ministry in which she coordinated a project to make the entrance of the church fully accessible for individuals with physical disabilities. Ms. Rhodes also helped develop screening protocols for COVID-19 and acquired AED and Narcan stations at the church. Additionally, Ms. Rhodes served as the Administrative Coordinator for the Christian Education Ministry, where she was responsible for creating informational pamphlets and operational manuals for the Kingdom Growth Institute.

Ms. Rhodes was the loving daughter of Roosevelt and Frances Arlene Rhodes, cherished sister of Sonja Sidell Rhodes and Vonetia Tashika Rhodes, dear step-daughter of Faith Moore-Rhodes and step-sister of Ashley Rhodes, Briana Rochelle Rhodes, and Valerie Nicole Moody, and devoted niece, cousin, aunt, and godmother to many more.

Today, Ms. Rhodes is remembered as a hard-working woman of God, who put the needs of others first and worked to make her community a more healthy, equitable place. Please join me in honoring Ms. Elise Roxann Rhodes for her lifetime of dedication to service, and faith.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, due to a previously scheduled medical procedure, I was unable to be in D.C. on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, and on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YEA on Roll Call No. 418, H.R. 8314, the No Foreign Election Interference Act; YEA on Roll Call No. 420, H. Res. 1455, On ordering the previous question; YEA on Roll Call No. 421, H. Res. 1455, Providing for consideration of the bills H.R. 3724; H.R. 4790, H.R. 5179, H.R. 5339, H.R. 5717, and H.R. 7909, and the Joint resolution H.J. Res. 136; YEA on Roll Call No. 422, S. 1146, the

Find and Protect Foster Youth Act; YEA on Roll Call No. 423, H.R. 9076, the Supporting America's Children and Families Act; YEA on Roll Call No. 424, H.R. 7213, the Autism CARES Act; YEA on Roll Call No. 425, H.R. 1513, the FUTURE Networks Act; NAY on Roll Call No. 426, H.R. 5339, on Motion to Re-commit; YEA on Roll Call No. 427, H.R. 5339, the RETIRE Act; YEA on Roll Call No. 428, H.R. 5179, the Anti-BDS Labeling Act; YEA on Roll Call No. 429, H.R. 7909, the Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act; NAY on Roll Call No. 430, H.R. 9494, on Motion to Re-commit; and YEA on Roll Call No. 431, H.R. 9494, the Continuing Appropriations and Other Matters Act, 2025.

#### RECOGNIZING THE REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 200th anniversary of The Republican newspaper in Springfield, Massachusetts.

For 200 years, The Springfield Republican has been the standard for journalistic excellence in western Massachusetts and throughout the nation. Since its founding by the Bowles family in 1824, the paper has been in continuous circulation for two centuries—a feat that few publications can attest to.

Over the course of my career in public life, I have had the privilege of working with publishers who navigated the paper through changes that have transformed how we receive the news. This includes the likes of David Starr, Larry McDermott, and most recently George Arwady. All have played a prominent role in the newspaper's success in an ever-changing world.

I've also had the pleasure of working with exemplary editors, including Dick Garvey, Wayne Phaneuf, and Cynthia Simison. Now, Larry Parnass continues their legacy. Their commitment to journalistic integrity has upheld the newspaper's reputation as an outlet for reliable reporting. Chronicling the triumphs and challenges that have shaped our communities with sincerity and respect, they have made The Republican a generational household name.

The paper's story started with two things: a flat-bottomed barge and a printing press. Samuel Bowles and his wife made their way up the Connecticut River and settled in Springfield, Massachusetts. In 1824, Bowles founded The Republican, and the rest is history.

From its founding, The Republican prided itself on being a paper that delivered accurate news, while never shying away from discussing controversial topics. Samuel Bowles III was quick to realign the newspaper with the newly formed Republican party and was a strong proponent of the anti-slavery movement. It was that commitment to adaptability and foresight that earned Bowles, and subsequently the Republican, the admiration of a national audience—including President Lincoln.

On April 14, 1865, after a private meeting with The Springfield Republican's Washington correspondent George Ashmun, President Lincoln invited Ashmun to attend the theater with

him and Mrs. Lincoln. Ashmun declined, and Lincoln subsequently wrote a note that read, "Allow Mr. Ashmun and friend to come in at 9 A.M. tomorrow. A. Lincoln. April 14, 1865."

Later that evening, President Lincoln was assassinated. His note inviting Mr. Ashmun to the White House the following day would be Lincoln's last written words.

I call attention to this because it speaks not only to The Republican's involvement in one of the most consequential moments in American history, but also to the paper's constant pursuit of informing its audience of stories throughout the nation and around the world. Over the course of its 200-year history, The Springfield Republican has reported on a Civil War, two world wars, and conflicts across the globe; national triumphs like putting the first man on the moon and the invention of the internet; landmark legislative achievements like giving women the right to vote with the ratification of the 19th Amendment, the genius of Mr. Roosevelt's Social Security Act, and Lyndon Johnson's Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965; tragedies like the assassinations of Presidents Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley, and Kennedy, and the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The Republican has been there through it all.

And while The Republican was there for each and every one of these stories of national and international significance, they have continued to prioritize the reporting of local stories. Or, as they have coined it, "bringing home the news." For the last 200 years, The Springfield Republican has documented the triumphs and tribulations of this region, one filled with a rich history unlike any other; one whose history played a fundamental role in the founding of our Nation and its basic principles, including freedom of the press.

Whether it was covering visits by fifteen U.S. Presidents, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech at Springfield College, or foreign dignitaries visiting from around the world, The Springfield Republican was there.

Whether it was the 40 world championships won by Boston's four major sports teams, the invention of basketball by James Naismith, Dr. J's career with UMass basketball, Springfield's own Tim Daggett and his gold medal victory at the 1984 Olympics, or the countless high school athletes who have achieved All-Western Massachusetts honors, The Springfield Republican was there.

When we were ravaged by natural disasters, including the tornado in 2011, The Springfield Republican was there.

When we rebuilt our city and embarked on a renaissance that continues to take place right before our eyes, highlighted by the redevelopment of Springfield Union Station, the reinvigoration of our city's downtown, and transforming centuries-old buildings into state-of-the-art housing, The Springfield Republican was there.

In an ever-changing society, The Republican has endured a constantly transforming media market. In a time where social media dominates our nation's discourse, and misinformation and disinformation run rampant, we can continue to count on The Republican for their commitment to constant objectivity. On the occasion of their bicentennial, I am grateful for their unwavering loyalty to the people of this region.

I think Dave Starr said it best in his column published on October 24, 1999, when the

newspaper celebrated its 175th anniversary. Dave wrote, "Good newspapers like the Republican and the Union News live on because they offer a commodity that is worth the price. It's not just the news and the ads, the television listings and the sports pages, the comics and the crossword puzzles. They are important, but they are just part of what is in a good newspaper."

He continued, "A good newspaper is the embodiment of a community's hopes and dreams, its yearnings and its aspirations. It is the voice of the public it serves. It is the mirror of its community. And equally important, it is the public's guardian against dark forces that would erode or even destroy the people's rights and freedoms."

As we celebrate The Republican's 200th anniversary, we thank all those who have played and continue to play a part in upholding the paper's mission of bringing home the news—news that embodies our community here in the Pioneer Valley and promotes the tenets of a free press.

The Springfield Republican has been there, and they will continue to be there for generations to come. Congratulations from the United States of America.

#### HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HERO DEBBIE CONARD

#### HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Debbie Conard, who has dedicated over 20 years to volunteering with the Richardson Fire Department. On the Fire 1 Rehab Team, Debbie supports firefighters during large fires. She is on call 24/7, leading the photography team and responding to structure fires, capturing firefighters as they save lives and property. These images serve as a visual record of the bravery and dedication of our local firefighters and are on display at fire stations throughout the city.

After completing the Citizen Fire Academy (CFA), Debbie joined the CFA Alumni Association, where she served as President for many years and remains active today. Her dedication extends to the Richardson Police Department, where she has volunteered for over 18 years. After completing the Citizen Police Academy (CPA), she continued to stay involved through the board of the CPA Alumni Association, contributing to special events, including National Night Out and Safety Fairs, as well as photographing for CPA classes.

Debbie's dedication to serving North Texans isn't limited to Richardson city limits. She volunteered at the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas where she engaged patients with crafts, books, and games. She also volunteered with Equest, a therapeutic equestrian riding program for children with diverse needs. Through her involvement with the annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb, Debbie helps honor fallen firefighters and police officers who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Debbie is also a volunteer photographer for Honor Flight, which celebrates America's veterans by inviting them to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials built to commemorate their service and sacrifice.

Those who know and work with Debbie describe her as humble, sincere, and deeply compassionate. She has a generous heart and never seeks recognition of accolades for her efforts. I'd like to thank Debbie Conard for going above and beyond to serve our North Texas community.

#### DETECTIVE MATTHEW KING NAMED OHIO'S 13TH DISTRICT CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

#### HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Detective Matthew King of the North Canton Police Department as Ohio's 13th Congressional District Champion of the Week.

Detective King was recognized by his peers as the Police Officer of the year for the North Canton Police Department. King has been a police officer since 2018, and has been with the North Canton Police Department since 2019.

In 2021, Officer King was promoted to Detective King when he graduated as the Valuedictorian of his Drug Recognition Expert Class, earning a 99.14 percent grade point average.

He is also a member of the Stark County Metro Narcotics Unit and the OVI Task Force.

This honor is not Detective King's first award. In 2021, he was awarded the Stark County Traffic Office of the Year. Detective King has been a model police officer for many years.

Once again, I'd like to congratulate Detective Matthew King on this distinction, and thank him for his tireless public service to North Canton. He is a perfect example of why Ohio's 13th Congressional District is known as the "Birthplace of Champions."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. WILEY NICKEL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2024*

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, I was away from the floor during the vote on September 18. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on Roll Call No. 428.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PUERTO RICAN ASSOCIATION FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development (PRAHD) as they celebrate their historic 50-year milestone of service. On September 19, 2024, they commemorate this accomplishment at PRAHD's Annual Roberto Clemente Gala. It is my privilege to



recognize the outstanding efforts of PRAHD to improve the well-being of our communities.

The rich history of this organization started with the mindset of the late Roberto Clemente. As a human service agency, the PRAHD staff is dedicated to being an open door for community members facing life altering obstacles. Honorably, the amazing organization has served over 14,000 people in the last year, feeding over 400 families annually. In May of 1974, the organization began their impact by operating youth services within Perth Amboy and have since expanded to serve Middlesex, Monmouth, Union, and Hudson counties.

For 50 years, PRAHD has succeeded in an exemplary campaign for the betterment of impoverished individuals. Their expansive human services empower the individual to reach their highest potential. I applaud PRAHD for its remarkable generosity.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in honoring the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development for their contributions to the community and congratulating them on this 50-year milestone.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. GREG LANDSMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call Vote Number 429 on H.R. 7909, I mistakenly recorded my vote as NAY when I should have voted YEA.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I unfortunately missed the vote for the Anti-BDS Labeling Act (H.R. 5179). Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 428.

#### RECOGNIZING AND HONORING PAT GOIN'S SERVICE AS CHAIR OF THE NORTH AMERICAN BLUEBERRY COUNCIL

#### HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Pat Goin, who will be concluding her tenure as Chair of the North American Blueberry Council at the end of this year.

This August, I had the honor of visiting Pat and her husband Kevin at their blueberry farm, Goin's Blueberry Lane, in North Judson, Indiana as part of my district-wide "Factories, Freeways, and Fields" tour.

During my visit, I had the opportunity to learn more about their family-owned and operated blueberry farm that has been in business since 1980. Just as importantly, I was able to see firsthand Pat's great character and the

passion she has for consistently putting out a high-quality product over all these years.

I am immensely grateful to Pat for the warm hospitality that my team and I received on our visit, as well as for the fresh and ripe blueberries that she, Kevin, and their family have been producing for more than 40 years.

I also greatly appreciate the leadership that Pat has provided to the North American Blueberry Council in her role as Chair on behalf of our blueberry producers and those connected to the blueberry industry all across our country. Our farmers and agricultural producers are some of the most industrious and important men and women anywhere in America, and I know that Pat has done a great service by effectively advocating on behalf of blueberry growers and their interests.

God bless Pat Goin.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF MARVIN TURNER

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Marvin Turner, who passed away on August 12, 2024. Marvin was a dedicated civil servant and worked tirelessly to make the District of Columbia the 51st state.

Marvin was a native of Atlanta, Georgia. After graduating high school, Marvin joined Job Corps and then began his career fighting for the rights of workers and for fair housing in North Carolina and South Carolina with the Service Employees International Union.

Marvin came to D.C. to work for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Soon after arriving in D.C., Marvin became a staffer for then-Mayor Sharon Pratt and then became a member of my staff. In 2013, Marvin was appointed as a commissioner on the District of Columbia Sentencing and Criminal Code Revision Commission, where he worked with other commissioners and D.C. Councilmembers to revise sentencing guidelines and the criminal code.

During his career, Marvin worked closely with Reverend Jesse Jackson as an advance staffer, as well as serving as the D.C. Statehood Coordinator for the National Rainbow Coalition. Marvin's work on the local and national levels ultimately led to him working for the Democratic National Committee's Office of the Secretary for nearly 20 years.

Marvin's work left an indelible mark on both D.C. and our Nation. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the incredible life and legacy of Marvin Turner.

#### CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS ACT, 2025

SPEECH OF

#### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2024

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this six-month Continuing Resolution and the accompanying SAVE Act.

Most of us do not want a CR and it is deeply unfortunate that one is necessary. Once again, the Senate did not get its work done and failed to pass any Appropriations bills off the floor. The House Republican Majority wasted months writing bills loaded with extreme social policy that the American people do not want. And still, Republicans only passed half their bills—why? Because they were so unpopular with their own conference.

Having failed to complete this work, Republicans now want to kick the can for six months. They will waste half the fiscal year, costing taxpayers billions of dollars. A CR this long would be irresponsible. The Department of Defense has also identified the consequences for our national security. A six-month CR would have negative impacts on our Military Personnel and their families. It would not include funds to cover the 4.5 percent pay raise for Service Members. It would not fund the nearly \$3 billion increase required by law for the Basic Housing Allowance. And it would not include funds needed to cover medical costs for military families and stabilize the Military Healthcare System.

The Services would not be able to offer new enlistment and reenlistment bonuses—harming recruitment efforts. New program starts can't happen under a CR. This harms innovation and delays getting weapons and equipment into the hands of our personnel quickly. Keeping major defense programs on time and on budget will be more difficult. A CR will delay multi-year procurement of platforms like: heavy lift helicopters and Virginia Class Submarines. It will pause investments in our space-based satellite architecture. It will prevent full funding for the Columbia Class Submarine, and delay procurement of the B-21 Raider. Finally, CR's damage the readiness of the Joint Force. Training exercises and operations that are needed to ensure we can win any fight—they won't happen.

The Navy will suffer a delay of 58 ship maintenance availabilities, limiting work for our public and private shipyards. Air Force flying hours, weapon system sustainment, and ground combat readiness will suffer. We know this to be true—why?

We just had a nearly six-month CR in Fiscal Year 2024 which impacted DoD's ability to budget appropriately. The last thing we should do is compound this problem. We also have the Fiscal Responsibility Act to consider. Because if all 12 appropriations bills are not enacted by the end of April, sequestration takes effect.

What does that mean? Across the board spending cuts impacting everything from national security, to infrastructure, to healthcare and education. That is a gamble none of us should want to take.

To make a bad deal even worse, the Speaker has tacked on a partisan voter-suppression tool known as the SAVE Act, in an attempt to appease his most extreme Members. If this bill became law, the vast majority of Americans would need more than one document to vote. We need to be removing barriers to the ballot box not adding more. The Senate will not pass this bill, and it will not become law. We should reject this legislation—pass a clean short-term CR—and roll up our sleeves and get to work.

HONORING THE FRESH MARKET  
ON BEING NAMED ONE OF THE  
TOP GROCERY STORES IN AMERICA

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate The Fresh Market on being named one of the top Grocery Stores in America by USA Today and being ranked number one in the following categories: Best Grocery Store Bakery, Best Grocery Store Deli, and Best Grocery Store Prepared Food.

Originally founded right here in North Carolina, The Fresh Market has taken its renowned freshness and customer service to over 150 stores across 22 states. While The Fresh Market has grown and expanded its footprint across the country, it has never stopped focusing on the things that its home state is known for, good food and good people.

Whether you're grabbing something quick to go, or enjoying one of their many baked goods, The Fresh Market has something for everyone. The Fresh Market has shown its commitment to providing the highest quality food and produce to its customers, and that commitment is clearly reflected in these outstanding rankings. I can confidently say that we here in North Carolina could not be prouder of our local company which has achieved such national recognition for its incredible quality.

Again, congratulations to all the folks at The Fresh Market. They should feel extremely proud of all their hard work and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating The Fresh Market on being named one of the top grocery stores in America.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL APP  
CHALLENGE DAY

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate September 19, 2024, as the inaugural National App Challenge Day. This day honors the innovation, creativity, and technical skills of our nation's youth, who are the driving force behind our future's technological advancements.

The National App Challenge Day was established to encourage young students from across the United States to develop their coding skills, explore their creativity, and apply their problem-solving abilities to real-world issues. This initiative aligns with our nation's broader goal of promoting K-12 STEM education and preparing our students to be competitive in the global economy.

Since its inception, the Congressional App Challenge has inspired over 58,000 students, across all 50 states and territories to engage in computer science and technology. By participating in this challenge, students gain invaluable experience in teamwork, critical thinking, and innovation. The apps developed by these young coders address a wide range of issues, from improving educational resources to creating solutions for community challenges. National App Challenge Day highlights the importance of investing in our youth and supporting STEM education. It is a day to celebrate the achievements of all student participants and to recognize the mentors, educators, and community leaders who support and inspire these students.

As a recovering computer science major and one of the co-chairs of the Congressional App Challenge, I recognize the importance of supporting initiatives that foster innovation and creativity among our nation's youth. Let the National App Challenge Day serve as a catalyst for future leaders, innovators, and problem-solvers who will shape the world of tomorrow.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. NICK LaLOTA**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mr. LaLOTA. Mr. Speaker, I regret to have missed the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 426; YEA on Roll Call No. 427; YEA on Roll Call No. 428; YEA on Roll Call No. 429; NAY on Roll Call No. 430; and YEA on Roll Call No. 431.

BLUECOATS DRUM AND BUGLE  
CORPS NAMED OHIO'S 13TH DISTRICT  
CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

**HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2024*

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise today to recognize The Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps as Ohio's 13th Congressional District Champion of the Week.

On August 7th, on the field of Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, the Bluecoats nearly achieved a perfect routine, scoring a 98.75 out of 100 to win the second world championship in their corps' history. This current win comes on the heels of them holding second place in the championships in 2022 and 2023.

The Drum Corps International World Championships was the grand finale for the Bluecoats' busy summer. The championship was the last show after a string of 17 competitive shows and 21 performances on its 8,000-mile national tour.

The Bluecoats are a perfect example of why Ohio's 13th Congressional District is known as the "Birthplace of Champions."

Once again, I'd like to congratulate the Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps for bringing this World Championship home. We are so proud of your hard work and incredible talent.