

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

AMERICA'S CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2024

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak on S. 3791, the American Conservation Enhancement (ACE) Act.

The ACE Act helps to preserve ecosystems, restore habitats, and conserve wildlife by reauthorizing the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, and the Chesapeake Bay Program, among others. I strongly support these programs and the vital conservation efforts they undertake across the Nation and that's why I will support this bill.

Unfortunately, it also includes an exemption for lead-containing sport fishing equipment under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Section 107 of the bill would prevent the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from regulating lead tackle under TSCA even if the agency determines that it poses an unreasonable risk to human health.

This section is a solution in search of a problem. To date, EPA has not taken steps to regulate lead tackle under TSCA, and if they did, it would not necessarily result in a ban. In fact, TSCA provides EPA a range of options to protect public health short of a ban—like labeling.

TSCA exists to protect human health, and only authorizes EPA to take action when the agency finds an unreasonable risk. If EPA finds that lead tackle poses an unreasonable risk to human health, we should not take away its authority to address it.

The toxicity of lead to humans and wildlife is well-established. Ingestion of lead can sicken and kill wildlife and can pose a risk to humans handling lead. Considering the risks, several states have banned the use of lead tackle and sinkers, and, in 2023, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service finalized a rule to phase out lead ammunition and tackle in national wildlife refuges by 2026. Blocking any potential EPA action on lead tackle under TSCA will not stop these regulatory efforts. But it will lock in the uneven patchwork of protections from the harms of lead tackle across the United States.

Congress provided EPA with the authority to regulate dangerous chemicals with the goal of protecting public health and the environment. We should let EPA do its job. Congress should not make it standard practice to provide exemptions from our bedrock environmental laws at the expense of public health. Especially for something as dangerous for humans and wildlife as lead.

While I continue to strongly oppose this section, I do support the other provisions in this bill and therefore vote in favor of S. 3791.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 479; YEA on Roll Call No. 480; YEA on Roll Call No. 481; NO on Roll Call No. 482; NO on Roll Call No. 483; and YES on Roll Call No. 492.

RECOGNIZING TODD MUTCHLER'S CAREER AND SERVICE TO NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Todd Mutchler of Northville, Michigan, on the occasion of his retirement. His dedication to making Northville Township and Wayne County a better place for all its residents is worthy of commendation.

Todd attended Eastern Michigan University where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's degree in Interdisciplinary Technology. Combined with his innate drive to help people, his studies inspired Todd's passion for public service. He began his career with the Canton Township Police Department, serving for 28 years before joining the Northville Township Police Department as Police Chief. During his time at the helm of the Northville police force, Todd spearheaded the creation of the Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition, receiving the Pioneer Award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He also crafted policy surrounding religious head coverings for inmates, a policy that has since been modeled by police departments across the Nation. This accomplishment was recognized with the Peace and Justice Award from the Council on American Islamic Relations.

Todd's commitment to his community led him to the position of Northville's Director of Public Safety in 2016, before being promoted to Northville Township Manager in 2019. As manager, Todd oversaw the building of a new Essential Services Complex and the removal of the decaying state psychiatric hospital buildings. Community members and his peers refer to Todd as a "champion" and "titan" for Northville Township. His love and devotion to the community as reflected through his work is admirable and inspiring.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring and celebrating the service and leadership of Todd Mutchler. His vision for Northville Township and Wayne County has always been rooted in respect, inclusivity, and collaboration, values that he ensured were upheld in every decision he made for the com-

munity. I thank Todd for his decades of public service, and wish him all the best as he moves on to the next chapter of his life.

HONORING DR. HILDA SHIRK'S SERVICE TO PUBLIC HEALTH

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and give thanks to Dr. Hilda Shirk for her longstanding service to public health in south central Pennsylvania.

Navigating the complexities of the health care industry takes a dedicated and hard-working team of leaders. I am pleased to recognize Dr. Hilda Shirk for her passion, dedication, and commitment to improving healthcare in Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District and the surrounding communities as she prepares to step down as Chair of the WellSpan Health Board of Directors.

Dr. Shirk has helped WellSpan to achieve tremendous growth in a rapidly changing industry. Under her leadership, WellSpan has become a nationally recognized leader in patient quality, significantly increasing access to and the overall quality of its care. Dr. Shirk's tenure embodied WellSpan's mission of creating healthy communities and continuously expanding care.

Dr. Shirk previously served as the President and CEO of the Lancaster Health Center. Dr. Shirk's longstanding commitment to public health is evident by her record of success in the field.

It is with great pride that I congratulate Dr. Hilda Shirk for her admirable career in healthcare, and I sincerely thank her for her service to WellSpan Health and the greater community.

RECOGNIZING SENIOR CONSTITUENT ADVOCATE AND CASEWORK MANAGER, LUIS GONZALEZ FOR HIS EXCELLENT WORK ON BEHALF OF MINNESOTA'S THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. DEAN PHILLIPS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my Senior Constituent Advocate and Casework Manager, Luis Gonzalez, for his work on behalf of every constituent in Minnesota's Third Congressional District. I could not be more proud or grateful for his service.

Luis was born to immigrant parents, Sandra and Dimas, from Mexico. Raised in Houston, TX, after being born in Long Beach, California, he joined the Marine Corps straight out of high

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school. Luis served honorably for eight years, including a combat deployment supporting Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR). He served with the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, Heathen Co., where he worked alongside exceptional Marines and honors the memory of Sgt. Trujillo, Cpl. Nowicki, Cpl. Hernandez, and Cpl. Gee. After his military career, Luis transitioned into public service, joining Congressman DEAN PHILLIPS's team through the Wounded Warrior Fellowship Program, and quickly became the heartbeat of the office. We are so grateful that he chose to stay as a permanent member of my staff when his fellowship position ended.

When Luis commits, he commits. He adopted Minnesota as his home, our staff as his platoon, and our constituents' causes as his mission—and we're all better for it. A passionate advocate for people. The man even has a "MN03" tattoo. Luis is generous with his gifts and living proof of the immense value that exists in recruiting individuals from different life paths for careers in public service.

Luis is a strong advocate for veterans and the issues they face as they readjust to civilian life. Luis works tirelessly to make sure all vets and constituents get the assistance they need in a timely manner. Once Luis is on the case, he will not let go till the issue is resolved. His coworkers are never tired of hearing a boisterous "Let's go!" from his office after getting a favorable response from an agency on behalf of a constituent. Many of his colleagues agree that he would be the person they would call in the middle of the night with an emergency, both because he is so loyal he would always be willing to help and because he has inevitably dealt with any dramatic situation you can imagine at least once in the past.

In addition to his official role, Luis also served as the Unofficial District Officer Security Guard, Half Marathon Coach, and Pastry Chef. Outside of work, Luis is the best dad to Graysen Carol, an outstanding partner to Michelle, and an inspirational soccer coach in the Anoka Community.

Luis has embodied radical hospitality during his time working for my office—both as he engages with constituents and as he encourages and supports his teammates. He builds trusting relationships and strives to provide the best constituent service to each constituent and in every circumstance. He is an invaluable member of our team, and we are so impressed by his growth in this office.

The people of Minnesota's Third Congressional District were lucky to have his dedication and leadership, and he will be dearly missed. I wish Luis all the best in his future endeavors and thank him for four years of faithful service to this Nation in my office.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY SERVICE OF YAHARA LISA GUTIERREZ

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the remarkable career of Judge Yahara Lisa Gutierrez, a trailblazer in the legal community of El Paso County.

Born in Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico, Judge Gutierrez's story is one of courage, resilience

and determination. She earned her Bachelor of Business Administration in 1991 from the University of Texas Permian Basin and her Juris Doctor in 1994 from Texas Tech University, becoming a distinguished member of the legal profession.

Since taking the bench in 2009, Judge Gutierrez has been a transformative force in El Paso County's judicial system. She has presided over cases involving child abuse and juvenile delinquency with a deep sense of responsibility and compassion. Her leadership has driven innovative reforms, including the establishment of the County's first Protective Order Court, Children's Cross-Over Court, and the first Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Court in Texas. These specialized courts reflect her commitment to addressing complex social issues with empathy and effectiveness, ensuring that justice serves to protect and uplift.

Beyond the courtroom, Judge Gutierrez has devoted herself to community service. As a member of the Texas Children's Commission and the El Paso Women's Bar Association, and as a founding member of the El Paso Project Future internship program for aged-out foster youth, she has worked to empower and support others. Her accolades, including the Foster Parent Association's Judge of the Year Award, the Honorable Sam Paxon Outstanding Jurist Award, and the Trailblazer of the Year Award, highlight her contributions to the legal profession and our community.

Today, it is my privilege to honor Judge Yahara Lisa Gutierrez for her exemplary service, leadership, and dedication to our community, and wish her and her family the best upon her retirement.

HONORING NICK COE'S SERVICE AS CHIEF OF STAFF

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and congratulate Nick Coe for more than six years and three sessions of Congress in service with my office.

Nick has been a dedicated public servant and political staffer for several years across various campaigns in Minnesota. Having gone to college at St. Olaf in Minnesota's Second District, I'm glad he was able to help this office serve that community so well.

Nick has been with me since before I was sworn in. He opened my first District Office with just a flip phone and some folding chairs and has since served as my Chief of Staff for nearly four years. Nick has guided the office through different administrations, a pandemic, changing committees and moving to DC from Minnesota.

He's been instrumental in setting up strong casework teams, securing funding for community projects across the Second District, building a strong brand back home and ultimately fostering a long-term strategic vision for my office.

It was a joy seeing Nick's life grow while in my office. He got engaged and married to Hannah and they've welcomed lovely Charlotte all while he's been here.

I've always appreciated Nick's advice and counsel over the years and wish him the best in his future.

HONORING THE CAREER AND SERVICE OF MAJOR HAROLD HEATLEY

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the career and service of Major Harold Heatley, current chief deputy of the Tazewell County Sheriff's Office, who retires from his career in law enforcement this year.

Major Heatley's life of service started when he made the significant step of enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1981. Through the Navy, he exercised great discipline, respect for his peers and courage. His ascent in the U.S. Navy culminated in the ranking of chief petty officer.

His service to the military led him to stints in Alaska and the Philippines, where he served as a military police officer. His time spent on vessels such as the USS *Tuscaloosa* and USS *Bristol County* highlights his service to the country.

Following his military service, Major Heatley dedicated a career to a private security firm as a field supervisor and later as a vice president of operations.

By 2004, Major Heatley moved to Tazewell County, Virginia. He started work as a patrol officer with the Tazewell Police Department. Other duties he held with the department included night shift patrol sergeant.

Major Heatley served the Tazewell County Sheriff's Office starting in 2010. He worked as an undercover narcotics detective and chief deputy. He also contributed to substance abuse recovery efforts, helping nonviolent offenders seek treatment and raising awareness of such programs.

In 2015, Major Heatley starred on WVVA news and their 'All Points Bulletin' (APB) features, taking over a segment that used to be headed by former Tazewell County Sheriff Harry Cundiff. His tenure with media also included features on APB Morning Edition and APB Extra.

As a result of the news program, WVVA credits Mr. Heatley with taking nearly 1,000 plus wanted suspects off the streets, in both Virginia and West Virginia.

WVVA anchors and producers appreciated Major Heatley's service to the community and outlined the warmth and kindness he brought to the newsroom. Following his 2023 departure from the network, numerous WVVA employees remarked their love and admiration for Major Heatley.

The illustrious service of Mr. Heatley is recognized by the local Tazewell County Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Post 9696. In January of 2024, the organization awarded him the Officer of the Year Award and thanked him for his tremendous service to law enforcement.

A Virginia House of Delegates Resolution filed in the summer of 2024, commends Major Heatley for his outstanding career in law enforcement and legacy of service to the residents of Tazewell County.

In my time working with the Tazewell County Sheriff's Office and Major Heatley, I greatly appreciated his advocacy for the safety of Tazewell and his support of local law enforcement and veterans. He served on my Veterans Advisory Council as well as my Service Academy Board.

I congratulate Major Heatley on his retirement. After such an accomplished and distinguished career in serving the United States military and the Tazewell County Sheriff's Office, he is more than deserving of a peaceful and restful retirement. As his colleagues and his community extol him for his accolades, I wish Major Heatley nothing but the best.

TRIBUTE TO ANGIE GIANCARLO

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Angie Giancarlo, a valued staff member of the House Committee on Appropriations, who has 25 years of experience working in the federal government. Her commitment to our country exemplifies the hard work and commitment of an esteemed public servant.

Angie began her government career in 1999 when she joined the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works as a Staff Assistant. She was eventually promoted to Professional Staff Member. During her time on the Committee, she had a major hand in securing key legislation, such as the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 and the Safe Accountable Flexible Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users.

In 2011, Angie took her twelve years of policy expertise to the House Committee on Appropriations, specifically the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies, where she would oversee accounts pertaining to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works program, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and Department of Energy's power marketing administrations and petroleum reserves programs.

In September of 2017, Angie became Majority Clerk and Staff Director for the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Subcommittee. Her achievements during that Congress include the enactment of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Acts for Fiscal Year 2018 and Fiscal Year 2019.

When the House Majority switched hands in 2019, Angie continued to serve as Minority Clerk during the 116th and 117th Congress. In the Minority, Angie fought and secured many conservative priorities in the final full-year bills.

Her extensive experience earned her the position of Majority Clerk and Staff Director of the Subcommittee at the beginning of the 118th Congress. In times of divided government, her ability to negotiate resulted in significant wins. Her efforts to find common ground also led to the completion of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2024.

It is my distinct honor to recognize Angie's significant contributions to the federal government and our Committee as she transitions from her role in Congress to her next endeavor. Her tireless commitment, characterized by countless early mornings and late nights, has been invaluable to our country. Her expertise and knowledge on energy and water issues will be greatly missed. I wish Angie the best in the adventures to come, and I thank her for her dedicated service to the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, on December 5, 2024, I was not recorded on Roll Call Nos. 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490 and 491. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on Roll Call Nos. 484, 485, 486, 487 and 488 and voted "NAY" on Roll Call Nos. 489, 490 and 491.

RECOGNIZING THE CHAMBERS HILL FIRE COMPANY

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored and privileged to recognize the Chambers Hill Fire Company on its 70th Anniversary.

The Chambers Hill Fire Company in Swatara Township, Dauphin County, was founded in 1954. Its charter, espousing that the "terms of its existence is perpetual," speaks clearly and loudly with regard to its tireless commitment to service. The Company initially bought a 1923 Hahn pumper from Goodwill Fire Company of Enahaut, and a 1942 Mercury ambulance from Steelton to provide the best possible fire protection and emergency medical services to Township residents. The Company's founding members then built a station on Chambers Hill Road, which the Company has occupied ever since, over time expanding and modernizing the historic building.

From its humble beginnings, the Chambers Hill Fire Company has earned the American Red Cross award for "Top Shelter in Dauphin County," and the Pennsylvania Department of State Keystone Democracy Award for "5th Precinct of 9,000" for being an excellent voting site. In addition to myriad awards and recognitions, the Company performs numerous and varied community services, including—but not limited to—the Bethesda Mission Women's Shelter, Chambers Hill United Methodist Church, Princess Club for disadvantaged girls, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Paxton Street Home, and the Hershey Medical Center.

The Chambers Hill Fire Company is run by volunteers who selflessly give of their personal time, energy, and treasure while risking their personal safety for the community they love; a long-lasting tradition in America and one that the Company intends to continue. The Company honors the legacy of many exceptional members they've lost over the years, to include, but not limited to: former Fire Chief Bill Metka; Jiggs Landvater; Earl Caton; former Treasurer Harry "Bo" Speelman; former Steward Rick Moyer; and longtime Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician, and Chief Jack Wolfersberger. Saving lives and performing countless hours of unpaid service, their mantra that "Nothing is as strong as the heart of a Volunteer" is heard strongly and loudly.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored and privileged to recognize the Chambers Hill Fire Company on the auspicious occasion of their 70th Anniver-

sary. On behalf of a grateful 10th District of Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States of America, their service sets the standard by which we all should be judged.

TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. TIMOTHY J. BOWMAN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and honor the life and legacy of a good friend, Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Bowman. Dr. Bowman, a retired United Methodist minister who resided in Columbia, South Carolina, was a native of Sumter, South Carolina. He was the son of the late Thomie Elizabeth and Jake Bowman.

Dr. Bowman earned an Associate of Arts degree from Sumter Area Technical College and both Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Arts degrees from the University of South Carolina. He also received a Master of Divinity degree from Gammon Theological Seminary (ITC) in Atlanta, Georgia, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia.

An ordained United Methodist minister, Dr. Bowman was actively involved in both church and community initiatives. He previously served as Vice Chairperson of the Dorchester County Community Action Agency Board of Directors and was a member of the Dorchester County Head Start Policy Council and the South Carolina Head Start Association. Additionally, he served on the Jenkins Orphanage Board of Trustees in Charleston, South Carolina, the Medical Ministry Board of Directors, and the Charleston Mayor's Advisory Committee. During his tenure at Old Bethel UMC, Dr. Bowman developed the Old Bethel UMC Outreach Youth Alternative Program in downtown Charleston, South Carolina.

Dr. Bowman served as a member of the South Carolina Conference UMC Board of Ministry, the Walterboro District UMC Board of Ministry, and the Walterboro District Committee on District Superintendent. He also served on the Board of Trustees for Gammon Theological Seminary and was a member of its Founders Day Committee. A lifelong advocate for social justice, he was an active member of the NAACP.

A proud member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Dr. Bowman was also active in Free and Accepted Masonry. He achieved the 32nd degree and held numerous positions of distinction, including Master, Royal Arch, Knights Templar, Consistory, Eastern Star, and Shriners. He was also active with the Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association (LHSPAA).

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Bowman served as a Marine Corps Corporal and was wounded in combat during his service in Vietnam, earning him the Purple Heart. He was married to Mrs. Yvonne Davis Bowman, and they were blessed with four daughters: Chenoa Franklin (deceased), Dr. Pamela Bowman, Shenelle Bowman, and Jacobi Bowman. He was also a devoted grandfather to two grandchildren, Seth Franklin and Sydney Bloome.

HONORING TWIN CITIES PBS' "AL-MANAC" ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 40th anniversary of "Almanac", the iconic Twin Cities PBS television show and the longest-running primetime TV program in Minnesota history. On December 7, 1984, Almanac broadcast its first episode, beaming in-depth coverage of state and federal public affairs into Minnesotans' homes. Forty years later, the program continues to inform audiences every Friday evening about the latest developments in politics, government, history, culture, sports, and more.

Today, program hosts Eric Eskola and Cathy Wurzer are joined by reporters Mary Lahammer and Kaomi Lee, in addition to local personalities Kevin Kling, Sheletta Brundidge, Tane Danger, Paul Douglas, Larry Fitzgerald, Sr., and others. Under the guidance of producer Kari Kennedy and a variety of expert guests and public figures, this team uses their deep knowledge of our state to provide analysis, entertain, and inform viewers about the issues shaping Minnesotans' lives.

Throughout its 40 years, Almanac has played a special role in Minnesota politics as a source of in-depth reporting, thoughtful analysis, and even music and humor. This Friday night TV staple has enhanced our state by fostering respectful discussion across party lines and informing viewers in every corner of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Almanac, a trusted and reliable pillar of journalism in Minnesota, broadcast on Twin Cities Public Television and livestreamed via the PBS App every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. Central.

CELEBRATING STEVE GLAZER

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, along with my colleague Congressman MARK DESAULNIER, I rise to recognize Senator Steven (Steve) Glazer of California's 7th Senate District for his dedication to public service to our shared constituency.

Steve was born in Sacramento, California, and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from San Diego State University. His roles in leadership started while he was a student when he served as president of the associated student body and chair of the California State Student Association.

In 1983, Steve began his career in public service as a press secretary for then-Assemblyman Gray Davis. Steve played a pivotal role in raising awareness for missing children by championing the movement to put their faces and stories on milk cartons, bus stops, and billboards.

In 1989, Steve founded his own public relations, media, and political consulting firm, Glazer & Associates. Steve served as senior advisor to Kathleen Brown's campaign for

State Treasurer and Michael Woo's 1994 race for Secretary of State.

Steve also successfully campaigned for Proposition 46, which created a trust fund to provide shelters for battered women, low-income senior citizens, and unhoused communities.

An accomplished political strategist, Steve served on the City of Orinda Parks and Recreation Commission from 1997 to 1999. Steve was later elected to the Orinda City Council in 2004, 2008, and 2012. He continued his service to the City of Orinda and was elected mayor in 2007 where he served until his election to the State Senate to 2015.

Some of his notable accomplishments during his tenure in the Senate include authoring a truth-in-lending law requiring more transparency in the lending process for small businesses and co-authoring a law banning the sale of flavored tobacco in California.

Steve has remained steadfast to his principles and in his commitment to improving the lives of those in his community. With the utmost respect for his service and with best wishes for his future endeavors, we extend our deepest gratitude and congratulations to Mr. Glazer as he enters this new chapter of his life. We hope the conclusion of this chapter allows him to spend more time with his wife, Melba, and his daughters, Ariel and Alex.

CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ATW HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate ATW Health Solutions on their 10th Anniversary of operation. ATW provides first class healthcare management and consulting services to the residents of the 1st Congressional District and Chicagoland communities.

Founded in 2014 by Dr. Knitasha Washington, DHA, MHA, FACHE, ATW Health Solutions provides unparalleled service and innovation in the healthcare industry. Dr. Washington has over 30 years of experience in the healthcare field that has allowed her to lead ATW to become one of the top small businesses in our community.

In 2009, Dr. Washington tragically lost her father, Anthony T. Washington, Sr. to a preventable medical error. This event inspired her to found ATW, and to name it in his memory. His impact is still being felt through his daughter's work to this day.

Dr. Washington has served as a board member for the National Quality Forum, National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE), MedStar System Patient and Family Council for Quality and Safety, and the Franciscan Health Missions and HR Committee. Through her service she has continued to advocate for equitable health solutions and work with key stakeholders to achieve these goals.

Over the last 10 years, ATW has earned national praise for transforming healthcare delivery systems as a small, minority owned business.

As unjust disparities persist in the healthcare industry, small businesses like

ATW continue to strive for a better future for all Americans, no matter their background.

Over the next 10 years the incredible staff at ATW will continue their vital work to deliver healthcare systems and treatments throughout the industry in a more efficient and equitable manner. As their Congressman, I cannot wait to see what their future holds.

The incredible research team on staff have brought previously unheard voices in healthcare to the forefront of the conversation so that healthcare outcomes continue to become more equitable. Today, we celebrate their 10th anniversary with them and wish them another 10 years of similar success and achievement.

CELEBRATING DR. ANGELIKA SCHROEDER'S STORIED CAREER AND SERVICE TO IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to honor and thank Dr. Angelika Schroeder for her storied career and dedication to serving communities across Colorado, for her commitment to improving educational opportunities for our students, for her advocacy on behalf of our schools, and for her mentorship and friendship throughout the years.

Dr. Schroeder is a lifelong public servant, dedicating more than 30 years to Colorado's education system. She attended the University of Colorado, Boulder, where she earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics, a master's degree in business administration, and a doctorate in accounting. Dr. Schroeder then shared her expertise with students as a tax CPA and college professor of accounting. From there, her passion for education led her to become involved in her daughters' schools at the local, district, state, and national levels.

In 1995, Governor Roy Romer appointed Dr. Schroeder to an advisory board of the State Board of Education. In 1999, she became a member of the Boulder Valley School Board, where she served as treasurer and vice president. In January 2009, Dr. Schroeder was appointed to the State Board of Education to fill a vacancy and was later elected to the board in November 2010. She has since been re-elected twice and will complete her final term in January 2025.

Throughout her career, Dr. Schroeder has also served on the boards and executive committees of the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB), the Alliance for Quality Teaching, and the Public Education and Business Coalition. She has participated in the National School Boards Association Federal Relations Network, where she worked with members of Colorado's congressional delegation, including myself, to push for policies that strengthen our education system and make progress on critical issues—supporting bills like the No Child Left Behind Act and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

In sum, Dr. Schroeder has had a tremendous impact on the people of Colorado, consistently upholding her commitment to enhancing our state's education system and ensuring

that we serve our students to the best of our ability. The impacts of her actions will be felt for many years to come.

So, on behalf of Colorado's 2nd Congressional District, I thank and honor Dr Angelika Schroeder for her invaluable contributions to paving a better future for our state, country, and the upcoming generations.

I Thank Angelika and wish her all the best in your future endeavors

RECOGNIZING POLICY ADVISOR
AND SENIOR CONSTITUENT AD-
VOCATE, MEG MONTGOMERY,
FOR HER EXCELLENT WORK ON
BEHALF OF MINNESOTA'S THIRD
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. DEAN PHILLIPS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my Policy Advisor and Senior Constituent Advocate, Meg Montgomery, for her work on behalf of every constituent in Minnesota's Third Congressional District. I could not be more proud or grateful for her service.

Meg Montgomery was raised in Minnesota's Third Congressional District. After graduating from Robbinsdale Armstrong High School, she moved to North Carolina to attend Duke University where she obtained both a degree in Biology and the ability to be completely insufferable during March Madness. Meg spent a decade to New York, NY where she completed her Masters in Public Health and worked in a variety of health systems administration roles. Eventually she returned to Minnesota and began working for me in March of 2019, where she has covered both outreach and legislative activities in a variety of issue areas including healthcare, environment, energy, agriculture, aging, and education. The only things Meg loves more than health policy are her husband Dan and three children Rory, Montgomery (Monty), and Frances Miller.

As hilarious as she is brilliant, Meg always has a meme at the ready for any, and all situations. Her quiet wit and good questions always leave an impact on those around her. She provides invaluable advice on any situation and has the best style around. Meg is incredibly humble but should be so proud of her work in my office. She has helped me introduce several bills including: The ADINA Act requiring the same labeling standards for drugs as those that already exist for food; The School Access to Naloxone Act which would provide funding for and training on opioid reversal agents in schools; and The Expanding Health Care Options for First Responders Act which would create a Medicare buy-in program for first responders for the years between retirement and Medicare eligibility.

Meg has an extraordinary talent of turning a compelling constituent story into impactful legislation that will improve lives. She has created a unique role for herself serving as a policy and outreach staffer from the district office, which allows her the opportunity to leverage deep stakeholder relationships in order to inform the Congressman's legislative initiatives. Learning the legislative process while in the

DC office is one thing, handling from the district is another matter. Meg is a bridge builder across various constituent groups to gather perspectives and gain valuable knowledge. She routinely guides me and our team through complex policy issues to make informed decisions. She is an excellent representative of me in the community and a trusted and high-performing team member.

The people of Minnesota's Third Congressional District were lucky to have her dedication and leadership, and she will be dearly missed. I wish Meg all the best in her future endeavors and thank her for over five years of faithful set vice to this Nation in my office.

HONOR OF SERVING THE THIRD
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY IN
THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENT-
ATIVES

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today one final time in this sacred chamber to thank my neighbors in the Third District of New Jersey for the honor of getting to represent them in Congress over these past six years.

It is an honor that I never thought I would have. This was the district my parents chose to create a life and build a family. This was the district that raised me. I went to public schools in the same area I represent now. I played little league on the same fields I drive by heading to meet constituents. It's these places—and these people—that shaped me. I am forever grateful for that.

As I grew up, I watched my parents—my mother, a nurse, and my father, a medical researcher working to find cures for cancer and Alzheimer's—work to give back to the community that gave us everything. They had a saying that service isn't just a job, it's a way of life. And so, it was for my community and for my parents that I served.

If service is a way of life, then it's important that you start by understanding the people you serve. To do that, I held at least one town hall every month I served—81 in total—to hear directly from the people I represent. Sometimes, those people didn't agree with me. Oftentimes, I came away learning something new. Every time, I walked away with a renewed dedication to working for them—no matter who they supported or how they labeled themselves.

From town halls to small business walks to tours of organizations just trying to help, I carry with me still a million conversations that inspired me. Whether it was the Superstorm Sandy survivors who just wanted a fair process in rebuilding, volunteers at food pantries who just wanted to make sure that their neighbors didn't go without a good meal, or those military families who were looking for ways to give back after their service was over, I want to say thank you for every constituent who helped give me purpose.

It was that purpose that drove my actions. Last month, I helped to cut the ribbon on a

brand new VA health clinic in Ocean County—one of my first major priorities and a reminder that there should be no mountain too big to move to help our veterans. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I was proud to deliver wins for our servicemembers, their families, and my own community. From pay raises to better health care to improved childcare, I would like to thank every person who served and for the honor of getting to work for you as a member of the House. And it was the purpose I derived from those conversations that helped me start to lay the groundwork for building a brighter future for our state. From delivering on infrastructure and passing bills like the CHIPS and Science Act and the Inflation Reduction Act to make investments in the jobs of the future, we can better prepare New Jersey to lead in the rest of the 21st century.

If there is one thing I am most proud of during my six years representing my community in the House, it is the seemingly small acts that made a massive difference to our constituents. The thousands of casework cases closed and tens of millions of dollars returned back to our community showed that public service can make an impact. It doesn't matter if it was a passport expedited so a grandparent could see their new grandchild or critical Medicare or VA benefits secured so someone could put food on the table and pay rent, this work mattered and was our way of giving back.

No member of Congress does this alone. While our names are on the doors, it's the people behind the doors that work every day to serve and make our communities better. I want to thank each and every one of them for their hard work—often under very difficult conditions—to give back. Every win that I have been lucky enough to achieve is theirs too. As a thank you, I would like to submit their names for the record so that they can be properly recognized for the imprint they've made on this district.

My current team: Elizabeth Antonowicz, Marshall Burkhardt, Thomas Carnes, Amanda Carte, Anna Connole, Anthony DeAngelo, Kristen Foca, Ben Giovine, Danielle Giulino, Gabriela Hartney, Julianna Heck, Jason Ingle, Catherine Melman-Kenny, Hafiza Kazi, Amy Oliver, Amy Pfeiffer, Nikitha Rai, Forrest Rilling, Jerome Townsend, Lynette Whiteman.

Previous staff: Riham Amin, Sharon Anderson, Hillary Caron, Anna Conn, Gianna Djuric, Sophie Friedfeld-Gebaide, Sean Gregory, Sarah Izaak, Benjamin Kamens, Matthew Knowlton, Yujin Lee, Benjamin Olarsch, Susan Pansius, Antoinette Miles, Nathan Riggins, Cecily Scott Martin, Thomas Smith, Tyrus Stokes-Ballard, Virginia Walkey, Maura Weaver.

As I look ahead at my new role getting to serve my state, I do so with excitement and humility. I look forward to get to serve my community again—this time in the United States Senate—but always remembering the work done, the conversations had, and words that will forever echo from my parents, that service isn't a job, it's truly a way of life.

CONGRATULATING GENERAL DONAHUE ON HIS PROMOTION TO FOUR-STAR GENERAL AND THANK HIM FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THIS COUNTRY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of General Chris Donahue and congratulate him on his promotion to four-star General as he relinquishes his long and distinguished command of the XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Liberty.

A proud West Point graduate, General Donahue has dedicated his life to serving this country. Starting off as a Ranger, General Donahue has deployed over 20 times throughout his career. His deployments took him to active combat zones including in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Syria.

General Donahue has served in numerous leadership positions including Director of Operations for Joint Special Operations Command, the Commandant at the Infantry School in Ft. Benning, and most recently as Commanding General of the XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Liberty. During his time at Fort Liberty General Donahue embodied his motto of "leaders jump first and eat last" as he always put the service members under his command first. General Donahue instituted the Sunset Liberty March, designed to honor veterans, active-duty service members and Gold Star Families. This incredible initiative brings together members of the community, veteran groups and active-duty service members to remember and commemorate those who have given their lives in defense of this country, as well as their family members. I am so proud to have worked with this great American and am excited to see him succeed throughout the rest of his honorable career.

Because of his vast leadership experience, and clear dedication to his country, I can think of no one better to be promoted to four-star General. While Ft. Liberty is sure to miss General Donahue's leadership, we look forward to his continued service to our great Nation as a four-star General.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating General Chris Donahue on his promotion to four-star General and I thank him for his years of uniformed service to the United States.

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF THE ANAHEIM TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th Annual Anaheim Tree Lighting Festival, which will bring our community together this Sunday, December 8, 2024. The festival rings in the holidays with a very special tree-lighting celebration on the steps of Anaheim City Hall in Downtown Anaheim.

For the past 30 years, the Annual Anaheim Tree Lighting Festival has provided holiday fun

to everyone in our community—and it is one of my hometown's favorite annual celebrations.

The City of Anaheim worked together with many community partners to create this event, including Children Dental Fun Zone, Credit Union of Southern California, Home Comfort USA, Knorr, Land Care, Taqueritos, The Frida Cinema, Zambos, and the Orange County District Attorney's Office. This year, the Anaheim Tree Lighting Festival includes entertainment and food, a Holiday Village, the Candy Canine Costume Contest, a visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus, a brief performance of The Nutcracker by the Anaheim Ballet Company, and the Tree Lighting Ceremony in front of City Hall.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Anaheim Tree Lighting Festival, which for 30 years has brought joy and festive spirits to help greet the holiday season.

HONORING CHARLES M. HALE, JR.'S SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and give thanks to Charles M. Hale, Jr. for his longstanding service to his community as a first responder.

It takes incredible courage to be a firefighter, and Charles M. Hale, Jr. of Hanover exemplifies this trait unequivocally. Mr. Hale recently retired from Hanover Area Fire and Rescue after 34 years of service. In that time, Mr. Hale has received numerous awards and citations for his actions in the line of duty. In 1992, Firefighter Hale was involved in the rescue of multiple civilians from an apartment fire. For his actions, Mr. Hale was awarded the Medal of Valor, the highest award in the country for public safety officers. In 2012, Mr. Hale was awarded the Medal of Merit for his actions on a vehicle accident and entrapment.

With more than 50 years of experience with fire and EMS service, Mr. Hale was a key asset to the Hanover Area Fire and Rescue. Not only was his experience vital, but his mentorship to all the other firefighters was crucial in making the Hanover Fire Department what it is today. For more than three decades Charles M. Hale, Jr. represented his community with bravery and courage. It is heroes like Mr. Hale that remind us of what it means to truly be a servant to your community. It is with great pride that I congratulate Mr. Hale on his retirement, and I sincerely thank him for his service to the community.

RECOGNIZING TECHNICAL SERGEANT LACEY MCCUEAN

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize Technical Sergeant (TSgt) Lacey McCuean on her retirement from the United States Air Force.

TSgt McCuean enlisted into the Air National Guard on March 15, 2023, with the 171st Air

Refueling Wing with a Personnel AFSC. She quickly distinguished herself through exceptional dedication and service, taking it upon herself to initiate and revamp ten Squadron file plans and earning an outstanding score during staff-assisted visits. TSgt McCuean completed 30 promotion packages—no mean feat, and true commitment to developing her peers.

Then transitioning to the 193rd Special Operations Wing, TSgt McCuean played a pivotal role in enhancing mission readiness by enlisting 55 new Airmen, briefing over 1,000 individuals on Air National Guard opportunities, and mentoring future leaders through the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. She was a key figure during Operation Allies Welcome, serving in a senior leadership role, and streamlining in-processing operations that reduced reception time by 25 percent for three lodging compounds for over 16,500 refugees, and chaired the Commander's support staff for a 200-member squadron.

In addition to exemplary service, TSgt McCuean volunteered at local food banks aiding over 1,000 at-risk families, while balancing her academics, maintaining a 3.5 GPA, and earning a dual Bachelor's degree in business and non-profit leadership. TSgt McCuean is known by her peers for her remarkable energy, demeanor, confidence, leadership skills, and contagious morale.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored and privileged to congratulate Technical Sergeant Lacey McCuean on her well-earned retirement. Her tireless and faithful service to our Commonwealth and Nation sets the standard by which we all should be judged.

TRIBUTE TO THE SYLVAMO EASTOVER PAPER MILL

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2024

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a longstanding employer in Eastover, South Carolina. The Sylvamo Eastover Mill is celebrating 40 years of operation, and I join them in marking this significant occasion.

Sylvamo operates some of the most technologically advanced paper mills in the world and is driven by the promise of paper to educate, communicate, and entertain. The Eastover Mill is the largest, lowest-cost producer of uncoated freesheet paper in North America and the fourth-largest manufacturing employer in Richland County, South Carolina. Iconic paper brands like Hammermill, HP, and Williamsburg are all produced at the Eastover Mill, along with a variety of paper products that are staples of American businesses and homes.

Sylvamo's Eastover Mill proudly employs 800 men and women and supports over 5,000 additional jobs in related industries in surrounding communities. Additionally, through its Community Council, the Mill has demonstrated a longterm commitment to listening to and addressing community concerns.

Over the last few years, Sylvamo has provided several hundred thousand dollars to local nonprofits like Transitions Homeless Services, Harvest Hope Food Bank, and the local United Way. Employees participate in

community cleanup days, Reading Is Fundamental book giveaways with local schools, the Lunch Buddies School Program, and holiday events with the Eastover Senior Resources Group. In honor of Eastover's 40th anniversary, Sylvamo has also pledged an additional \$40,000 donation to local organizations, including Webber Elementary, Richland County Library, Mother DeVeaux Adult Day Care, and Harvest Hope Food Bank.

The Eastover Mill and Sylvamo are also committed to the long-term health of our forests and ecosystems. They partner with For-

est Stewardship Council (FSC) and Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)-certified suppliers to ensure that the fiber used in their paper products is harvested from responsibly managed forests in surrounding areas. The Mill also proudly produces over 90 percent of its energy in-house from renewable, carbon-neutral biomass residuals.

As part of its 2030 Sustainability Goals, Sylvamo is committed to increasing workforce diversity by achieving 30 percent women's representation, 35 percent women in leadership, and 25 percent minority representation in

North American salaried positions alongside specific regional targets.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating Sylvamo's Eastover Mill on its 40th Anniversary. The Eastover Mill is a shining example of the future of American manufacturing—producing the paper we rely on responsibly and sustainably, supporting family-wage jobs, and contributing to the Eastover and Richland County communities. I wish Sylvamo continued prosperity and success in the years to come.