

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans of Honor Flight of Eastern and Portland Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize Bend Heroes Foundation Chairman Dick Tobiason, and Trip Leaders Erik Tobiason and Pam Kelsay. Their tireless work will result in over 450 World War II veterans from Honor Flight of Eastern and Portland Oregon visiting the memorials and U.S. Capitol.

HONORING HAROLD DAUM

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Harold Daum, an exceptional individual who has worked tirelessly to ensure vulnerable seniors receive essential legal services.

It is with fond recollection that I remember my time working alongside Harold during the Legal Resources for the Elderly Program (LREP)'s infancy. His persona struck me instantly; Harold had this vibrant personality, determined fervor and you could sense that anything he undertook would feel the full weight of his energy.

For over 27 years, as a retiree, Harold has committed himself to LREP. When seniors would call to inquire about the program Harold was the first to answer—he took in their concerns, assuaged their worries, and was instrumental in our commitment to guaranteeing seniors quality legal representation.

Those at LREP will tell you that his vitality is endless, and his charismatic smile is a pleasant welcome for anyone coming into the office. Harold is a truly remarkable person and deeply loves his country and community. He can often be found sharing an exciting story about his service as a United States Navy medic during World War II.

As Harold enters his retirement and we celebrate his contributions, we are reminded of the joy that he brings all of us. It is through Harold that we recognize the profound impact one individual can have on an entire community. I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with Harold—he is an inspiration to us all.

HONORING U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

HON. STACEY E. PLASKETT

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, as we commemorate National Police Week, I solemnly rise to honor and salute the sacrifice of our law enforcement officers around the country and in my district, the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Law enforcement officers risk their lives every day to ensure the safety and security of our communities. With endless dedication they bear a great responsibility, as their family and friends share their sacrifices. I know that sacrifice first-hand as my father was an NYPD officer for 30 years and my grandfather was the Virgin Islands Deputy Police Commissioner.

While we should honor their acts of valor and memorialize the sacrifice of the fallen daily, National Police Week affords us the opportunity to join together as a nation to honor their courage and salute their sacrifice. I ask that the members of the 114th Congress join me in saluting the sacrifices of the Virgin Islands Police Officers who have died in the line of duty. They are:

Patrolman Leopold E. Fredericks; Patrolman Leroy Alvaro Swan; Patrolman Rudel Albert Parrott; Patrolman Allan Williams; Patrolman Patrick Emmanuel Sweeney; Patrolman Wilbur Horatio Francis; Officer Dexter L. Mardenborough; Officer Steven Hodge; Officer Cuthbert Ezekiel Chapman; Officer Ariel Anton Frett; Officer Akeem Basil Newton and Officer Colvin Terrance Georges, Sr.

HONORING MIKE GRGICH AND GRGICH HILLS ESTATE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Miljenko "Mike" Grgich and Grgich Hills Estate Winery as they celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of the "Great Chicago Chardonnay Showdown." At a tasting of more than 200 wines thirty-five years ago this month, Grgich Hills Chardonnay was recognized as the best chardonnay in the world.

In the spring of 1980, Craig Goldwyn, the wine columnist for the Chicago Tribune, organized a tasting that went on to be known as the Great Chicago Chardonnay Showdown. Chardonnays from across the world, from France to California, and even Bulgaria were collected for an historic first, the largest blind tasting of one single varietal. Grgich Hills Estate's very first vintage was announced the winner, just a few short years after Mike Grgich won the Judgement of Paris wine competition with his Chateau Montelena chardonnay. The Chicago tasting is credited for helping to make chardonnay the most popular varietal in the United States.

In his native Croatia, winemaking was a family passion, and Mr. Grgich continued the tradition through his studies at Zagreb University. Inspired by the stories of a better life abroad, he made his way across the Atlantic, and in a true demonstration of the American dream, went on to found his own winery. According to Grgich, "There is no scientific formula for making great wines. You make wines with your heart. You pour your love into them and nurture them like children, and transmit to them the richness of your spirit."

Currently, Grgich Hills produces 70,000 cases of wine each year using exclusively their own organically-grown grapes, and much of the winery is run by solar power. Methods that have become standard practice in the wine industry can trace their roots to Grgich. His influence has even spread back to his native Croatia where he opened a winery and introduced these modern techniques to the industry.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor Mike Grgich for his lifetime of success and influence in the wine industry, both at home and abroad.

THE WUNSCHÉ BROTHERS CAFÉ AND SALOON

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, located just off the railroad tracks in Old Town Spring, Texas, sits a quaint café. But this is no ordinary joint. The Wunsche Brothers Café and Saloon has been around since 1902. The café fries up great American classics like burgers, fries, onion rings, chicken-fried steak, basically all the makings for a post-lunch nap.

It originally opened its doors as a hotel and saloon, but the café has stayed in business for over 100 years.

Wunsche Café has morphed into a community icon and is somewhat of a local legend. It even attracts out-of-towners, why? Because it's haunted.

It's said that the original owner, Charlie Wunsche, roams the restaurant, pranking workers. A little mischievous, but good natured, the spirit of Charlie hides items, messes with electronics and employees and is even said to have been spotted.

Charlie, I'm sure, is just watching over his business, wanting to make sure it serves its customers well, who can blame him?

Sadly the century old café suffered a mishap recently. The newest addition to the Wunsche Brother's Café burst into flames in the early morning hours. The flames engulfed the café, however thankfully there were no injuries reported.

But here is where the story gets interesting, or maybe a little spooky, the original wooden, 1900's structure only sustained smoke damage (that's the part that is haunted). The new additions, put into place around the mid 80's, suffered the most destruction. The historic foundation still stands strong, showing the community that amongst the piles of soot and insulation, there is hope.

The café's new owner, Nathan Lavaige, has remained firm in his promise that they will rebuild. It will keep on standing, making delicious meals for Texans and tourists from all over. Haunted or not, someone was watching over the café in those early morning hours. I am more inclined to think it was Charlie, but we will never know.

Thanks to the Wunsche Brothers Café for 113 years of serving up comfort food to hungry customers and here's to the next 113 years. Best wishes in the rebuild. The Houston community cannot wait until the café reopens.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING IRWIN STOVROFF

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Mr. Irwin Stovroff of Boca Raton for receiving his honorary doctorate from Florida Atlantic University on April 30th at age 92. Irwin was an Air Force 2nd Lieutenant and bombardier who flew over Normandy in the D-Day invasion during World War II.

Florida Atlantic University (FAU) awards the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree on a very selective basis to recognize achievements in the arts or high distinction in public service. With his golden retriever Cash by his side, Irwin addressed a group of 2,400 graduates and their families explaining his experience as a Prisoner of War after being captured by a Nazi soldier.

After returning home, Irwin did what so many from the Greatest Generation did. He married, started a family, and went on to a successful business career. After retiring at age 75, he continued to serve his community and volunteered at our local Veteran's Administration Hospital in Riviera Beach. During his time at the VA Hospital, he spoke to many veterans and realized that they needed additional emotional support, so he founded "Vets Helping Heroes". His organization has raised over \$4.5 million dollars to provide service dogs to wounded service members.

In honor of his continued service to our country during World War II and still now, I am pleased to recognize Mr. Irwin Stovroff and congratulate him on the receipt of an honorary doctorate degree from Florida Atlantic University. I am proud to represent him in our great district.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with deep sympathy and sorrow for the countless deaths and injuries caused by the derailment of Amtrak Northeast Regional Train 188 in Philadelphia. My thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families. Due to this tragedy, the scale of which is unprecedented over the last decade, last night I decided to be with the grieving families, law enforcement officers, emergency responders, health care professionals, and all those working in my district to preserve life, help the injured, and otherwise recover from the derailment in Philadelphia. For this reason, unfortunately, I missed some important votes on the floor of the House of Representatives. I hope my colleagues understand the imperative nature of my travelling to Philadelphia to be there for my constituents working to recover in the aftermath of this horrific disaster.

I did not make this decision lightly. Serving my constituents is my highest honor and responsibility as a Member of Congress. Of course, my voting decisions are also of highest importance. Yet, after careful deliberation and with a heavy heart, I felt compelled to be on the scene of the Amtrak tragedy as we work as a community—local, state and federal governmental entities working hand-in-hand—to bring peace to impacted families and a sense of order to the scene.

In light of these circumstances, and my sincere opposition to one particular bill on the House floor last night, I submit some of the many reasons why I so strongly oppose H.R. 36, the so-called Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, and state that I would have in fact voted against this misguided, unconstitutional legislation. This dangerous legislation is

another alarming attempt by the Republican Party to deny women their constitutional right to family planning. The Supreme Court has spoken on the issue. This is settled law.

This legislation is out of touch with the rights and health care needs of women. The bill's inadequate rape exception and overly burdensome reporting requirements continue to shame victims of rape and are particularly offensive. It is irresponsible for Members of Congress to continue to undermine and play politics with the rights of women and families throughout America. Moreover, this bill has no meaningful exceptions to protect women's health, and criminalizes physicians for providing necessary and constitutionally-protected care.

For these reasons, I continue to strongly oppose and, had I been present, would in no uncertain terms have voted "no" on rollcall 223, H.R. 36 final passage, and "yes" on rollcall 222, the Motion to Recommit H.R. 36. However, again, in light of the tragic events in Philadelphia, I felt compelled to be there with the health care providers, first responders, and volunteers working to restore peace and safety to the scene. Once again, I'd like to express my condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims of Amtrak Train 188's derailment. I hope my colleagues and constituents will understand my absence despite the importance of this vote.

HONORING THE EBONETTE SOCIAL & CIVICS CLUB

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of ladies who have shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve their community, the Ebonette Social & Civics Club. The Ebonette Social & Civics Club has served as an informational vehicle to citizens of Sharkey & Issaquena Counties.

The Ebonette Social and Civics Club was established in 1968 with local ladies from Sharkey and Issaquena Counties. The mission and vision of the organization is for civic improvement and social entertainment. The Ebonette Social & Civics Club also provides and supports activities, services, programs and opportunities for the benefit of youth excellence and moral character; and to promote community and economic development.

The Ebonettes give yearly scholarships to students from both South Delta High School and Sharkey Issaquena Academy. To date over \$25,000 has been given. The scholarships given are not discriminated based on race or any ethnic background.

The ladies also provide Christmas gifts to needy families, support Breast Cancer Organizations, provided support for burned out victims, provide meals for senior citizens and worked with the Hwy 14 clean-up and numerous of other community activities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Ebonette Social & Civics Club for its dedication to serving others and giving back to the community.

PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 36, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. This legislation is yet another attempt by conservative lawmakers to dictate a woman's reproductive rights. This bill calls for a nationwide ban on abortion care after 20 weeks of pregnancy. There are 14 similar bans in states.

The bill also makes it much more difficult for sexual assault survivors to obtain abortion care by requiring that she obtain counseling or medical treatment from a list of specific locations. This counseling may not be from a health center that provides abortion care. The bill also requires incest survivors who are minors to provide written proof that the crime was reported to law enforcement or the government. This is extremely limiting and an unreasonable burden to place upon a sexual assault survivor.

The legislation also forces abortion providers to divulge private health information regarding which patients have received abortion care after 20 weeks to the government. This essentially creates a "hit list" of providers around the country for anti-choice supporters to target when they are merely providing legal and necessary care.

While the right to choose is of the utmost importance, this bill would also add unnecessary pain and suffering to women who experience fatal fetal anomalies late in pregnancy. It is callous and uncompassionate to deny an abortion to a pregnant woman who knows that her child has no chance of survival.

Banning abortion care based on arbitrary gestational limits decided by federal lawmakers is unconstitutional and unjust. This legislation is extreme and blocks a woman's access to safe health care options such as the freedom to make personal reproductive decisions.

HONORING NEW MEXICO CIVIL WAR SITES

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the landmark locations in New Mexico where thousands of Spanish speaking New Mexico Hispanos fought valiantly during the Civil War.

When the U.S. Territorial Governor issued a call for service in 1861, 4,000 men aged 18 to 45 from Las Vegas, Santa Fe, Taos, Mora, Chaperito and other surrounding villages answered the call and were organized into five regiments known as the New Mexico Volunteers.

Brigadier General Henry Hopkins Sibley led Confederate troops into New Mexico in an attempt to capture Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Fort Union and the Santa Fe Trail so his army