

I would like to send Savannah my best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors, thank her for her service, and congratulate her on this momentous occasion.

**APPLAUDING MIKE WHITE FOR  
HIS BRAVE ACT OF HEROISM ON  
THE JOB**

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 2015*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mike White for the brave act of heroism he displayed while on the job this past November of 2014.

Mike works as a United States Postal Service mail carrier in the Peoria, Illinois branch.

This past November, Mike was going about his regular route when he noticed a woman on her front porch having a severe asthma attack. Mike tried to get her an inhaler and called 911 then did all he could to comfort the woman and care for her child while they waited for the ambulance to arrive. Thanks to his help, after a week of being hospitalized, the woman returned home in good health.

On his next delivery to her home following the incident, the woman Mike aided ran over and gave him a hug, thanking him for all he had done to help her.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Mike White and his willingness to go beyond the line of duty to help an individual in need. I thank Mike again for his service to our community.

**TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE  
OF GASTON FRANCIS PERIAT**

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 2015*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, dear friend and extraordinary American, Gaston Francis Periat. Gaston was born in San Francisco, California on September 19, 1922, and died peacefully in Santa Cruz, California, on December 11, 2013, at the age of 91.

Gaston was raised in San Mateo and graduated from San Mateo High School. He worked in his family's Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge dealership, Periat & Sons, until World War II, when he entered the Army. Gaston was taught to speak French by his Swiss grandmother, and he spent much of the war in France where he acted as a liaison between the U.S. Army and French businesses. In February 1944, Gaston married Margaret (Peggy), and in 1946 the couple settled in San Mateo and began their family.

In 1970, Gaston and Peggy moved to Pescadero where Gaston enjoyed riding the trails on his horse Yuckabuck. After selling the family business in San Mateo, the family moved to Gilroy, where Gaston bought Gavilan Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge. Upon his retirement, he returned to Pescadero where he served on the Pescadero Municipal Advisory Committee. During his final years, Gaston lived in the retirement community of Dominican Oaks in Santa Cruz.

Gaston Periat was a golfer, a story teller, a member of the Elks Club, a Rotarian and a friend to an extraordinary number of people. He was helpful to all in need and had the ability to make every person feel special. I was privileged to work with Gaston Periat during my time on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. He was unfailingly polite, concerned, professional and prepared, and we continued to work together during my tenure in Congress. He was a great and good man who made extensive contributions to our community and he will always be missed by those who had the good fortune to know him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our condolences to Gaston Periat's wife of 69 years, Peggy, and to his daughter, Judy Periat; son Dan Periat and his wife, Andrea Periat; son Ken Periat and his wife, Kimberly Periat; daughter Janet Periat and her husband, Frank Higgins; granddaughter Adriana Goericke and her husband, Jan Goericke, and great-granddaughter Mia Goericke; granddaughter Camile Steinmetz and her husband, Carl Steinmetz, and great-granddaughter Lola Steinmetz; granddaughters Renee Periat and Nadine Periat; grandson Aaron Periat and his wife, Kim Periat, and great-grandson Maximus Periat.

May our tribute to Gaston, as well as our thoughts and prayers be a source of strength and comfort to his entire family. Our community and our country were made stronger and better by Gaston Periat.

**HONORING LIEUTENANT GENERAL  
CHARLES 'CHICK' CLEVELAND**

**HON. MARTHA ROBY**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 2015*

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant General Charles 'Chick' Cleveland, one of our country's great fighter pilots, an American hero, and a community leader in Montgomery, Alabama.

Lieutenant General Charles Cleveland was born in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1927 and was appointed for service at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York. After graduating in 1949, he began his service in what was then the Army Air Corps, eventually transitioning into service with the U.S. Air Force and serving overseas during the Korean War. Later, Gen. Cleveland earned his master's degree in political science from Xavier University in Cincinnati, and completed the advanced management program at Harvard University in 1969.

In his more than 35 years of service, General Cleveland logged more than 4300 flying hours in military aircraft, including the F-86 Sabre. General Cleveland demonstrated a rarely-matched level of combat expertise, becoming one of our country's distinguished fighter aces. General Cleveland was credited with shooting down five enemy MiG-15 aircraft in Korea, officially earning the designation as an 'ace.'

General Cleveland went on to a distinguished career in the United States Air Force, holding several command positions including Commander of Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base in my hometown of Montgomery, Alabama.

Yesterday, the Congress awarded General Cleveland and all of the American Fighter Aces with the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor bestowed by Congress. I was honored to host General Cleveland in my office prior to the ceremony. My staff and I were privileged to spend time with this American hero and hear stories from his distinguished military service.

But General Cleveland's public service did not end with his retirement from military duty.

Since his retirement, General Cleveland has continued to devote countless hours to efforts to better his community, state, and country. After making Montgomery his family's home, he served as Director of the United Way, and led the Montgomery Area Food Bank. In 1989, he was chosen as Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Health and Human Services, serving through 1992.

Most recently, his 17 years of service as the President of the Alabama World Affairs Council helped transform the institute into the largest organization of its kind in the South.

The Alabama World Affairs Council is a fine organization which seeks to promote public awareness and understanding of international affairs as they relate to the political, economic, cultural, and military interests of the United States. The Alabama council is a member of the World Affairs Councils of America and is one of some 96 councils nationwide. Though General Cleveland is retiring from his position, he leaves an undeniable mark on the organization and its members who have benefited from his service.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Lieutenant General Cleveland—a distinguished fighter pilot, a public servant, a community leader, and an American hero. He has truly set an example for future generations of Americans to come, and it is my great honor to represent him here in Congress.

**A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE  
LIFE OF DAVID BRUCE GOLDBERG**

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 2015*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to David Bruce Goldberg, who was born in Minnesota on October 2, 1967, and died tragically at age 47, on May 1, 2015, in Mexico. I had the privilege of representing him as a constituent residing in Menlo Park, California.

Dave graduated from the Blake School in Minneapolis and earned a BA degree, magna cum laude, from Harvard University. After graduating from college, Dave worked for Bain and Company and Capitol Records. In 1994, he founded Launch Media which was later acquired by Yahoo in 2001. In 2007 he joined Benchmark Capital, and in 2009, joined SurveyMonkey, where he was CEO at the time of his death.

Dave Goldberg was a successful entrepreneur, venture capitalist, and technology and music industry executive. He ran several online consumer businesses, and served as a director of many companies and organizations, but he was far more than the sum of his great professional success. Dave has been praised as warm, humble and kind, and described as a genius, a leader and a man of courage. He

was a sports fan, was passionate about education and children, and was lovingly described as a cross between a teddy bear and a tiger.

I've had the pleasure and privilege to work with Dave's wife, Sheryl Sandberg and the following are her poignant words expressed on the day of his funeral. They speak volumes about the goodness and greatness of this extraordinary man:

"I want to thank all of our friends and family for the outpouring of love over the past few days. It has been extraordinary—and each story you have shared will help keep Dave alive in our hearts and memories.

I met Dave nearly 20 years ago when I first moved to LA. He became my best friend. He showed me the internet for the first time, planned fun outings, took me to temple for the Jewish holidays, introduced me to much cooler music than I had ever heard."

"We had 11 truly joyful years of the deepest love, happiest marriage, and truest partnership that I could imagine . . . He gave me the experience of being deeply understood, truly supported and completely and utterly loved—and I will carry that with me always. Most importantly, he gave me the two most amazing children in the world."

"Dave was my rock. When I got upset, he stayed calm. When I was worried, he said it would be ok. When I wasn't sure what to do, he figured it out. He was completely dedicated to his children in every way—and their strength these past few days is the best sign I could have that Dave is still here with us in spirit."

"Dave and I did not get nearly enough time together. But as heartbroken as I am today, I am equally grateful. Even in these last few days of completely unexpected hell—the darkest and saddest moments of my life—I know how lucky I have been. If the day I walked down that aisle with Dave someone had told me that this would happen—that he would be taken from us all in just 11 years—I would still have walked down that aisle. Because 11 years of being Dave Goldberg's wife, and 10 years of being a parent with him is perhaps more luck and more happiness than I could have ever imagined. I am grateful for every minute we had."

"As we put the love of my life to rest today, we buried only his body. His spirit, his soul, his amazing ability to give is still with us. It lives on in the stories people are sharing of how he touched their lives, in the love that is visible in the eyes of our family and friends, in the spirit and resilience of our children. Things will never be the same—but the world is better for the years my beloved husband lived."

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Dave's wife Sheryl Sandberg, to their children, his mother, brother and entire family and many friends. As President Obama said in his message of condolence, "His skills as an entrepreneur created opportunity for many, his love for his family was a joy to behold, and his example as a husband and father was something we could all learn from. We're heartbroken by him leaving us far too soon, but we celebrate a remarkable legacy."

Our community, our country and our world are stronger and better because of the life and work of Dave Goldberg. May this tribute and the thoughts and prayers of countless others be a source of comfort and strength to his beloved Sheryl, their children and all the family.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL R.  
MARTIN UMBARGER

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 2015*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Major General R. Martin Umbarger and wish him well upon his retirement from the Indiana National Guard. Since his initial appointment on March 11, 2004, Major General Umbarger has undertaken great responsibility as Adjutant General of Indiana, commanding the Indiana Army and Air National Guard and the Indiana Guard Reserve, as well as more than 15,800 state employees. In recognition of his outstanding accomplishments and distinguished career, a retirement reception in his honor will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2015, at JW Marriott in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Major General Umbarger began his remarkable military career with the Indiana Army National Guard in 1969. Upon graduating from the Indiana Military Academy in June 1971, where he earned the Distinguished Graduate Erickson Trophy, Major General Umbarger was commissioned as a second lieutenant, infantry branch. Prior to his present position, he served as deputy commanding general for the reserve component, United States Forces Command. Other significant assignments include the assistant division commander for training, 38th Infantry Division (Mechanized), and commanding general of the 76th Infantry Brigade (Separate).

Major General Umbarger is also a graduate of the University of Evansville, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business. He also completed studies at the United States Command and General Staff College, as well as the United States Army War College.

A testament to his commitment to his duties, Major General Umbarger has been honored with many prestigious awards and accolades. He is the recipient of the Legion of Merit (2nd Award), the Meritorious Service Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (7th Award), the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with one hourglass device), the Army Service Ribbon, the Army Reserve Components Service Ribbon, the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, the Army Staff Identification Badge, the Indiana Long Service Medal, the Indiana Emergency Service Medal, and the Indiana Distinguished Service Medal (Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster). In 2007, Major General Umbarger was also presented the Distinguished Alumnus Award from his alma mater, the University of Evansville.

Major General Umbarger has also exhibited his extraordinary leadership abilities in serving as a member of the Reserve Forces Policy Board and the National Guard Association of the United States, which he chaired from 2006 until 2008. He has also served as a principal member of the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee and is a member of the Association of the United States Army, Indiana Chapter.

Major General Umbarger's civilian achievements are no less noteworthy. He is president

of Roy Umbarger and Sons, a fourth generation, family-owned and operated business located in central Indiana that provides custom services to the local agricultural community. In conjunction with his civilian career and passion for his community, Major General Umbarger has participated on numerous boards within the community including the Johnson County Animal Shelter Advisory Board and the Indiana Feed and Grain Association, for which he is a past director and chairman. He also currently serves on the Board of Trustees for both Johnson Memorial Hospital and Franklin College.

Major General Umbarger's exceptional military and civilian career and passionate dedication to his community are exceeded only by his devotion to his family. The General and his loving wife of many years, Rowana, have one son, Jackson, two daughters, Erica and Trista, and eight beautiful grandchildren.

I have been privileged to work with Marty over these many years. He is a man of unsurpassed talent who is guided by a strong moral compass and a profound sense of duty. His work has enriched each of us and I am doubly fortunate because he is also my friend.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other colleagues join me in honoring Major General R. Martin Umbarger for his outstanding contributions and unwavering dedication to the State of Indiana. He has served the state with distinction, and for this he is to be commended.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. NIKI TSONGAS**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 2015*

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast votes from May 18–May 21st due to a family commitment.

Had I been present, I would have voted against H.R. 2250, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act. Republicans have chosen to fund the Department of Defense at higher funding levels at the expense of funding for other agencies already squeezed by strict sequestration rules. Although I support some of the provisions in this legislation, I oppose the manner with which Republicans have decided to prioritize spending for the country.

I would have voted in favor of H.R. 2353, the Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2015. The strength and vitality of our nation's infrastructure is critical to our economic competitiveness. The Highway Trust Fund provides federal support for transportation projects on the state level in order to maintain a modern, efficient, and reliable transportation infrastructure. These projects also support local job creation and economic development. However, I am extremely dismayed that H.R. 2353 only extends authorization for the Highway Trust Fund for two months and does not address long term funding challenges. Congress must pass a bipartisan, long-term funding solution for the Highway Trust Fund.

I would have voted against H.R. 1806, the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act. Since its enactment, the America COMPETES Act has bolstered our nation's science and energy competitiveness through increased investment in research and development and