

like to thank him for the difference he has made in the lives of Mainers.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF SANDRA STROKOFF ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2016*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Ranking Member LEVIN to recognize the service of Sandra Strokoff, an exceptional lawyer and public servant, on the occasion of her retirement from the United States House of Representatives Office of Legislative Counsel. After seven years leading the office as Legislative Counsel for the House of Representatives, and having spent over 40 years in that office, Ms. Strokoff has had a hand in drafting many significant bills in her distinguished career. It is safe to say that she has played a critical role in drafting every major piece of trade legislation over a period of decades, and she has done so with considerable legal skill, a keen eye for detail, commitment to excellence, and enormous patience. She has also worked hard to train many others in her office and on my staff, for which I am grateful. I ask my colleagues to join me in offering my sincerest thanks to Sandra for her invaluable service and dedication to the U.S. House of Representatives and our nation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LUIS DANIEL WILSON-LEON

**HON. ALAN GRAYSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2016*

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Luis Daniel Wilson-Leon, a resident of my district who resided in Orlando, Florida. Luis lost his life during the tragic shooting at Pulse nightclub in the early morning hours of June 12, 2016.

Luis, who was also known as Danny, liked to wear black and grow his sideburns long while growing up in his small town in Puerto Rico. He encountered many bullies, but never retaliated with hate. His friends and family remember his loving, positive energy and spoke of him as a protector and confidante. Danny moved to Vero Beach, Florida, on his own in 2004. Once there, he quickly learned English and landed a job at a shoe store. Danny earned a promotion to store manager, was dedicated to his work and attended church.

Danny eventually met the love of his life, Jean Carlos Mendez Perez, a salesperson at the shop, Perfumania. Their friends described the moment as "love at first sight," and the beginning of their nine-year relationship. The two shared a home, frequented their favorite Hispanic restaurants and loved going to Latin Night at the Pulse club.

Luis Daniel and Jean Carlos died alongside one another that night in Orlando. Luis was 37 years old.

Luis will never be forgotten in our pursuit of a more just and loving world. His memory and

acts of kindness will live forever in the hearts and minds of those who knew him.

May his family, relatives and friends eventually find solace and comfort, and may he rest in eternal peace.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOHN M. QUEEN III

**HON. MARK MEADOWS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2016*

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John M. Queen III of Haywood County, North Carolina. On behalf of the people of Western North Carolina, I would like to thank Mr. Queen for his service to farmers in Haywood County and congratulate him on his induction into the Western North Carolina Agriculture Hall of Fame.

A fourth-generation cattle producer from Haywood County and owner of John Queen Farms, Mr. Queen's background includes experience in nearly every aspect of beef cattle management. He has been a strong promoter of his industry and has been president of both the North Carolina and National Cattlemen's Associations. As national president, he traveled throughout the country working with cattlemen to improve farm practices and worked in Washington, D.C. to advocate for the industry in Congress and at the White House.

Always a leader in the cattle market, Mr. Queen established the Southeast Livestock Exchange (SELEX), which holds auctions for producers across Georgia and the Carolinas and has become a major asset to the regional cattle industry. More recently, Mr. Queen has been instrumental in the success of the weekly market at the Western North Carolina Regional Livestock Center in Canton, N.C. Under his management, from its opening in 2011 through 2015, the market has sold over 82,000 head of livestock for more than \$72 million and has had an economic impact of \$110 million on the region.

Mr. Queen has served as a Haywood County Commissioner and director of the Haywood County Cattlemen's Association, and has been involved in the N.C. Farm Bureau, Southern Appalachian Highland Conservancy, and N.C. Beef Board. He has been recognized as a River Friendly Farmer and for his outstanding leadership in business in Haywood County. Mr. Queen remains an avid supporter of the regional FFA and 4-H programs, starting an FFA Heifer Chain and supporting the Junior Dairy Show.

John M. Queen III has had a substantial influence on the livestock industry not only in Western North Carolina but throughout our state and nation. He deserves our highest recognition and I am honored to express the sincere congratulations and best wishes of the people of North Carolina on his induction into the Western North Carolina Agriculture Hall of Fame.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2016*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,362,032,846,861.90. We've added \$8,735,155,797,948.82 to our debt in 7 years. This is over \$8.7 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HELPING FAMILIES IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

**HON. TIM MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to thank Dr. Tony Mannarino, Dr. Harold Koplewicz, Dr. E. Fuller Torrey, Dr. Shannon Edwards, Dr. Alan Axelson, Dr. Michael Welner, Dr. Jeffrey Lieberman, Dr. Sally Satel, and DJ Jaffe for their helping and hard work on the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act.

HONORING THE LEGACY AND CAREER OF DR. TONY ZEISS

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2016*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Tony Zeiss for his 24 years of service at Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC).

Dr. Zeiss joined CPCC in 1992 and developed a vision and strategic plan that has made CPCC the nation's leader in workforce development. In fact, under the leadership of Dr. Zeiss, Central Piedmont has become one of North Carolina's largest and most successful community colleges. As the third president of Central Piedmont Community College, Dr. Zeiss grew the school from one campus to six and expanded its outreach efforts and class offerings. Currently, CPCC now serves over 70,000 students, approximately twice as many as it did when Dr. Zeiss started.

In these times of economic hardship, Central Piedmont Community College has consistently succeeded in training students to meet the demands of the 21st century job market. The ability of Dr. Zeiss to connect students with the needs of businesses cannot be understated, because his work has allowed students to prosper in difficult times.

An active member of many civic groups, Dr. Zeiss serves as an outstanding role model for both students and colleagues seeking to better themselves and their community. He has built a career of serving others and CPCC now reaps the benefits of his years of dedication.

Whether it is in his travels as a professional speaker, or found in one of the twenty books he has written, Dr. Zeiss' wisdom always captivates an audience and leaves a place better than he found it. That is exactly what he has done at CPCC.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring the career of a truly remarkable individual, and my friend, Dr. Tony Zeiss, for his service to Central Piedmont Community College and wishing he and his wife Beth well as they begin the next chapter of their lives in retirement.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF RODOLFO AYALA-AYALA

#### HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2016*

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala, a resident of my district who lived in Kissimmee, Florida. Rodolfo lost his life during the tragic shooting at Pulse nightclub in Orlando, in the early morning hours of June 12, 2016.

Rodolfo was a biologics supervisor at a blood donation center in Orlando. He would have been working the morning of the shooting helping the victims after thousands of people throughout Central Florida turned out to donate blood that day. Instead, he was one of the victims.

Rodolfo, who was also known as Rodney, had recently been promoted to platelet supervisor. A native of Puerto Rico, he was a skilled salsa dancer and loved all kinds of Latin music. His family and friends remember him as a compassionate man dedicated to his work. He was a prankster and could rock a bow tie. Rodolfo was a well-loved human being and had a bright future ahead of him. He was enjoying Latin Night at Pulse nightclub the morning of the shooting. He was 33 years old.

Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala will never be forgotten in our pursuit of a more just and loving world. His memory and acts of kindness will live forever in the hearts and minds of those who knew him.

May his family, relatives and friends eventually find solace and comfort, and may he rest in eternal peace.

#### FAA EXTENSION, SAFETY, AND SECURITY ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

#### HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2016*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, this bill provides needed stability for our nation's aviation programs, while giving lawmakers the time to come to a longer term FAA authorization.

The House has previously passed a number of needed aviation security bills that I have sponsored, and I'm pleased that three of those bills are included in this legislation.

These provisions include the TSA PreCheck Expansion Act, the Checkpoint Optimization and Efficiency Act, and my SAFE GATES legislation.

Together, these provisions will increase the number of travelers receiving expedited security screening, reduce airports wait times by making commonsense reforms to the way TSA operates, and enhance the security at overseas airports with direct flights to the United States.

The result will be greater efficiency, enhanced safety, and a reformed TSA that is better prepared to protect our transportation infrastructure.

In these trying times in which America faces a formidable threat from terrorists at home and abroad, it is critical that we act to secure our aviation sector from threats and mitigate attacks like those in Istanbul and Brussels.

Along with these attacks on airports, we have seen three—potentially four—passenger aircraft bombed by terrorists in recent months. Passing this legislation will help guard against such attacks against U.S.-bound aircraft.

I appreciate the tireless work of Chairman SHUSTER and Chairman THUNE in shepherding this critical extension of FAA's authority. I thank them and Chairman MCCAUL for advocating for my security provisions to be included.

#### RECOGNIZING CITI OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2016*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, taking place July 16–24, 2016, in Rock Creek Park, and to recognize these dates as "Tennis Week" in the District of Columbia. All are invited to attend the 48th installment of this Washington tennis tradition, a cultural, economic, and community staple in the region.

The tennis tournament, now known as the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, was founded in 1969 by tennis legend and Hall of Famer Donald Dell, along with business partner John Harris, with the support of Arthur Ashe. Mr. Ashe declared he would participate in the inaugural tournament under two conditions: the tournament would take place in a naturally integrated neighborhood, and it would be played on public land where all people could come together, enjoy the sport, and share the experience. Today, the tournament remains in its original location on 16th & Kennedy Streets NW, in Rock Creek Park.

In 1972, Mr. Dell gave the tournament sanction to the Washington Tennis & Education Foundation (then called the Washington Area Tennis Patrons Foundation), a nonprofit organization supporting local education causes for over 1,200 low-income and underserved children.

The Citi Open Tennis Tournament draws the best players in the world, making D.C. a global tennis destination. The tournament is also seen on television in 182 countries. A 2015 economic impact study found that the estimated total gross impact of the Citi Open on the regional economy is more than \$28.2 million. The tournament is the only Association of Tennis Professionals 500 level event in the United States, and it is one of only four pro-

fessional tennis tournaments combining men's and women's events. It is also recognized as an international level tournament by the Women's Tennis Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing "Tennis Week in the District of Columbia" for the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, celebrated July 16–24.

#### AGA KHAN'S 59TH YEAR AS IMAM OF THE ISMAILI MUSLIMS

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent one of the most diverse districts in all of America. Our diversity is part of what makes the greater Houston area a strong example of the melting pot that comprises this great nation.

I appreciate the Ismaili community's engagement with the broader community—in culture, business, education, and civic affairs. The Ismaili community provides important contributions to our community and we appreciate all that you do to embrace Texas and America as your home.

Today, I would like to acknowledge a special anniversary for the Ismaili community. On July 11th, the Aga Khan will celebrate 59 years as Imam of the Ismaili Muslims. The role of the Imam is both to interpret the faith to the community, and also to do all he can to improve the quality and security of their daily lives.

The Aga Khan emphasizes the view of the religion of Islam as a thinking, spiritual faith: one that teaches compassion and tolerance, promotes the role of the intellect and upholds the dignity of man, God's noblest creation.

I congratulate the Aga Khan on his 59th year as Imam and wish him and the Ismaili Muslim community in the United States every success in their continued efforts to improve the lives of people around the world.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MIKE POMPEO

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2016*

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 401, 402, 403, I was unable to cast my vote in person due to a previously scheduled engagement.

Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea."

#### HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF GEORGE ROSENKRANZ, PH.D.

#### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2016*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the extraordinary life and work of George Rosenkranz, Ph.D., who celebrates his 100th birthday on August 20, 2016.