

Fuel Bank backed by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in order to ensure the stability of civil nuclear energy use worldwide. As a nonpermanent member of the UN Security Council, President Nazarbayev has relentlessly pursued the cause of nuclear disarmament.

Kazakhstan is also on the road to becoming a regional hub for sustainable economic activity in Central Asia. Its New Silk Road Initiative, the "Bright Path" stimulus plan, and the 2050 Strategy each mark President Nazarbayev's commitment to developing transportation and telecommunications infrastructure and his commitment to diversifying Kazakhstan's overall economy. Relatedly, Kazakhstan will host an International Exposition in 2017 that aims to create a global discourse among states, NGOs, and corporations about ensuring sustainable access to energy while reducing carbon emissions. These promising strides in economic development will not only help the Kazakh people, but will benefit American companies doing business in Kazakhstan.

Mr. Speaker, I once again want to congratulate President Nazarbayev and the Kazakh people on the joyous occasion of their twenty fifth anniversary of independence, and I look forward to a continued, strong and resilient friendship between our two countries.

2016 NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, each November we celebrate the contributions of First Americans with National Native American Heritage Month. The people of the 567 diverse, federally recognized tribal nations—including the 11 Ojibwe and Dakota nations in Minnesota—play a complex and vital role in our nation's history, and make our communities and our country stronger today.

Despite centuries of violent discrimination and abusive policies, our country's Native American cultures and nations have endured. Tribal governments and Native communities have made monumental progress. Our federal trust relationship with tribal nations has grown stronger in the current era of self-governance among Native American tribes—a proud accomplishment that will continue to require the federal government's full and respectful engagement.

As a co-chair of the Congressional Native American Caucus and the Ranking Member of the Interior-Environment Appropriations Subcommittee, I have had the honor to meet with hundreds of tribal leaders to discuss the needs of Indian Country. Working together, we have succeeded in making substantial progress on education, health, and criminal justice issues through measures like the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, increased funding for the Bureau of Indian Education, and special tribal jurisdiction in domestic violence cases.

Despite these concrete steps, we have much more work to do to address disparities, invest in Indian Country, and create more opportunities for all Native Americans—especially Native youth. As we honor the achieve-

ments and resilience of our First Americans, I pledge to continue working to ensure that our Native American brothers and sisters have every opportunity to succeed.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN SHIREY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Shirey as he retires after over 44 years of public service. As his loved ones, friends, and colleagues celebrate his decorated career, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his work as Sacramento's City Manager.

John earned his Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering at Purdue University and then completed his Master's degree in public administration at the University of Southern California. He served diligently as the Assistant City Manager of City of Long Beach, starting a long career of public service in California. For a few years he served as City Manager of Cincinnati, Ohio. After returning to California, John began his time as Executive Director of the California Redevelopment Association, an organization responsible for over 350 redevelopment agencies. Consistent with his dedication to the public good, John dedicated nine years to urban redevelopment, and thereafter became the City Manager of Sacramento in September of 2011. During his tenure as City Manager, Mr. Shirey has balanced not only an annual budget that nears \$900 million, but also a work force of around 4,100 employees. His expertise and knowledge have served the city well, and he will be missed.

Mr. Shirey played a pivotal role in keeping our Sacramento Kings where they belong, which is in California's capital city. His motivation and drive were integral to the construction of the Golden 1 Center, which is a jewel in Sacramento's downtown that will drive economic development and commerce for decades to come. John has also made a continual effort to support the homeless in Sacramento. His hard work and integrity have helped make Sacramento a better place.

Mr. Speaker, as John and his family, friends, and colleagues gather to celebrate his retirement, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him the best in retirement and thanking him for his contributions to the Sacramento region.

IN HONOR OF FRANK JOHNSON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a respected community leader and outstanding citizen, Frank Johnson. Sadly, Mr. Johnson passed away on Sunday, November 20, 2016. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 26, 2016.

Frank Johnson served our nation honorably among the ranks of the first black Marines,

known as the Montford Point Marines because they received basic training at the segregated Montford Point Base adjacent to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Mr. Johnson later worked at Robins Air Force Base until he retired.

Although Mr. Johnson fought to protect our cherished freedoms and liberties, he did not benefit from all those freedoms and liberties for he did not have the right to vote due to the color of his skin. This inspired Mr. Johnson to join the march over the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama on March 7, 1965. When the group of protesters reached the other side of the bridge, they were brutally attacked by police, giving the historic day the name "Bloody Sunday."

Frank Johnson's life was about helping people. He was known as the "mayor" of Macon's Unionville neighborhood for his efforts to revitalize the area and improve the quality of life for its residents. He was involved in the Unionville Improvement Association and helped with community clean-ups. Mr. Johnson wanted a recreation center for Unionville's young people to enjoy. He got that and more—a recreation center was opened on Mercer University Drive on the site where he grew up playing and it was named after him. The Frank Johnson Community Center is currently undergoing renovations and will reopen soon.

Mr. Johnson devoted decades of service to the people of Macon through his meaningful contribution of energy, love, and genuine passion. He was an honorable human being who loved deeply and, in return, was deeply loved. Frank Johnson is survived by his wife of 62 years, Dorothy, and his daughter, Cheryl.

Maya Angelou once said, "A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies." Frank Johnson is one such great soul, who served humanity in a special way. Each day he graced the people around him with an enthusiastic sincerity of presence. His impression on this earth extends beyond himself to the very wellbeing of the Macon community, and for it he will be remembered by the community for time to come.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District salute Frank Johnson for his dedicated service and exceptional impact on Macon, Georgia. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest sympathies to Mr. Johnson's family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SACRAMENTO BRANCH OF THE NAACP'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sacramento branch of the NAACP as they celebrate their 100th anniversary. The NAACP's time-honored chapter in Sacramento has been a leader in the difficult

yet rewarding work of the civil rights movement. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the significant contributions to civil rights in our community and nation of the Sacramento NAACP.

The Sacramento branch was founded in 1916, seven years after the establishment of the first NAACP office in New York. The Sacramento branch was one of the first formed in the West and has continued to lead the peaceful, but powerful, fight against violence and civil rights abuses. This year's Gala embodies the valued work of the branch over the years, which has helped the community express its voice and assert its rights. Through the faith, perseverance, and never-ending courage of the Sacramento NAACP, our community has seen the rights of many expanded and protected.

Over the years the Sacramento branch of the NAACP has seen many great leaders. This legacy began with Rev. T. Allen, the first president of the branch who fought tirelessly to see that liberties would be defended. This fight has continued with every subsequent leader. This year's Gala is a testament to their hard work, which has included providing free legal services to fight discrimination, sponsoring bills that ensure the rights of children and families, and fighting for education in the community.

For 100 years the Sacramento branch of the NAACP has been striving to ensure political, educational, social, and economic equality for all. The NAACP has always been and will continue to be an instrumental organization in facilitating the advancement of minorities. I ask all my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Sacramento chapter of the NAACP.

HONORING STEVE LATOURETTE

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a good friend and former colleague, Steve LaTourette, who sadly passed away earlier this year after battling pancreatic cancer.

I first met Steve after he was elected to serve the 19th Congressional District of Ohio in 1994. One of the longtime leaders of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Steve worked diligently on improving the infrastructure needs of not just his district and Ohio, but the nation. He played an important role in crafting highway authorization legislation, and in his last few years in the House, served as a member of the Appropriations Committee's Transportation Subcommittee as well.

Steve was also someone who sought out consensus and results in the legislative process. As one of the heads of Republican Main Street Partnership, a moderate Republican organization, Steve looked for ways to advance policy ideas that would benefit the American people and bring as many folks together as possible on common ground.

While Steve is no longer with us today, his sense of humor, leadership, and intelligence are not forgotten. I know that folks in Ohio and across the nation will remember his good

works in Congress on behalf of his constituents and the American people. True public servants like Steve LaTourette are missed when they leave the House, and mourned when they pass away too soon.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Steve's wife, children, and his entire family. He will be missed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. FRANK J. INDIHAR

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, my dear friend, Frank J. Indihar, MD passed away on October 23, 2016. He leaves a legacy of both medical excellence and committed service to my community, the state of Minnesota, and our nation.

From 2002 through 2008, Dr. Indihar led Bethesda Hospital as Chief Executive Officer, after serving as its Medical Director for several years and decades as a practicing physician. Bethesda Hospital, located steps from the State Capitol in Saint Paul, is a long-term acute care hospital with a reputation for first-class specialty care. Under his management, Bethesda improved its programs and services and undertook major facility renovations.

The entire Midwest greatly benefited from Dr. Indihar's long list of accomplishments at Bethesda, including establishing the Capistrano Center for Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders, starting an innovative clinic to treat young people injured from concussions, and creating a therapeutic garden for patients, families, and employees.

With Bethesda's specialty in treating brain injuries, Dr. Indihar was a key resource to me as we worked to ensure that our servicemembers and veterans receive the health care they need, including assessment and treatment for those who sustained traumatic brain injuries during their service in Iraq and Afghanistan. Dr. Indihar greatly assisted me with my work on this issue in Congress.

As a Major in the United States Army Medical Corps, Dr. Indihar began his medical career serving in Vietnam and Washington, DC, and was awarded a Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster in 1970 for his brave and meritorious service. In 1973, he served as Chief Resident in Internal Medicine Service at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Indihar demonstrated a steadfast commitment to excellence in medicine. Among his numerous professional positions, he was President of the Ramsey County Medical Society and served as Delegate and Chair of the Minnesota delegation to the American Medical Association House of Delegates for many years. His dedication to medicine was especially apparent through his lifelong mentorship of medical students.

Frank was known as a Renaissance man and demonstrated strong support for the arts community in Minnesota. He also made extensive civic contributions to the boards of Catholic Services to the Elderly, the Minnesota Orchestra, New Connections, and the Saint Paul Seminary.

I wish to extend my sincere condolences to Frank's wife, Anita Pampusch, as well as his

sisters, nephew and nieces, and grandnieces. My heartfelt condolences also go out to his colleagues at Bethesda Hospital and HealthEast for their loss.

It was an honor to work with Frank, and I valued our continued friendship in his retirement. He was a kind and extraordinary person who will be deeply missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2016 URBAN LAND INSTITUTE VISION HONORS AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Urban Land Institute (ULI) of Sacramento and the 2016 ULI Vision Honors Award recipients. As the members of the Urban Land Institute of Sacramento gather at the annual Vision Honors dinner to recognize the projects and individuals that have shown exemplary leadership in smart planning, urban growth, and sustainable communities, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their contributions to the Sacramento region.

The ULI's mission has long been to promote the responsible use of land for the benefit of local communities, and every year ULI recognizes leaders in the community who have upheld this mission. The ULI Principles Vision Honors Awardee is Mr. Mike McKeever, the outgoing Chief Executive Officer of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments. For over a decade, Mr. McKeever led SACOG with a steady hand and contributed to the advancement of the region's infrastructure. His nationally acclaimed Blueprint regional planning scenario has become a model for sustainability planning and smart growth. Navigating an organization that represents six counties and 22 local cities is no easy task, but Mike proved time and again that he could bring people together and build a consensus among divergent viewpoints. I applaud Mike for his time at SACOG and his work that is not only improving the efficiency of Sacramento's transit network, but is also increasing the region's environmental friendliness through its plan to reduce emissions.

The 2016 ULI Project of the Year award is presented to the Sacramento Kings and the City of Sacramento for the Golden 1 Center/Downtown Commons Project. The Golden 1 Center is a groundbreaking project in the heart of Sacramento's downtown that ties the most advanced technology in the world with environmental sustainability. As the first LEED Platinum-designated arena in the world, the Golden 1 Center counteracts climate change through its use of solar energy and its water efficiency. Even more importantly, it promotes environmental awareness and sustainability to its estimated 1.2 million annual visitors. The Golden 1 Center/Downtown Commons Project also contributes to a thriving local community through its commitment to sourcing 90 percent of all food services from local farms and businesses.

The ULI Member/Achiever of the Year Vision Honors Awardee is Mr. Jeffrey M. Goldman, AICP, Principal of AECOM. Mr. Goldman has over 30 years of experience in community planning, development codes, community outreach, and CEQA compliance. Over the last