

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 13, 2016.

Hon. BILL SHUSTER,
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SHUSTER: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 5160. As you know, the bill was introduced on April 29, 2016, and referred solely to the Committee on House Administration. The bill would amend section 6301(2) of title 40 of the United States Code, to include as part of the buildings and grounds of the National Gallery of Art any buildings and other areas within the boundaries of any real estate or other property interests acquired by the National Gallery of Art. On May 17, 2016 the Committee on House Administration reported H.R. 5160 favorably out of Committee by voice vote.

The Committee on House Administration recognizes that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has a jurisdictional interest in H.R. 5160 under Rule X of the House Rules. The Committee appreciates the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure forgoing action on H.R. 5160 in order to expedite the bill. It is the understanding of the Committee on House Administration that forgoing action on H.R. 5160 will not prejudice the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with respect to appointment of conferees or any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill that fall under your Committee's Rule X jurisdiction.

A copy of this letter and your initial letter will be included in the Congressional Record during consideration on the House floor.

Sincerely,

CANDICE S. MILLER,
Chairman.

HONORING GINA ELIZABETH
LAWSON, DO

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to congratulate Gina Elizabeth Lawson, DO, for being named the 2016 Catholic Doctor of the Year by the Mission Doctors Association.

The Mission Doctors Association chose Dr. Lawson out of more than 1,000 nominations in recognition of her efforts in responding to Christ's call to "Heal the Sick." Dr. Lawson serves as the Medical Director of the St. Luke's Transfer Team and the Medical Director of the Women's Center of St. Luke's Northland Hospital, where she serves as a Eucharistic Minister and brings Communion to the hospital. Dr. Lawson also participated in a short-term mission to the mountain villages in Jamaica to care for the poor and overlooked.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in congratulating Gina Elizabeth Lawson, DO, for her accomplishments and her service to her community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for votes on

Tuesday, November 29, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 588 and 589.

HONORING LUISA DECICCO, PHD

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a leader in our community, Luisa DeCicco, PhD, whose humanitarian work is being recognized by The Pelham Civic Association at their Annual Dinner Dance Gala. Luisa is one of three honorees for "Persons of the Year" on November 4, 2016 in my district.

Luisa is the Director of Human Resources at DeCicco & Sons Food Markets and is the founder of the Pelham Business Club. She is also the founder and manager of the unique, free Pelham Business Club Facebook community. With over 850 current members, the community provides residents, businesses and not-for-profit organizations in Pelham free access to information and free opportunities to advertise their businesses' and organizations' events.

As head of the Business Club, Luisa works in coordination with the Town of Pelham and Villages of Pelham and Pelham Manor engendering a strong working relationship with all entities. She created and spearheads the town-wide free Easter Bunny Boulevard, Pelham Block Party, Candy Cane Lane events, and three Town Meetings with Town Supervisor and Mayors to inspire a strong community spirit and commitment for businesses and residents, with the theme: "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

DeCiccicos is also an active corporate sponsor of the "Hungry Kidzz" programs and events throughout the year, providing food to children in need throughout tristate area. In addition, they are an active corporate partner with "County Harvest," replenishing food pantries and soup kitchens throughout Westchester County. In Pelham, Luisa is also an active supporter of school PTAs and fundraising events. She married John DeCicco Jr. and together they have two wonderful children.

It is an honor to present Luisa DeCicco with a CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Congratulations to all honorees of the evening.

HONORING GERALD S. CLARK, SR.
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join friends, family, and colleagues in celebration of my good friend, Gerald S. Clark, Sr., as he marks his retirement as Executive Director of the Greater New Haven Business and Professional Association—an organization that he founded and has led for the last fifty years.

A visionary business leader for as long as most of us can remember, Gerry has left an

indelible mark on Greater New Haven and particularly the minority business community. Born in Tuskegee, Alabama on New Year's Day of 1929, Gerry joined the U.S. Army in 1950 following his graduation from Hampton University. He served our nation with distinction during his two years of active service and twenty-eight years of service in the U.S. Army Reserves, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.

His graduate studies brought him to New York University and he soon settled in New Haven, Connecticut with his late wife, Yvonne. He opened the Gerald S. Clark Insurance Agency in 1965 and spearheaded the development of Dixwell Plaza as well as serving as a founding member of the Dixwell Merchants Association. Gerry quickly became a driving force in Greater New Haven's business community. He has served as a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Tennis Foundation of Connecticut Board of Directors, Science Park Development Corporation, Chapel Square of New Haven, the Minority Enterprise Small Business Investment Corporation, the Airport Commission, the City-Wide School Building Committee, the New Haven Scholarship Fund, the Greater New Haven NAACP, and the Technology Investment Fund. Indeed there is no part of our City that has not been impacted by his dedicated efforts.

Perhaps his greatest contribution to the Greater New Haven community has been the establishment of the Greater New Haven Business and Professional Association. An organization dedicated to helping improve small and minority businesses and professions within Connecticut, to assisting in the development of new enterprises among minority businesses inside and around the community, enhancing the cultural and spiritual values of the community through communications and economic cooperation, and to promoting the development of business and economic resources in the minority community. For more than fifty years, Gerry has led this organization and helped to ensure that its members have had access to services that have enabled their businesses to flourish. Small businesses are the backbone of our nation's economy and one of the keys to creating new jobs. In today's challenging economic climate, organizations like the Greater New Haven Business & Professional Association are more important than ever—fostering the entrepreneurial spirit of small business owners in our community.

I would be remiss if I did not extend a special note of thanks to Gerry for his many years of friendship. There are few who have dedicated more of themselves to the New Haven community and its residents than Gerry Clark. His unique vision and leadership have made this organization the success it is today and his good work has helped to shape the very character of our City. I am honored to stand today to join his children, Gerald, Tanya, and William, his seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren as well as the many friends, colleagues, and community leaders who have gathered today in extending my deepest thanks and appreciation to Gerald Clark, Sr. for his invaluable contributions to our community as well as my very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness as he enjoys his retirement.

HONORING MORGAN ATKINSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Morgan Atkinson. Morgan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 412, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Morgan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Morgan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Morgan contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Morgan Atkinson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVID
LUIS**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the life of David Luis, former battalion chief for the Ripon Consolidated Fire Department. He passed away on November 24, 2016, surrounded by loved ones.

Over 26 years, David dedicated himself to the Ripon Consolidated Fire Department. He advanced from firefighter to captain to battalion chief. He had a passion for helping people, which was reflected not only in his professional career, but also in his personal life.

When David was not working, you could find him coaching youth football or helping FFA members with their projects. He also served as a member of the Ripon High School Ag Advisory Board. His selfless service has left an impact on multiple generations.

An inspiration to his family, friends and community, David brought out the best in people. His life embodied simple principles of authenticity, kindness, loyalty, humility, hard work, integrity, and above all else, service. Our community will greatly miss David's presence, but his legacy will live on.

David leaves behind his wife Clarice, three children, Josh, Kaleigh, and Courtney, as well as his father, brother, sister, nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and recognizing Dave Luis and thanking him for his many years of outstanding and heroic service to the Ripon community. God bless him always.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2016 ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2016 recipients of the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Presented annually by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations—NECO, the Ellis Island Medals of Honor pay tribute to our Nation's immigrant heritage, as well as individual achievement. The Medals are awarded to U.S. citizens from diverse ethnic backgrounds who exemplify outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional lives, while continuing to preserve the richness of their particular heritage and culture. We honor these outstanding individuals because the important work they do today, creates a better world for all of us tomorrow. 2016 marks NECO's 30th anniversary. This momentous occasion was celebrated with a patriotic ceremony on Ellis Island and a re-commitment by the leaders of the organization to their mission of honoring diversity, fostering tolerance and promoting religious and racial unity across America.

Since the Medals' founding, more than 2,500 American citizens have received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, including six American Presidents, United States Senators, Congressmen, Nobel Laureates, athletes, artists, clergy, and military leaders. This Medal is not about material success, nor is it about the politics of immigration; it is about the people who have committed themselves to this nation, embraced the opportunities America has to offer, and most importantly, who have used those opportunities to not only better their own lives but make a difference in our country and in the lives of its people.

Citizens of the United States hail from every nation known to man. The iconic metaphor of this nation as a veritable melting pot of cultures continues to ring true, and it is this diversity that adds to the unique richness of American life. It is the key to why America is the most innovative, progressive and forward thinking country in the world. The Ellis Island Medals of Honor not only celebrate select individuals but also the pluralism and democracy that enabled our forebearers to celebrate their cultural identities while still embracing the American way of life. This award serves to remind us all that with hard work and perseverance anyone can still achieve the American dream. In addition, by honoring these remarkable Americans, we honor all who share their origins and we acknowledge the contributions they have made to America. I commend NECO and its Board of Directors headed by my good friend, Nasser J. Kazeminy, for honoring these truly outstanding individuals for their tireless efforts to foster dialogue and build bridges between different ethnic groups, as well as to promote unity and a sense of common purpose in our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the good works of NECO and in congratulating all of the 2016 recipients of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. I also include in the RECORD the names of this year's recipients.

2016 ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

Mustafa K. Abadan FAIA, Bahram Akradi, Dr. Fariba Etemadi-Nejad Alamdari, George C. Albano, Mark O. Asperilla, MD, Edward Avedisian, George A. Bannayan, MD, Dr. Rekha Bhandari, David C. Bohnett, VADM Raquel Cruz Bono, MD, Stephen Briganti, Rinaldo S. Brutoco, Barbara Peterson Burwell, John Campion, Ms. Teresa Carlson, Commissioner Patrick Carroll, Stephen J. Cassidy, Gen. Martin E. Dempsey (Ret.), Wendy Diamond, General Ann Dunwoody, Kamran Elahian, Reverend Kail C. Ellis, SA, PhD, Bill Evans, Tamsen Fadal, Hamed Faridi, PhD.

Omid Farokhzad, M.D., VADM James Gordon Foggo, Paul G. Gaffney II VADM (Ret.), Garo S. Garibian, MD, Augie Garrido, FBI Special Agent Stephen Gaudin, Colonel Peter T. Green III, Timothy Haahs, PE, AIA, Leroy Hood, M.D., Ph.D., Appo K. Jabarian, Hon. Richard A. Jones, Brigadier General Paul J. Kennedy, Mehmood Khan, MD, Prerna Mona Khanna, MD, MPH, FACP, FACPM, FACOEM, Gissou R. Kian, George Spiros Kleris, MD, PhD, Vrej Kolandjian, Jerry Kyser, Joshua Laird, Padma Lakshmi, Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey, MD, Mr. Hyung Ro Lee, Dr. Deborah Lieberman, Dr. Ajay Lodha, Asad M. Madni, PhD, DSc(H), ScD(H), DEng(H).

The Hon. Rosario Marin-Former US Treasurer, Eileen C. McDonnell, Captain Thomas S. Morkan, Robert Muzikowski, Alexander Navab, Dr. Chrysostomos L. Nikias, Ronald K. Noble, Thomas J. O'Donnell, Dr. Tony Orlando, Andrew F. Ortiz, JD, MPA, Carl Peterson, Charles Pinajian, Shervin Pishevar, Vincent F. Pitta, Esq., Lori Pollock, Jean Lenti Ponsetto, Issam Raad, MD, FACP, FIDSA, FSHEA, Daniel Ritchie, Kaitlin Roig-DeBellis, M.A. Ed, DHL, Peter Salovey, Ph.D., Akkaraju V.N. Sarma, MD, PhD, FAAFP, Michael H. Saudino, Sr, Edward H. Schauder, Esq., Major General Errol Schwartz.

Andrew Sieja, Major General John K. Singlaub (Ret.), Dr. Massih Tayebi, I. Lorraine Thomas, Edward Tom, Alice (Ali) Torre, Commissioner Benjamin Tucker, Mike Utley, Emmanuel E. Velivasakis, PE, FASCE, Jeanette Sarkisian Wagner, John C. Wobensmith, Doreen Wohl, Ambassador R. James Woolsey, Arthur William Zeckendorf.

INTERNATIONAL ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

Anthony von Mandl, Bedriska v. Mandl, Bill S. Hansson, PhD.

HONORING THOMAS BEALE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Thomas Beale. Thomas is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 714, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Thomas has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Thomas has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Thomas earned the rank of Warrior of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Thomas has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Thomas built a patio and fire pit for an