

with an indomitably cheerful outlook. Furthermore, Macy has volunteered and given back to patients at St. Jude's Children's Hospital, the same health providers that cared for her illness.

Macy is now one of the best young gymnasts in the state of Missouri. Her athletic abilities are known state wide, and she has won numerous medals for her skill. She is regarded as a natural gymnast, and her coaches speculate that she one day may represent the United States in the Olympic Games.

Mr. Speaker, Macy Morgan is truly a remarkable young woman and her success in overcoming adversity is impressive on its own merits. But her working to become an elite gymnast is all the more praiseworthy and inspiring to other young people in Missouri's Seventh Congressional District. I would ask that my colleagues join me in expressing both our congratulations and deep admiration for Macy and her achievements.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JUDGMENT OF PARIS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 40th anniversary of the Judgment of Paris wine tasting competition, an event that brought global esteem to the California wine community.

On May 24, 1976, a who's-who of French wine and food influencers gathered for a blind tasting of Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay wines at the Paris InterContinental Hotel organized by wine merchant Steven Spurrier.

Mr. Spurrier selected the finest California vintages at the time. He included Cabernet Sauvignon from Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Ridge Vineyards Monte Bello, Heitz Wine Cellars, Clos du Val Winery, Mayacamas Vineyards, and Freemark Abbey Winery.

In the white wine category, Mr. Spurrier chose Chardonnay from Chateau Montelena Winery, Chalone Vineyard, Spring Mountain Vineyard, Freemark Abbey Winery, Veedercrest Vineyards, and David Bruce Winery.

When the experts' scores were tallied, two wines from California's Napa Valley—the 1973 Chateau Montelena Winery Chardonnay by winemaker Miljenko “Mike” Grgich and the Stag's Leap Wine Cellars 1973 Cabernet Sauvignon made by Warren Winiarski—came out on top, forever changing the way the world views American wine.

George Taber documented this consequential decision in a TIME magazine article, “Modern Living: Judgment of Paris.” The resulting coverage of the Judgment of Paris created an immediate and positive impact on the world of wine, and inspired among experts, consumers, and the trade a new appreciation for California wines.

The Napa Valley is now recognized internationally as the vanguard of the American wine business. The California wine community now adds \$61.5 billion to the state's economy and \$121.8 billion to the United States economy. The wine community supports 330,000

jobs in the state and brings more than 21 million visitors to California wine regions annually. Wine is now produced in all fifty of the United States, and enjoyed at ever increasing levels by consumers throughout the country.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting and proper that we recognize and honor the historical significance of the 40th anniversary of this event, as well as the impact of the California victory on the world of wine and the United States wine industry as a whole.

To recognize the 40th anniversary of the Judgment of Paris, Rep. DUNCAN HUNTER and I, House Leadership from both sides of the aisle, and the entire California delegation will submit the following language as a resolution:

Whereas forty years ago in Paris, a number of leading French wine experts were invited by Wine Merchant Stephen Spurrier to blind taste some of the greatest wines of France and California;

Whereas those prestigious experts chose the 1973 Chateau Montelena Winery Napa Valley Chardonnay by winemaker Miljenko “Mike” Grgich as the finest white wine in the tasting;

Whereas those same experts chose the 1973 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars S.L.V. Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon made by Warren Winiarski as the finest red wine in the tasting;

Whereas the resulting story by journalist George Taber found widespread distribution throughout the press, notably in TIME magazine, as “The Shot Heard Round the World”;

Whereas this attention created an immediate, positive impact on the world of wine, and created among experts, consumers and the trade a new and enthusiastic appreciation for California wines;

Whereas wine is now produced in all fifty of the United States, and enjoyed at ever increasing levels by consumers throughout the country;

Whereas the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History exhibits the winning bottles in its permanent collections (the 1973 Chateau Montelena Winery Chardonnay and the 1973 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars S.L.V. Cabernet Sauvignon), and has included those bottles in their selection of remarkable objects in the book The Smithsonian's History of America in 101 Objects by Richard Kurin;

Whereas the Napa Valley is now recognized internationally as a vanguard of the United States wine business and contributes more than \$162 billion to the nation's economy.

Resolved, That the U.S. House of Representatives recognizes and honors the historical significance of the 40th Anniversary of the Judgment of Paris, and the impact of the California victory at the 1976 Paris Tasting on the world of wine and the American wine industry as a whole.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, due to a conflict, I unavoidably missed the following votes on May 13, 2016.

Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

On roll call No. 190, I would have voted “nay” (May 13) (On Ordering the Previous Question for Providing for consideration of the bill (S. 524) the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016).

On roll call No. 191, I would have voted “nay” (May 13) (On Agreeing to the Resolution for Providing for consideration of the bill (S. 524) the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016).

On roll call No. 192, I would have voted “yea” (May 13) (On Approving the Journal).

On roll call No. 193, I would have voted “yea” (May 13) (On Passage of S. 524, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016).

IN HONOR OF THE HONORABLE JEROME E. GAFF, U.S. ARMY, VIETNAM 1969–1970

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jerome Edward Gaff, May 30, 1946, in recognition of his outstanding service to the United States Army.

Jerry is the son of John M. and Dorothy A. Gaff who raised Jerry in Chelsea, MA. Jerry grew up alongside his brothers Harold, Jack, Tom, and sister, Loretta. Jerry and his family relocated to Everett MA, where he made his residence from 1950–1969. He graduated from Everett High School in 1964, and soon after, began working at General Edwards Inn Restaurant in the Point of Pines Section of Revere with his brothers and sisters. He was drafted into the U.S. Army on April 19, 1969, where he served his tour of duty in Vietnam from September 1969 to November 1970.

While serving in the Army, he served with the 1st Infantry Division (Big Red One) Sept. 1969 to Mar. 1970 and the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Black Horse) Mar. 1970 to Nov. 1970. He was stationed at the U.S. Army base located in Lai Khe, northwest of Saigon. During his time in the Army he was active in the major battle of the Cambodian Incursion from May to June, 1970. He received several medals for his Army service including: National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. Although Jerry is a decorated veteran of the Vietnam Conflict he seldom spoke of his distinguished military career, and upon returning stateside focused his attention to raising his family, but never forgot those who served with him, and still serves as an advocate for all veterans today.

When he returned from the war, he continued to work at the General Edwards Inn. He attended college before and after the war, studying education and Spanish. In 1972, he was married and had four daughters, Nancy 42, Shannon 41, Lauren 39 and Marybeth 38. Jerry and his family moved to Sandown, NH in the summer of 1978, just prior to the opening of his restaurant The Village Square Inn, located in Hampstead, NH. Jerry was owner/chef at the restaurant through the early 90's. He continued to be a well-respected chef in the southern New Hampshire area until his recent retirement. In his retirement, Jerry enjoys

his summers at the lake and spending time with his friends and family, including his girlfriend Gail and his nine grandchildren. Jerry is an avid sports fan, who excelled in hockey as a young man, is an outstanding horseshoe player, excellent cribbage player, and fisherman. Jerry has positively influenced everyone in his lifetime and is the definition of what it means to be a Father, Grandfather, and Friend.

Mr. Speaker, Jerry is a true gentleman and is known for being funny, kind and caring. He continues to support his fellow veterans by meeting with others at his local Veterans hospitals/clinics. His dedication to those he served with is only exceeded by his dedication to his family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Jerry on the occasion of his 70th birthday. I find it only fitting that we honor Jerry's lifetime of accomplishments as a testament of his excellent military service, outstanding character, his positive influence on all those who have met him, and his commitment to his family and community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE EXPANDING DHS OVERSEAS PASSENGER SECURITY SCREENING AND VETTING OPERATIONS ACT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, over the past several years, terrorists have exploited legitimate channels of travel to the United States from countries around the globe with the intention of conducting attacks. To prevent terrorist travel, the Department of Homeland Security has "pushed out our borders" by expanding its presence and partnerships around the world to ensure vetting of passengers well in advance of their arrival in the United States.

Today, I am introducing the "Expanding DHS Overseas Passenger Security Screening and Vetting Operations Act" to enhance DHS' overseas operations that vet and screen foreign travelers to the United States by, among other things:

Requiring DHS to use a strategic, risk-based, and coordinated approach to expand overseas operations;

Increasing U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) capacity to screen additional passengers and facilitate travel by authorizing an additional 2,000 CBP Officers and 600 Agriculture Specialists to address existing domestic staffing shortages, particularly at U.S. international airports, while expanding overseas operations; and

Expanding U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) visa vetting operations by directing ICE to stand up an additional 50 Visa Security Units at overseas visa-issuing posts abroad and authorizing the PATRIOT automated visa vetting program at 50 additional high-risk locations.

My legislation, which I am introducing with Representatives LORETTA SANCHEZ (CA), SHEILA JACKSON LEE (TX), WILLIAM R. KEATING (MA), DONALD M. PAYNE, Jr. (NJ), BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN (NJ), and YVETTE D. CLARKE (NY), would bolster the effectiveness

of recent VWP reforms and strengthen DHS' capacity to prevent terrorists and other dangerous people from entering the U.S.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF BOWIE

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mark an important milestone in the history of the Fifth District and the State of Maryland. This year, the City of Bowie celebrates the centennial of its incorporation, which took place on April 18, 1916. In the intervening century, Bowie has grown and flourished, becoming the fifth-largest city in Maryland and a vibrant and diverse community.

Bowie has its roots in a small village called Huntington City that developed in 1870 alongside a railroad depot named for Maryland Governor Oden Bowie, a local resident who had been instrumental in bringing the railroad to the area. Within twelve years, the village had grown into a small town of several streets lined with shops and houses, which was renamed Bowie after the rail station. When the Town of Bowie was first incorporated in 1916, its first commissioners were R.P. Watts, William Luers, and Thomas P. Littlepage, who held their town meetings in the Knights of St. John Hall, which still stands today.

In the 1950's, Bowie began to spread south of the original railroad settlement to include new suburban developments. These included Belair at Bowie, whose annexation by the Town of Bowie marked the beginning of today's City of Bowie. Today, the city operates under the same charter as it adopted in 1916 and is home to approximately 56,000 Marylanders. While still retaining the feel of a small town, Bowie has grown to include a number of new suburban developments that have brought diversity and economic opportunity that are benefitting the residents of Bowie and the surrounding area.

I'm honored to represent the City of Bowie and its residents in Congress. Bowie continues to follow an upward trajectory of growth and development, and I look forward to continuing to work with the Mayor and city officials to ensure that Bowie has all the resources it requires to succeed. I hope my colleagues will join me in marking this important milestone for Bowie and wishing it much success as it enters its second century of incorporation.

HONORING JERRY CLARK

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Jerry Clark, who passed away in February. Jerry was a standout civic leader who was devoted to the people of the District and its causes. Jerry Clark was also a particularly avid leader of our D.C. statehood movement and a leader in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community.

Because the District has been fighting for equal citizenship rights for its entire two centuries of existence, Jerry's consistently devoted leadership stands out through ups and downs, whether on the nuts and bolts or the big issues, without fanfare. Jerry, who was born in Indiana, was there for D.C. without fail, carrying the banner of freedom for his adopted city.

Jerry brought similar vigor to other causes and endeavors. A graduate of Princeton University and the University of Chicago Law School, Jerry completed his doctoral studies and then spent his career dedicated to workers as executive director of the United Mine Workers Health and Retirement Funds.

At the same time, Jerry threw himself into work for LGBT rights. That work earned Jerry the Distinguished Service Award for exemplary and dedicated work for the LGBT community in the District of Columbia from the D.C. Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance. His work was so widespread in the District that former D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray appointed Clark to the Mayor's committee on the 50th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington. Our city has lost a true crusader who never stopped standing up for equality for the disenfranchised.

Among the many organizations that have benefited from Jerry's service are the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club, the National LGBTQ Task Force, the DC for Democracy, DC Statehood Coalition, Bread for the Soul, Ward 1 Democrats, the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, the Law and Society Association, the Whitman-Walker HealthSpring Gala, and the Democratic National Committee Gay and Lesbian Leadership Council.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in honoring the full and productive life of Jerry Clark and for his dedicated work with District of Columbia residents, for D.C. Statehood, for the LGBT community, and for workers.

HONORING EVALYNN DIAMOND

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Evalynn ("Evy") Diamond. Evy represented the best of our great State of New Mexico: she was a loving wife and mother, a loyal friend to so many, a brilliant, hard-working and talented teacher, and a dedicated activist in our community.

Evy and her husband of 40 years, Jeff, met in 1975 when they were both teaching at Temple Beth Shalom in Santa Ana, California. They shared a love for the state of Israel and became active in the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). She and Jeff fund ADL's A World of Difference program in Haifa which fosters tolerance between Jewish, Christian, and Muslim children. Evy made frequent trips to Israel to meet with Israeli leaders, journalists, and other activists, whether Jewish or Muslim, to uphold the values of the ADL. She was a committed activist who dedicated much of her life to promoting peace and cooperation.

In addition to her work with the ADL, Evy worked tirelessly with Jeff to promote and fund cancer research. After their son Shannon died from melanoma on August 31, 2009, they established a fund in his memory at the University of New Mexico Cancer Center Foundation.