

have lost their lives or loved ones to senseless gun violence. Congress has repeatedly failed to pass gun safety measures that would protect our communities while preserving the rights of responsible gun owners. While I am a staunch supporter of the Second Amendment, I believe that strengthening background checks, eliminating gun show loopholes, and preventing potential terrorists from acquiring assault weapons will not limit the rights of lawful gun owners to protect and defend themselves. Make no mistake; this is not an attempt to take guns away from law-abiding citizens—these are commonsense gun safety measures. We must set aside party politics and work together in the best interests of our nation to reduce gun violence and senseless killings.

Mr. Speaker, the rising tide of gun violence continues to claim far too many lives. It's time for Congress to act. I urge my colleagues to take up gun safety measures that will protect our families and our communities. We cannot continue to mourn these tragedies without doing all we can to prevent them.

**HONORING SUSAN LUCKIE REILLY
ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH
BIRTHDAY AND HER MANY CON-
TRIBUTIONS TO THE JOSHUA
TREE NATIONAL PARK**

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Ms. Susan Luckie Reilly. Susan is a former ranger at Joshua Tree National Park and she was born in 1916, the same year the National Park Service (NPS) was founded.

Ms. Reilly is a graduate of Stanford University, where she studied psychology, sociology, and political science, and went on to join the NPS in 1965 where she worked as a seasonal ranger and naturalist for Joshua Tree National Park. It was in the desert where she developed a life-long love for conservation efforts and preservation of the desert area.

In 1969, Ms. Reilly founded the Morongo Basin Conservation Association (MBCA), a successful grassroots effort to prevent a utility company from degrading wildlife and the natural beauty of the Morongo Basin in order to run a massive power transmission corridor straight through the heart of the basin. The MBCA has remained committed to advocating for the safety, health, and preservation of the desert area.

In 2004, Ms. Reilly was the recipient of the prestigious Minerva Hoyt Award, which recognizes individuals that promote conservation efforts and leave a lasting impact on California deserts. In 2013, she was awarded the Women of Distinction Award from Congressman PAUL COOK, an honor bestowed on women who demonstrate outstanding leadership and integrity.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Reilly has been an inspiration to both her community and this country throughout her 100 years on this Earth. Let's all join in celebrating this special day with her and wishing her a happy 100th Birthday.

SHEILA WHITE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, this week marks the 10th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court ruling in *Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway Co. v. White*. The Court held, unanimously, that workers who stand up against workplace discrimination are entitled to protection against a broad array of retaliatory actions by their employers.

The case, and the vital precedent that it set—that the scope of the Civil Rights Act of 1964's, "antiretaliation provision extends beyond workplace-related or employment related retaliatory acts and harms"—would not have been possible but for the courage of my constituent, Sheila White, from Memphis, Tennessee.

In 1997, Ms. White was working as a forklift operator at the Tennessee Yard of Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway. At the time she was the only woman in her department.

Ms. White complained that her supervisor had been sexually harassing her.

The company disciplined her supervisor, but also reassigned Ms. White to a less desirable position.

After Ms. White filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the railway suspended her without pay for more than a month for insubordination.

Ms. White's story is a true profile in courage. Even though the company eventually found that she was not insubordinate, reinstated her and gave her backpay, she nonetheless persisted with her lawsuit to set the record straight. She knew, and the Supreme Court ultimately agreed, that the way she had been treated fell far short of the protections established by Congress in the Civil Rights Act.

As Justice Breyer explained, "The significance of the congressional judgment that victims of intentional discrimination can recover compensatory and punitive damages to make them whole would be undermined if employers could avoid liability in these circumstances. . . . An indefinite suspension without pay could well act as a deterrent to the filing of a discrimination complaint, even if the suspended employee eventually received backpay."

As we commemorate the 10th anniversary of this case, I want to publicly thank Ms. White—for her bravery, for her perseverance, and for her continued leadership on behalf of workplace fairness. Our nation is better because of Sheila White.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed Roll Call vote numbers 334, 335, and 336. Had I been

present, I would have voted nay on Roll Call vote number 334 and aye on both Roll Call votes 335 and 336.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, like many of my colleagues, I missed votes on three bills, considered under the suspension of the rules, due to inclement weather.

Had I been present for the vote on H.R. 5525, the End Taxpayer Funded Cell Phones Act of 2016, I would have emphatically voted "no." This misguided legislation would severely undermine the Lifeline program, a program critical to public safety and an important part of the pathway out of poverty. Low-income Americans, whether they are elderly, disabled, low-income veterans, victims of domestic violence, or part of another vulnerable group, need access to 9-1-1 services and job opportunities, a key purpose of the Lifeline program. This vital program should be expanded, not restricted. The majority has no business bringing it up under suspension of the rules.

On H.R. 5388, the Support for Rapid Innovation Act of 2016, I would have voted "yes." This bill would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to research ways to improve the nation's cybersecurity systems and disseminate their finds with other relevant federal departments and agencies, industry and academia.

On H.R. 5389, the Leveraging Emerging Technologies Act of 2016, I would have voted "yes." The bill would require DHS to create a strategic plan to partner with technology developers and firms to combat cyberthreats.

**CRYSTAL CLINE IS A BOWLING
CHAMPION**

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Crystal Cline for winning the 2016 Texas High School Bowling Girls' singles championship.

Crystal Cline is a student at Morton Ranch High School in Katy, Texas. She was selected as one of 65 elite students from the state to participate in the tournament. She averaged a score of 201 in the qualifying round, earning her the 13th seed moving forward. In the semifinals, Crystal eliminated the 2015 girls' champion. She won the final round with a solid score of 222-173. We are proud of Crystal, and can't wait to see what she does next.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Morton Ranch's Crystal Cline for winning the 2016 Texas High School Bowling Girls' singles championship. Thank you for bringing this awesome championship to the Katy School District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall no. 336, the Leveraging Emerging Technologies Act of 2016, had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

RECOGNIZING IVAN MARAS

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ivan Maras, a veteran, retired teacher, and Congressional Gold Medal recipient.

When he was drafted by the Army during the Korean War, Ivan was permitted to finish his college degree before enlistment. In 1953, he left his hometown of Bulpitt and was shipped to South Korea, where he was assigned to serve in the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers. Earlier this year, the entire regiment was honored with the Congressional Gold Medal for their valiant service and devotion to duty.

When Ivan joined the 65th, it was a unit of predominantly Puerto Rican soldiers that had been recently integrated. He soon found himself in the heat of the action on the front lines at Inchon, where he described the explosions to be "like the Fourth of July every night."

Ivan learned that some men in the regiment were unable to read and write, so he and others set up tents to start teaching. He then spent the remainder of his enlistment using his college degree to teach at a makeshift school established by the military in Korea.

After the war, Ivan returned to central Illinois where he worked as a teacher in Kincaid for nearly fifty years.

I am proud to represent soldiers like Ivan who go above and beyond the call of duty every day. I am honored to serve the brave men and women who sacrificed so much for our country. Congratulations on this prestigious honor, Ivan.

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN MCKEE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to Riverside County, California, are exceptional. On June 22nd, Sue McKee will be retiring from the University of California, Riverside (UCR) after nearly 25 years of dedicated service.

Sue is the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Governmental and Community Relations at UCR

and she has worked tirelessly in that role as an advocate for UCR at the local, state, and federal levels. Her more recent accomplishments include securing funding for the first public medical school in California in over 40 years and relocating the California Air Resources Board (CARB) air pollution lab to the UCR campus. This new CARB facility, combined with UCR's existing related expertise through its Center for Environmental Research and Technology, will make Riverside the world's center for transportation and air quality research—and, in large part, this achievement is thanks to Sue McKee.

Sue is a wife, a mother, and an amazing champion for the Inland Empire. In addition to serving UCR, she has served her community by advocating for those less fortunate and mentoring the next generation of Inland Empire leaders and advocates. Sue serves as the Chair of the Riverside County's Community Action Partnership and is a former Program Chair for Leadership Riverside through the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce. Sue also has donated her time to the Childhood Cancer Foundation of Southern California, the Raincross Group, and the Regional Advisory Board of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Inland Empire.

I have had the privilege of knowing Sue McKee for nearly 20 years. During that time, I have found her to be the best kind of advocate through her compassion, intellect, sense of humor, and her commitment to UCR's mission to serve its students and the region. I applaud Sue's service and I will truly miss working with her upon her retirement. However, her service and her achievements will have a longstanding and truly positive impact on our community.

JOE ADAMS RETIRES FROM KATY
ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joe Adams on his retirement from the Katy Independent School District (KISD) Board of Trustees, after serving 27 years.

When Mr. Adams attended his first school groundbreaking 27 years ago, there was nothing but prairie to the west of this brand new elementary school. Since the beginning of Adams' tenure on the board, the area has transformed into a booming, busy suburban district. The Katy ISD enrollment has also increased by 53,000 with 41 new schools opening under his watch. Adams fondest memories are standing on the stage at graduations and congratulating outgoing KISD seniors on their accomplishments. The residents of Katy have been well served by his leadership in helping ensure a strong education for our students.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations and thank you to Joe Adams for his 27 years of service on the Katy ISD board of trustees. We appreciate your service and dedication to Katy.

RED ROCKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
INNOVATION CHALLENGE**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the team from Red Rocks Community College on becoming a finalist for a second year in a row in the National Science Foundation's Community College Innovation Challenge. This program serves as an innovative way for community college students to partner with local industries to create pioneering STEM-based solutions for real world issues. The Community College Innovation Challenge is an important example of encouraging STEM education and research for our nation's students and future leaders. I congratulate all of the competition's participants for their work on a variety of important projects.

The Red Rocks Team tackled water conservation which has become a critical issue in the western United States as we tackle long-term drought and the demand for water resources increases. Cooling towers are used in large office and industrial buildings for air conditioning. Through typical use of cooling towers, these systems must discharge and then replace water to continue operation in a process called blow down. These students have worked to improve the efficiency of the blow down process through reverse osmosis, ion exchange, and various filter media which reduces water consumption and saves money. This advance is important for reducing water consumption and can be scaled up for commercial deployment across the country.

I congratulate the Red Rocks Team of Matt Armijo, Mike Fisher, Sean Kelly, Valeria Mokrushova, Danny Rogers, and their faculty advisory Jeremy Beard for their success. I applaud these students for their dedication to this important project and their leadership and commitment to STEM education blazing a path for our country's future leaders and innovators. I am proud of the work Red Rocks Community College does every day and I look forward to seeing what the school and these students accomplish in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my vote was not recorded yesterday. I was absent because my flight was delayed by the poor weather in the Washington, D.C. area. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call No. 334: NAY; Roll Call No. 335: AYE; and Roll Call No. 336: AYE.