

Today, the Crane family owns and operates Crane Canyon Ranch, The Crane Melon Barn and Crane Vineyard. In addition to their famous Crane Melons, the family ranch sells watermelons, heirloom tomatoes, Crane Melon Honey, organic Sonoma County walnuts and metal sculptures by Richard. Crane Vineyard is a four-acre pinot noir vineyard on the ranch. Rick and Jennifer are fifth and sixth generation Sonoma County farmers.

The Crane family are active members of our community, with members serving on the Sonoma County Fair Board, Harvest Fair Board, Farm Bureau, 4-H Foundation Board and Farm Trails.

The Santa Rosa Metro Chamber has recognized long-standing leadership in the community and successful maintenance of agricultural enterprises with its Leadership in Agriculture Award for over forty years. The Crane family is very deserving of this award. They work hard to develop excellent produce, serve our community, and maintain the great tradition of family farming in Sonoma County.

Mr. Speaker, the Crane family has been farming in Sonoma County for six generations. They are leaders in sustainable farming and contribute honorably to our community. I am proud to have such a hardworking family living in our District. It is fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS AFFECTED BY HURRICANE HARVEY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 1, 2017

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to report to the House on Hurricane Harvey, the historic storm that has devastated the Gulf Coast and my city of Houston, Texas.

As a senior member and a resident of the city of Houston, I was there and witnessed the devastation that the storm wrought.

Hurricane Harvey has declared war on America's Gulf Coast, and as Americans, we must respond.

We will need emergency supplemental appropriations for Southeast Texas, and the Houston metroplex, to provide support to local, state, and federal government agencies in assisting with flood remediation, recovery, victim services, and reconstruction following the catastrophic damage caused by historic flooding.

So far, Harvey has dumped an estimated 11 trillion gallons of water in the Houston area.

The relentless rain has inundated homes, decimated area roadways and turned neighborhoods into unrecognizable lakes.

Large portions of the Bayou City have been overwhelmed by rainfall amounts that occur only once in every thousand years.

To comprehend the level of destruction, the volume of water that has fallen could fill the Astrodome more than 24 thousand times over and power Niagara Falls for 15 days.

The disastrous events this week have been punctuated by the tragic loss of life.

In Houston, at least 44 people have lost their lives, including veteran police officer Sgt. Steve Perez, 60, who had worked for 34 years with the Houston Police Department.

Sgt. Perez was trying to serve and protect others when he was swept away by the rising waters.

Sgt. Perez, who worked in the traffic enforcement division, left home around 4 a.m. Sunday to drive to his duty station downtown but could not find a path because flooding caused by tropical storm Harvey had made many roads impassable.

A family of six attempting to flee their home perished when their vehicle was swept into Greens Bayou.

Samuel "Sammy" Saldivar was driving east-bound on Green River Road near John Ralston Road Sunday when rising water in Greens Bayou overcame the van.

Sammy was travelling with his elderly parents, Manuel Saldivar, 84, and Belia, 81.

Also in the van were the great-grandchildren of his parents: Daisy Saldivar, 6, Xavier Saldivar, 8, Dominic Saldivar, 14, and Devy Saldivar, 16.

A Neither Houston nor any city in the nation has ever experienced flooding of this magnitude.

Our valiant emergency responders are overtaxed and citizen rescues have become a critical source of assistance in saving lives.

So far the Coast Guard alone has saved more than 6,000 Lives in Houston.

At times like this, I am so proud to be an American and to call Houston home.

We are a close community that comes together to overcome any challenge that stands in our way.

Mr. Speaker, this is why we need Congress and the President to provide immediate emergency funding and resources commensurate with the crisis at hand, and that means a minimum of \$150 billion is needed now and much more later.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of all those who perished in Hurricane Harvey.

HONORING MS. LEE PAULSEN

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 1, 2017

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Lee Paulsen, the Honorary Grand Marshal for the 56th Annual Labor Day Parade in Newtown, Connecticut. Since 1962, this annual celebration has brought together the people of Newtown and western Connecticut, and this year's organizers invited Lee to head the parade in recognition of her decades of selfless work to help those most in need in our community.

Lee moved to Newtown in 1972 with her family, and she quickly became known among her neighbors for her generosity. She has worked at the FAITH Food Pantry since its inception in 1983, and her efforts have been instrumental in keeping its doors open to those in need through economic downturns, the relocation of the food pantry, and other challenges facing the organization.

Her neighbors in Newtown know Lee for her kindness, humility, and sincere commitment to helping others. Those who work with Lee note that she does not seek recognition or attention, but nonetheless, everyone knows Lee as an inspiring and altruistic person. The Labor Day Parade's fitting theme, Labor of Love, this year recognizes Lee's decades of work and encourages all of us to reflect on how we can

contribute to our community. Lee sets a remarkable example as a caring citizen, and she has made Newtown a more generous and welcoming place through her years of work at FAITH.

Mr. Speaker, Lee Paulsen has been a leading member of our community who shares her time and knowledge to help those in need in Newtown. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today, and thank her for inspiring others to engage in a Labor of Love.

L. RAFAEL REIF AND THE DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS PROGRAM

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 1, 2017

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the powerful words of L. Rafael Reif, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on DACA, "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals." Mr. Reif notes MIT's commitment to intellectual excellence, merit, and national service in support of DACA. He is himself a proud naturalized citizen of the United States.

[From the Boston Globe, Aug. 31, 2017]

TRUMP SHOULD NOT REPEAL DACA

(By L. Rafael Reif)

President Trump is reportedly considering a repeal of "DACA," the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. The immediate pressure: a threat of legal action by a number of states to end the program, which sets a Sept. 5 deadline for the White House to act.

As the president of one of America's leading technical universities—an institution built on intellectual excellence, a meritocratic openness to talent, and a long tradition of national service—I believe repealing DACA would be a mistake. Repeal would be no more than a rejection of a policy and of thousands of human beings. Repeal is not, however, a solution for the country or for the young people directly involved. I strongly urge the president and Congress to find a path that better serves us all.

Created in 2012 by executive action, DACA addresses the problem of young people brought to this country without documentation when they were under 16, a group sometimes known as Dreamers. DACA invites them to declare themselves openly to the government. In return, provided that they meet strict criteria, such as having earned a high school diploma, being enrolled in higher education or engaged in the military, and having committed no serious crime, DACA allows them a Social Security number, a driver's license, authorization to work—and perhaps above all, relief from the fear of being deported. DACA is not a path to permanent citizenship; it grants a temporary but renewable opportunity for a normal life. And it applies only to the fixed pool of those who were brought to the US as children before June 2007.

Repeal would run counter to our national interest in at least two ways. First, it would remove productive workers from our economy, while costing the US government tens of billions in lost future tax revenues and the direct costs of deportation. And because Dreamers are, by definition, products of the US education system, driving them out would be throwing away a tremendous national investment. We should treat these

educated, English-speaking strivers not as a burden, but as a resource.

Repeal also strikes me as a violation of deep American principles. The plight of the Dreamers presents a profound question of fairness. Often starting from harsh personal circumstances, these young people have done what any American family might dream of for their child: Study hard, aim high, and earn a degree or a place in college or the military, on the road to a productive career. They are undocumented through no fault of their own. And when offered an opportunity to come out of the shadows, they did—because they trusted that our government would not punish them for it.

Could we ask for more, from any American?

Yet, as we see at MIT and at campuses across the country, the threat of DACA repeal is subjecting these young people to brutal uncertainty. Now, because of decisions made for them when they were children, they fear losing the opportunities they earned, the communities they think of as home, and the nation they love.

The surest way to provide the certainty these students deserve is for Congress to pass legislation protecting these Dreamers. As many polls have found, the vast majority of Americans oppose repeal of DACA. And many members of Congress, on both sides of the aisle, have proposed humane and sensible legislative solutions.

So I ask, in this urgent moment, that we unite as Americans in calling on Congress to bring a bill to the floor as soon as possible—and calling on Trump to allow Congress the time to get this right.

I came to this country 43 years ago. The US immigration system worked well for me. It granted me a student visa and eventually a green card. Years later, on a beautiful day that I will never forget, I became an American citizen. I have the particular patriotism of an immigrant, rooted in deep gratitude and appreciation for a country founded on a dream of fairness. I urge Trump and the Congress to find a sound, stable legislative path to keep that promise of fairness for the Dreamers, too.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARINES LANDING AT GUADALCANAL

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 1, 2017

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th Anniversary of our United States Marines' landing at Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands during World War II. Three-quarters of a century after this momentous event, the memory and sacrifice of these brave men should not be forgotten.

On August 7, 1942, Marines joined by our allies landed on the shores of the Solomon Islands to deny their use to our then-adversary, Imperial Japan. These Marines were joined by U.S. Navy vessels, as well as by ships and troops supplied by our Australian and British allies, in a series of 26 land and naval battles that collectively became known as the Battle of Guadalcanal. Two of our future presidents served there: John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon. Other Solomon Islanders served bravely as the famous Coastwatchers, providing the early warnings that allowed our outnumbered Marines to prevail against their enemies. Today, we look to the future with the

knowledge that the Marines' landing on this day three-quarters of a century ago was an important turning point in World War II's Pacific Theater.

To commemorate this important event, Marines and private citizens are currently in the process of dedicating a new monument atop the battlefield known as Bloody Ridge in Guadalcanal. Their efforts are supported and aided by the citizens and government of the Solomon Islands. The approaching ceremony to occur on the famous Bloody Ridge battle site recognizes the unity of spirit that today prevails among our allies and former adversaries, all of which are now charged with maintaining peace in the Pacific Ocean.

Mr. Speaker, as the efforts to create a monument to the heroism displayed by so many at Guadalcanal move forward, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the 75th anniversary of our Marines' historic landing at Guadalcanal.

HONORING SOPHIA BOQUIST

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 1, 2017

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sophia Boquist for earning her Congressional Award Silver Medal. These awards are given to outstanding young individuals who meet specific standards for voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and exploration. Sophia volunteered in a community award ceremony, cleaned a park trail, volunteered at the Travis Manion Foundation Heroes' Run and worked as a volunteer aide at the Ivy Hill Therapeutic Equestrian Center. Additionally, Sophia spent time developing her ability as a pianist and her skill as a diver. As a final step, Sophia showed great leadership in planning and executing a two-day canoe trip down the Delaware River. Sophia's commitment to public service and motivation to better herself should serve as an example to all of us.

IN SUPPORT OF H. RES. 274

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 1, 2017

Mr. TED LIEU OF California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the Baha'i Faith as Iran's largest religious minority group which has been subjected to state-sponsored persecution that has intensified since the Islamic Revolution of 1979. State-sponsored media has disseminated over 1,500 anti-Baha'i pieces every month in 2016, inciting hatred against the Baha'i community.

After Baha'i were barred from attending or teaching in Iranian universities, the Baha'i Institute for Higher Education (BIHE), an informal higher education system, was created in 1987 by members of the Baha'i community in Iran. In recent years, faculty and staff have been arrested and imprisoned for their participation in BIHE.

We must be very clear that education is not a crime. In any diplomatic engagement with

Iran, I urge the administration to make human rights and religious freedom, including the persecuted Baha'i, an integral part of the dialogue.

I fully support House Resolution 274, which condemns the government of Iran's state sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

REMEMBERING JOSEPH CALABRIA

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 1, 2017

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of Staten Island's Joseph Calabria, who passed away on July 28, 2017, at the age of 86.

A lifelong New Yorker, Joseph grew up in Brooklyn where he met his childhood sweetheart Josephine at a dance hall on Coney Island, whom he married in 1957. He nobly fought for his country during the Korean War. After joining the Army in October 1951, Joseph was responsible for delivering supplies and munitions to his fellow soldiers. When the war ended, he served his country further by tirelessly advocating for veterans.

As the former Commander of the local Korean War Veterans chapter, Joseph never stopped fighting for his brothers who wore the uniform. He was instrumental in changing the name of the Richmond Parkway to the Korean War Veterans Parkway. Moreover, he was influential in renaming P.S. 6 after Corporal Allan F. Kivlehan. These were no small feats, but Joseph never grew tired of fighting for those who put their life on the line for their country.

Joseph was also proud of his blue-collar roots. Working as a longshoreman for over forty years, he showed his compassion for the fellow working man by supporting them as a delegate for Local 856. Furthermore, Joseph was also a loving father to four wonderful children and a devoted grandfather to two.

Mr. Speaker, Joseph Calabria has spent his life in service to veterans, community, and country. I am saddened that he is no longer with us, but I know his compassion and patriotism will live on. He led a selfless life and for that, I salute him.

CONGRATULATING THE JEFFERSON CITY JAYS' BASEBALL TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 1, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Jefferson City Jays' Baseball Team on their first place win in the 2017 Missouri Class 5 Baseball State Championship. This team and their coaches should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

The team members include senior players Cole Ahrens, Kade Franks, Hayden