

In particular, I congratulate Mr. Robin Mui for his public service. His accomplishments and contributions to the Asian community I represent is immeasurable. Mr. Mui has been instrumental in increasing awareness and dialogue about issues and concerns that impact Asian American communities. Through their leadership, the Moy Family Association has championed numerous community causes and relief efforts for families impacted by tragedy. This includes raising millions of dollars for the American Red Cross during Hurricane Katrina and for the families of slain NYPD Officers Wenjian Liu and Officer Rafael Ramos in 2014.

As a nation, we must embrace the diverse cultures and organizations that have worked to advance the needs of all citizens and have helped to define what it means to be American. I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating the Moy's Family Association U.S.A. National Convention on this special occasion. I commend their public service and shared goal of enriching the lives of the constituents of my district. My best wishes for a successful event.

REMARKS BY STEPHEN W. CAMP

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD remarks made by the Reverend Stephen W. Camp at the Be the Light Interfaith Candle Lighting Vigil at Congregation Beth Israel in West Hartford, CT on August 23, 2017.

THE REVEREND STEPHEN W. CAMP, M.DIV.,
SENIOR PASTOR, FAITH CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF HARTFORD, CT

“The prophetic voice Maya Angelou once said, ‘I’ve learned that people will forget what you have said; people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.’

America was sent a message recently, a message that America rarely feels as deeply. As America watched the unfolding story centered in the little sleepy college town in Virginia, it was forced to feel, the kind of feeling that one never forgets. It was reminiscent of Selma and "Bloody Sunday." It brought to mind Birmingham with the dog and fire hoses; it reminded America of the open hostility and defiance of a George Wallace. As America watched in recent days, some were stirred by the memory of ancestors and family members being marched into ovens, reminded of some of the worst inhumanity that our world has produced. The genie, we thought, was back in the tightly dosed bottle, the monster was locked away in its cage, but here it was again raring its ugly head, saying, "I'm not dead yet! America felt pain once again.

For some I'm sure, it simply felt like a scab had been ripped off an old wound. Still others may have thought these days were behind us, a past just-as-soon forgotten. But lest we forget, lest we ignore for even a moment—this pain rooted in forced Indian reservations and the buying and selling of human beings, lest we forget, it will surely surface and seek to cause havoc and pain until it is faced and fixed. The events of late teach all of us, as if any had doubt; that America is not healed yet. The work is not done. It seems just yesterday that Jewish

cemeteries were vandalized, or just the other day that terrorist bombed a mosque or burned churches in the south. Were they just isolated incidents? No, but somehow they connected us and called us to feel, to be awake, to be alert—to mobilize for good. And here we are again.

Charlottesville conjured up old feelings. Many who marched in Charlottesville that day, as we watched, most of us glued to the television, as they boldly marched, unhooded this time, khaki wearing white men, with their contorted angry faces, and carrying tiki torches, trying it seemed to desperately symbolize their power, their might, but only succeeding to pull back the scab and memory of historic oppression, failing to offer even a flickering of light, and of peace. We watched with sadness while they shouted hateful words and embodied a most detestable part of the American mosaic, frankly, only making many of us remember and feel the acute sickness that is still a part of America. For those who marched with counter intent, with "never again" etched upon their hearts, with "non-violent direct action" embedded in their spirit, many of them young people who have gotten the lessons that many of us who are older have tried to teach. So many counteracted and confronted, they stood tall and whether we liked it or not, they stood their ground and they gave us hope that one day the pain would give way to promise.

We can take heart, because through them we knew that “we shall indeed, overcome.” But dearly, we have not yet reached that Promised Land. We have not yet fully embraced the place that Dr. King and Rabbi Hershel who marched arm in arm tried to show and to teach us. We haven’t yet felt how Malcom who epitomized both the hope and the worry of the movement for justice, worry that integrity in the movement would be comprised given the times they were in, yet united with a yearning to taste real freedom for all. All of them understood that justice had a cost attached to it. However, we still haven’t learned yet, how to include all the voices, sit with all the pain, open and feel all of the diverse ways we are together, but there is hope shining through, maybe given the Boston event, that we will get there. The beloved community will one day be! Think of the blueprint that was left to us, the light that was given and passed to us, as they each in their own ways, gave their lives to pass on to us, a real hope for a better tomorrow.

What I guess Charlottesville has challenged me to do, is to keep singing songs of justice, keep speaking words of peace. The challenge is to sing a new song in this often strange land, this place where America is still striving to form a more perfect union, this place where free speech should always be celebrated, must always be protected, but never allowed by any to be abused. We are called to sing together the words of peace, the words of hope, sing so as to feel that hope and that peace until it is never forgotten, until it is so deeply felt that no one is left behind without voice or value.

So we come together again, gathered by the many ways God gathers us, we come together to sing even when we may not feel like singing, sing even though the words may not always be dear to us or the language understood by everyone is not plain. We come together to share words of peace, even when it seems the world is bent upon acts of violent expression. We come together knowing that love trumps hate, that without love and hope we perish, so we hope, we believe and work for a better day.

Maya Angelou was right, people will never forget—when it is felt. It is our work, to help each other feel the presence of peace. It's our work to care for one another, to bind up

those who are broken, to repair the world and make the world a just place for all. This is our work to feel, not the hate that some would have us feel, but to offer a binding, sustaining and enduring feeling that builds community and opens hearts to know and feel that another world is possible. It is there, don't you feel it, can't you see it? It is there, just over the horizon. Let's go there together! Thank you.'

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 485 regarding "On Motion to Suspend the Rules" (H.R. 2611). Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I missed the vote on Roll Call vote 516. I would have voted aye on Roll Call number 516.

DESIGNATION OF MAPLE VALLEY, WASHINGTON AS A PURPLE HEART CITY

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the City of Maple Valley, in light of its designation as a Purple Heart City. The City of Maple Valley will be the first in Washington's Eighth Congressional District to become a Purple Heart, as well as the third city in the State of Washington. Additionally, the designation falls on the anniversary of 9/11, an event that will forever be seen in our hearts as a symbol of strength, hope, and freedom.

The Purple Heart is awarded to wounded members of the armed forces of the United States as a combat decoration for their commitment to our great country. As you visit the City of Maple Valley, you will find a road sign explaining the Purple Heart significance, which reminds all those visiting, of the sacrifice made for a just and free civilization. Furthermore, I would like to also thank the Boy Scout Troop 711 for building the display case for the plaques and other Purple Heart memorabilia, for the public to observe, learn and enjoy.

I thank the City of Maple Valley for its dedication to our armed forces who've risked their lives for ours. The City will not only be known as a beautiful place for wilderness, recreation and to raise a family; but one as an allegiance to our public servants.

RECOGNIZING GOUVERNEUR
HEALTH

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gouverneur Health and its dedicated professional staff and volunteers for the critical work they are doing for patients and families in New York City.

Gouverneur Health is a Medicare and Medicaid certified center. It is one of the largest institutions in Lower Manhattan, and the largest freestanding ambulatory care center in New York State.

Gouverneur Health has taken care of the ever-changing population of the Lower East Side for more than a century. Gouverneur's dedicated and professional staff removes barriers caused by language, culture and income, enabling patients to make informed decisions vital to their physical, mental and social well-being.

With Gouverneur's help, our neighbors receive important disease prevention information and screenings to ensure a healthy future for children and hard-working families. These important services have grown and evolved over the past century, proving that the hospital is responsive to the needs of the community.

As they celebrate 132 years of tremendous work, I am confident that NYC Health + Hospitals Gouverneur will continue to build on its history of service and find many more years of success.

HONORING ANGELO R.
MARTINELLI

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and former colleague in government, Angelo R. Martinelli, who has done so much to strengthen and promote the Yonkers community and beyond.

Though known as a Yonkers staple, Angelo was actually born in the Bronx and grew up in Mt. Vernon. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1946 with the rank of Sergeant.

Upon returning home, Angelo worked in the family business, The Yonkers Daily Times, and in 1948 he bought the Gazette Press, the oldest printing firm in Westchester County.

In 1973, Angelo was elected Mayor of the City of Yonkers. He served from 1974 to 1979 and again from 1982 to 1987, making him the longest-tenured mayor of Yonkers. During his career, Angelo held a number of other offices and positions in national and state organizations, which earned him a reputation as an effective and forceful advocate for municipal government interests, especially in the areas of senior-citizen and anti-crime programs.

In addition, Angelo has served on the Board of Directors of the Yonkers Police Athletic League since 1991 and as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce for 22 years. In 1976, he was one

of the founding members of the Untermyer Performing Arts Council. He previously served on the Board of St. Joseph's Medical Center and was Chairman of the Advisory Board of St. Patrick's Home for the Aged and Infirm. He was also the President of the Queen's Daughters Day Care Center, and, in January 1984, Mercy College conferred upon him an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

Angelo has always been a passionate man when it comes to public service, but his greatest passion and love always belonged to his family. He was married to his beloved late wife, Carol, for 65 years. Together their family grew to include their six sons, five daughters-in-law, twelve grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. In 2016, Angelo once again demonstrated his commitment and love for the City of Yonkers, by donating the funds to restore the Temple of Love at the historic Untermyer Gardens in memory of his late wife, Carol. The donation served as a beautiful tribute to both his city and the amazing woman he loved.

It is truly an honor to have a friend like Angelo, just as it is an honor for me to recognize him here today. I thank Angelo for his years of service to our community. Yonkers is surely a better place for all he has done on its behalf.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3354) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes:

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of my amendment numbered 86 to Division C of H.R. 3354 printed in House Report 115–297 to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish standards for acceptable levels of pyrrhotite in concrete aggregate, and to continue providing technical assistance to those interested in pyrrhotite detection, prevention, and mitigation tools.

Pyrrhotite is a rare natural mineral that has been found in higher than normal concentrations in stone aggregate used in concrete poured for residential foundations in northern Connecticut and Massachusetts. Over time, pyrrhotite oxidizes, expanding within the foundation and causing the foundation wall to bow and crack. Severe cracking weakens the foundation to the point of collapse over a period of 10–15 years, and potentially thousands of homeowners in the region could see their homes collapse.

By establishing standards for pyrrhotite content, NIST could prevent a similar problem from occurring in residential buildings in other areas. In addition, providing technical assistance to those already affected by this problem will help establish best practices for mitigation of pyrrhotite-related damage. I look forward to

continuing to work with the Appropriations Committee and the agency on this important issue, and I urge the adoption of my amendment.

HONORING BARBARA GRIMM-MARSHALL AND KARI GRIMM-ANDERSON FOR THEIR DEDICATED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and am joined by my colleague from California, Mr. VALADAO, to recognize two outstanding leaders in our community: Barbara Grimm-Marshall and Kari Grimm-Anderson. Throughout the years, Barbara and Kari have been deeply involved in our community and it comes as no surprise they have each been named by the Kern County Fair as 2017 Person of the Year.

Every year, the Kern County Fair attracts families from all over the Central Valley to partake in the unique festivities ranging from the Great American Duck Race to the highly-competitive 4-H livestock showcases. However, we also take time to acknowledge and pay tribute to individuals who have improved our community with the Person of the Year award.

While Barbara and Kari may be known for their leadership roles with the world's largest carrot operation through their family-owned farm, Grimmway Enterprises, Inc., they have each played an integral part in the betterment of our community. Notably, in 1998, Grimmway Enterprises created a college scholarship program for the children of their employees that has provided access to higher education through more than 300 college scholarships.

Through their philanthropic endeavors, Barbara and Kari have been instrumental in helping students in rural regions of the Central Valley prepare for college, while also working to address the increasing prevalence of childhood diabetes and obesity through various programs and outreach efforts.

Barbara founded and currently serves as the CEO of the Grimm Family Education Foundation and has worked tirelessly to establish rural charter schools throughout Kern County to ensure students have access to a world-class education. In August 2011, the Foundation opened the Grimmway Academy in Arvin, California, enrolling more than 280 students Kindergarten through third grade. Today, the Academy has two campuses, one in Arvin and the other in Shafter, with total enrollment surpassing 1,200 students for the 2017–2018 school year. Additionally, the Foundation recently opened the Buena Vista Edible Schoolyard, dedicated to exposing students to the many facets of agricultural and environmental stewardship in the region.

Kari is widely known for her insight and contributions to a number of civically-minded groups, including the Board of Directors for the Junior League of Bakersfield and the Board of Regents at Concordia University, Irvine. Similarly, Barbara has dedicated her time serving on various boards, such as the Lori Brock Children's Museum, St. John's Lutheran Church, the California State University