

he passed away on May 26, 1976, the impact of his contributions to this country and to those whose lives he touched remains just as strong today. His children continue to honor his legacy by engaging in community building and serving others, values that their father instilled in all of them.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the service and life of a man whose commitment to serving others was displayed through a life of service to his country and community. It is both fitting and appropriate that we recognize Sergeant Yurong, who made sacrifices for the freedoms enjoyed by our country, served with distinction, and went on to leave a legacy that is carried on by his family today as he is honored for his service. I join the family of Sergeant Fred Cuaresma Yurong and wish them the best as we honor his service with the Congressional Gold Medal along with the other Filipino Veterans of World War II.

SUPPORTING MEASURES AGAINST IRAN AND HEZBOLLAH (H.R. 1698, H. RES. 359, H.R. 3342, & H.R. 3329)

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of four critical pieces of legislation that will significantly strengthen our efforts to counter the Iranian menace in the Middle East.

Appropriately, these measures follow the President's determination, announced two weeks ago, that the suspension of sanctions under the Iran nuclear deal no longer serves the national security interests of the United States. President Trump's determination simply acknowledges the reality that has existed since day one of the deal—the nuclear deal put the United States on a perilous course to confronting a nuclear armed Iran.

By agreeing to submit to a minimal and inadequate standard of inspections, Iran earned international recognition of its enrichment program, reaped billions of dollars in sanctions relief, and positioned itself to become a nuclear threshold power by the time the deal expires in less than a decade. In addition to these unacceptable concessions, Tehran managed to secure an agreement that ignores its massive support for international terrorism and its pursuit of nuclear blackmail through an advanced ballistic missile program.

Mr. Speaker, the bills we are considering today are a first step towards correcting the balance in our relationship with the Iranian regime—a balance that must have as its first priority the national security interests of the United States and its regional allies, especially Israel.

My good friend and Chairman, Ed ROYCE, introduced two of these pieces of legislation that will expand and refine sanctions against Iran's ballistic missile program, its trade in conventional weapons, and the illicit network of financial support for its regional terrorist proxy Hezbollah. H.R. 1698, the Iran Ballistic Missiles and International Sanctions Enforcement Act, and H.R. 3329, the Hezbollah International Financing Prevention Amendments Act of 2017, target the money and resources

that enable Iran and Hezbollah to terrorize the State of Israel and other civilian populations across the region. Both of these bills rightly enjoy large bipartisan support—I am proud to join more than 320 of my colleagues in co-sponsoring H.R. 1698 and more than 110 have co-sponsored H.R. 3329.

Mr. Speaker, I also stand today in support of H.R. 3342, the Sanctioning Hezbollah's Illicit Use of Civilians as Defenseless Shields Act, introduced by my good friend MIKE GALAGHER, and H. Res. 359, introduced by my friend TED DEUTCH, urging the European Union to designate Hezbollah in its entirety as a terrorist organization. These bills expose Hezbollah for what it is: a merciless organized crime organization wrapped in a terrorist organization, masquerading as a political party. H.R. 3342 directs the President to apply penalties, principally visa bans, against individuals determined to direct Hezbollah's use of innocent human lives to protect its cruel mechanisms of murder. Meanwhile, H. Res. 359 urges the European Union to recognize what should be plain as day: there is no merely political wing to Hezbollah. Rather, the entire organization is dedicated to expanding Iranian influence in the region and threatening Israel's existence by all means possible.

Mr. Speaker, the United States Congress must get these bills to the President's desk as soon as possible. Just this week, Prime Minister Netanyahu addressed the Israeli Knesset and underscored the urgent task of denying Iran's attempts to secure strategic footholds in Syria and acquire nuclear weapons. Also this week, Defense Minister Lieberman told Israeli legislators that a volley of rockets fired into the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights from Syria was "intentional . . . carried out by a cell operated by Hezbollah."

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to note that Monday was the 34th anniversary of the horrific 1983 bombing of the U.S. Marine Corps Barracks in Beirut perpetrated by Hezbollah with Iranian support that killed 241 Americans. Just a few blocks away from here, at the Marine Corps Barracks in Washington D.C., Vice President Pence commemorated this anniversary on Monday, vowing that America will never forget those who gave everything in service to their country. Our fight against Hezbollah began that October day in Beirut and we must see it through until the evil of Iran and Hezbollah are completely vanquished.

I urge my colleagues to pass these critical measures to honor the memory of our fallen soldiers and our unfinished work against this pernicious threat.

A TRIBUTE TO MARCELLA HAMANN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Marcella Hamann of Atlantic, Iowa, on the special occasion of her 100th birthday.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Marcella's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television,

cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Marcella lived through eighteen United States presidents and twenty-two governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent Marcella in the United States Congress and I'm proud to recognize her today on this momentous occasion. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating her and in wishing nothing but continued happiness.

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S. ARMY SERGEANT (SGT) JACOB DAN DONES

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of U.S. Army Sergeant (SGT) Jacob Dan Dones who died while defending our great nation on October 20, 2005, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. SGT Dones was killed when his forward operating base was attacked by enemy forces using indirect fire in Hit, Iraq. SGT Dones was assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Irwin, California that was task organized under the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Tupelo, Mississippi.

According to the Associated Press, SGT Dones was born March 5, 1984, in Dimmitt, Texas. SGT Dones enlisted in the U.S. Army shortly after his graduation from Dimmitt High School in 2002.

SGT Dones was remembered by many who knew him on a memorial website. Elizabeth Nunez of San Diego, California wrote a tribute in his honor. "I served with Jacob for a few days while I was on election duty in Hit, Iraq. He was one of the soldiers providing security for the elections and I was one of four female Marines there to search female Iraqis who came to vote. He was a great guy and kept all of us laughing and helped us to not be afraid. I still cry when I think about him and what a shining light he was to all of us on the election team."

A funeral service was held at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church located in SGT Dones' hometown. Following the service, SGT Dones was laid to rest at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt, Texas.

SGT Dones is survived by his parents, Danny Dones and Rosa Dones; his fiancee, Mindy LeAnn Gonzales; his daughter, Alyssa Monique Gonzales; his two brothers, Daniel Dones and Jason James Dones; his two sisters, Jessica Ramirez and Priscilla Rojas; his paternal grandparents, George Dones and Maria Estella Layva; and his maternal grandmother, Guadalupe Ramirez.

SGT Dones was the recipient of the following awards: the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon and the Combat Infantryman's Badge (CIB). He was an Expert Infantry Rifleman (EIR).

SGT Dones demonstrated courage and bravery protecting the freedoms we all enjoy. His service and sacrifice for America will not be forgotten.

HONORING MAYOR JAMES “JIM” OSCOVITCH, TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM, NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor James “JIM” Oscovitch from the Township of Byram, New Jersey.

Mayor James “JIM” Oscovitch has given over 20 years of service to the Township of Byram and its residents as an elected official, beginning his first term as a Council member in 1997 and then becoming Mayor in 2009. During that time, he served on its Planning Board and Recreation Committee. Jim has also served on the Board of Directors for the New Jersey Conference of Mayors, and as a member of Legislative Committee on Land Use for the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

Jim is also very active within the community. He was a founding Board member of the Friends of Waterloo Village; a past Co-Chairman of the Andover-Byram Chamber of Commerce; and a past Board of Governors member and Parliamentarian of the Cranberry Lake Community Club. He has also served as a coach in the Township’s youth sports programs and Byram’s Boy Scout Troop 276, along with his son Matthew. An outdoors enthusiast, Jim can regularly be seen hiking and biking local trails, or conducting spin classes at a local fitness center.

Jim has always been a very “hands-on” elected official, and in over eight years as Mayor, he has worked hard to establish a high level of professionalism within the township. Jim quickly earned a reputation for maintaining respect and decorum during public meetings. As “the face of Byram Township,” he has earned the respect of our neighboring municipalities and Sussex County, working closely with them to establish and maintain shared services programs.

Jim Oscovitch is ending his over two decades of service to Byram on December 31, 2017. As Byram’s Mayor—and most importantly, as a friend to Byram residents—Jim motivates everyone he works with to do their best. I am proud to have someone of his caliber among my constituents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating Mayor James “Jim” Oscovitch, on the occasion of his 20 years of extraordinary public service.

TRIBUTE TO HON. JULIAN L. RIDLEN

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a prominent Hoosier leader. Mr. Julian Ridlen passed away on October 10, 2017 surrounded by his loving family.

Julian was born to Charles Fred and Doris Franklin Ridlen in Decatur, Illinois on February 4, 1940. He graduated from MacArthur High School in 1958. On June 1, 1963, Julian was married to his wife Susanne Smith in Logansport, Indiana.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in history, with minors in political science, chemistry, and English from Anderson University. He then pursued his J.D. at the George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C. before becoming a practicing attorney in 1968.

Anyone who knew Julian will tell you that he held three remarkable qualities: he was a historian, a true statesman, and had a deep love for the political process. He was no stranger to public service and frequently sought opportunities to provide leadership in various levels of government. He was elected City Court Judge in Logansport in 1971 and again in 1975. He then served as Indiana State Treasurer for two terms from 1979–1987. During this period, Julian was responsible for the creation of the Indiana Bond Bank, which has had a significant impact on the State of Indiana by helping us utilize our outstanding bond ratings and passing the interest savings onto all of our local schools, county and city governments, parks, and countless other entities. For the past ten years, Julian served as Judge of the Cass Circuit Court, serving as Senior Judge until his retirement in December 2016. In this capacity, he spearheaded many local initiatives that will benefit our community and the great State of Indiana for years to come.

Julian possessed another quality that can be recognized all too well: a servant’s heart. Over the years, he was very active in various local organizations throughout our community, giving back more than we could ever return to him. He served in leadership positions as President of the Red Cross Board, Chairman of the U.S. Bicentennial Committee, Vice President of the United Fund, and President of the Youth Services Bureau. He was an active member of the Kiwanis Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Mental Health Association, and the Salvation Army. Julian also served as an Elder and taught Sunday school at Calvary Presbyterian Church.

Julian leaves behind his wife, Susanne, to carry on his legacy of service to fellow Hoosiers. His passing is a great loss for our community and the State of Indiana. Today, we recognize and respect that he led an amazing life and impacted more lives than we will ever know. Rest in peace Julian, he will never be forgotten.

HONORING JIMMY TERRY, SR.

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, today we honor Jimmy Terry, Sr., beloved pastor, devoted family man, tireless community leader, and passionate proclaimer of the love of Jesus.

Raised by his beloved “Aunt Lucy” in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Pastor Terry served in the United States Navy on the USS Saratoga and in his hometown of Dayton, Ohio before he was called to minister to Clarksville-Mont-

gomery County, first as pastor of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, then as founder of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church and Christian School.

Although renowned statewide for his vast civic involvement in the NAACP, Legend Bank, Chamber of Commerce, United Way, hospitals, colleges and associations, it was his gift of uniting people through powerful prayer, joyous celebration, and the simplicity of the words “I love you” that made him such a Tennessee treasure. His servant leadership, continual encouragement, and fierce defense of the Christian faith inspired thousands. His mission to return Christ to the central meanings of Christmas and Easter became The Jesus Sign Ministry, extending from Clarksville-Montgomery County to all 95 Tennessee counties to communities nationwide. His life’s work was his life.

On June 21, 2017 Pastor Terry left Clarksville on the evening train to Glory. His influence is far-reaching, his legacy is profound, and his impact in our community is immeasurable. We rejoice in simply knowing him.

A TRIBUTE TO JACK AND MONA QUEE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jack and Mona Quee, of Afton, Iowa for being selected as Union County’s 2017 inductee into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame.

Over the past 50 years, the Quees have been stepping up to help with youth wherever help is needed. From organizing food for the Saddle Club trail rides, to chaperoning youth while camping at the Iowa State Fair, Jack and Mona have been providing youth leadership in Union County for generations. It was in 1970 that they first became involved with 4-H as Horse and Riders club leaders and haven’t stopped helping out since.

Mr. Speaker, Jack and Mona’s efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent them, and Iowans like them, in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Jack and Mona for this award and wishing them nothing but continued success.

HONORING DR. MICHAEL SNELL ON EARNING THE “SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD” FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I extend my sincere congratulations to Dr. Michael Snell, Superintendent of the Central York School District, for being named the “Superintendent of the Year” by the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators.