

Vance, Michael Nyari, Keller Taylor, Zuri Kalix, Darren Carroll.

Christopher A. Horner, John Thomas, Jim Snock, Mark Potent, Scott Martin, Jessica Leal, Kevin Murphy, Michael Ray, Nancy Mayers, Pat Mattes.

Mr. Speaker, again, I thank these men and women for their service to our community.

HONORING WASHINGTON PHOTO SAFARI

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the District of Columbia-based Washington Photo Safari, which has just hosted the 35,000th participant in its amateur photographers training program.

Founded by professional architectural photographer E. David Luria, Washington Photo Safari was the first community-based field photography training program in the country. With 11 instructors, the program provides more than 40 photography skill sets in 140 different venues throughout the District.

Most of Washington Photo Safari's participants come from the D.C.-area. The 'participants' skill levels range from people who have just bought their first camera to seasoned professional photographers who value Mr. Luria's knowledge of when, where and how to capture the best images in the District.

Averaging just six to seven participants per training session, the "photo safaris" take place at some of the District's most iconic landmarks, including the National Mall, Washington National Cathedral, Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, Tidal Basin, Capitol Hill, Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, Smithsonian National Zoo, National Gallery of Art and National Museum of American History.

The Washington Photo Safari has received Trip Advisor's Certificate of Excellence Award for the past five years due to dozens of five-star reviews from its customers, solidifying its place on Trip Advisor's list of top 10 outdoor activities in the District. In addition, with its success, similar programs have been implemented in 20 other U.S. cities with guidance provided by Washington Photo Safari.

Therefore, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Washington Photo Safari for its achievements and contributions to the District of Columbia tourism industry, as well as for serving as a member organization of Destination DC, Cultural Tourism of DC and the National Cherry Blossom Festival.

INTRODUCING THE RECIDIVISM REDUCTION ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to join me in co-sponsoring the Recidivism Reduction Act to

help streamline our Social Security system and reinstate fairness for ex-offenders who have served their time.

The Recidivism Reduction Act will quickly restore federal disability benefits for eligible individuals after incarceration. Access to federal disability and health care benefits is a critical component of successful re-entry into the community when individuals are released from prison or jail, especially among the mentally ill.

Typically, federal disability benefits are either suspended or terminated depending on the length of incarceration. However, upon release these benefits should be reinstated promptly to help provide access to essential treatment services and supports, housing and necessary income. Currently, due to barriers in federal law, it often takes several months to reinstate benefits. Addressing this delay will help foster successful transitions into the community and reduce the likelihood of recidivism.

The bill does not grant individuals new benefits; rather it removes bureaucratic hurdles to ensure that individuals promptly receive the benefits to which they are entitled in order to break the cycle of recidivism.

When individuals have prompt access to disability and medical benefits after incarceration, they are better equipped to transition successfully into the community, which would help reduce prison overcrowding and save taxpayer money. By cosponsoring the Recidivism Reduction Act, we can make the technical corrections to current law that will make a real difference.

WENDY AND JEFF MAURER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, this year, the Hebrew Home at Riverdale is celebrating its incredible 100th anniversary, and on that special occasion they have chosen to honor two individuals who have given so much back to the community, Wendy and Jeff Maurer.

For Wendy and Jeff, philanthropy comes from the heart and is an integral part of their lives. They have devoted their time and resources to a select group of meaningful not-for-profit organizations, focusing predominately on Jewish and health causes that truly make a difference in countless lives. Wendy and Jeff's ties to the Hebrew Home are strong and deep rooted. Jeff's great grandparents were among the initial families who founded the Hebrew Home in 1917; his grandparents and parents, and Wendy's parents were all residents at the Home. In 1991 Jeff joined the Board of the Hebrew Home and became Chairman of the Board in 2004.

Under Jeff's leadership, and in collaboration with the Home's executive management and Board, the Hebrew Home has expanded significantly, evolving into RiverSpring Health. The organization has grown from 1,000 older adults in its care, to 12,000 throughout New York City, continuing its great legacy.

Wendy served as Sisterhood President and Board member of Temple Israel of Great Neck, and has held a number of roles with the Manhattan chapter of the UJA Federation, most recently as co-chair of Connections, an arm of women's philanthropy. She left teach-

ing in 1975 to raise their two children and to concentrate on the family's charitable interests, as well as to further her own education. She earned her Masters in Social Work in 1991.

Wendy and Jeff have done so much for our community, and have helped countless individuals along the way. They are most deserving of this wonderful recognition from the Hebrew Home and I want to congratulate them both on this great honor.

IN HONOR OF BARBARA BUSH MIDDLE SCHOOL, IRVING, TEXAS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Barbara Bush Middle School located in the Valley Ranch area of Irving, Texas. This prestigious school was named after America's former First Lady, Barbara Bush, in honor of her commitment to public education and the good of all children. Barbara Bush Middle School opened its doors during the fall of 1998 as the sixth middle school in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District. In 2010, the campus was authorized as an International Baccalaureate World School offering the Middle Years Program. This institution serves and celebrates a wonderfully diverse community and student body.

As they soon celebrate their twenty year anniversary, Barbara Bush Middle School, home of the Broncos, has accrued numerous accolades in Academics, Fine Arts, Athletics, and individual accomplishments at both the local and state levels. Students participate and compete in a wide array of activities within the University Interscholastic League: orchestra, band, choir, theatre, basketball, cheerleading, football, track and field, volleyball, soccer, art, writing, oral reading, and spelling. The awards that the school has earned includes medals from the Special Olympics Competition in bowling and track and field, progression belts in the Kick Start Karate Program, and even the awarding of "Ambassador of the Year" by the Friends of Texas Public Schools to Principal Matthew Warnock in 2012.

Barbara Bush Middle School is fortunate to receive significant and ongoing support from the community's civic organizations, churches, businesses and their own Parent-Teacher Association in the form of scholarships, grants, volunteer hours and donations. The school, on average, has about eighty students each year take part in a mentorship program made possible by local churches and Big Hope, as well as gifts of school supplies and other necessities often given to students by local businesses. To help foster global caring and responsibility, and to show appreciation for all that is done on behalf of the school, the Barbara Bush Middle School Broncos have enthusiastically contributed thousands of dollars and other items to numerous local, national and international charities such as: The Pulsara Project-Color the World, Limbs International, Operation Kindness, UNICEF, North Texas Food Bank, Metrocrest Services, American Heart Association, Children Cancer Fund, and victims of natural disasters such as Hurricanes Katrina and Harvey.

The teachers, staff, and students of Barbara Bush Middle School constantly strive to honor the former First Lady's legacy, which is captured in their school's motto, "It's a great day to be a Bronco at Barbara Bush Middle School where our number one goal is high achievement for each student!" Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent the fine members of Barbara Bush Middle School. I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in wishing the school continued success in all of its endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE SENTINEL OF SAFETY AWARD WINNERS

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize twenty mining companies awarded the National Mining Association's (NMA) Sentinels of Safety award, the oldest occupational safety and health award in our nation. Presented annually, the award recognizes mines that have worked the most employee hours in a year without experiencing an injury.

In addition to the Sentinels award, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health recognized three mining companies that "have made an extraordinary effort to apply technology or improve processes in innovative ways, above and beyond mandatory requirements, to improve mine worker safety and health."

The Sentinels award was created in 1925 by a mining engineer, then-Secretary of Commerce and future President Herbert Hoover, who desired to "stimulate greater interest in safety among the nation's mineral extractive industries and to encourage the development of more effective accident prevention programs by accordinng national recognition to operations achieving outstanding safety records."

The U.S. mining industry continues to make great strides in safety performance. Last year, 85 percent of the more than 11,000 mines in our country operated without a single injury. This year's Sentinels award winners are the top twenty operations among the 3,500 mines operating without a single injury.

The National Mining Association continues to be a leader in mine safety and health.

Our miners are indeed a precious national resource serving as the front-end of the supply chain for the energy, minerals and materials that are indispensable to our standard of living and prosperity. We should be thankful for what they provide our great country and proud of them for being both more productive and safer than ever before.

The following are the 2016 NMA Sentinels of Safety and NIOSH technology award winners: Freedom Mine—The Coteau Properties Co., Barrick Cortez—Barrick Cortez, Inc., South Arturo Mine—Barrick Goldstrike Mines, Inc., Barrick Cortez Underground—Barrick Cortez, Bull Mountains Mine No. 1—Signal Peak Energy, LLC, Briggs Plant—Fordyce Holdings, Inc., Murphy Plant—Fordyce Holdings, Inc., Ceredo Dock—Kanawha River Terminals, LLC, Cargill Deicing Technology, Cleveland—Cargill, Inc., St. Genevieve Facility—Tower Rock Stone Co., Portage Aggregate & Supply LLC, Curtin Gap Quarry—Han-

son Aggregates Pennsylvania LLC, Siderite Mine—Sidco Minerals Inc., Coon Cedar Grove Mine—Marfork Coal Co., LLC, Buick Mine/Mill—The Doe Run Co., Decker's Creek Limestone Co—Decker's Creek Limestone Co., Kinross Gold, Freeport-McMoRan, Peabody.

On behalf of Alabama's First Congressional and the entire House, I applaud this year's winners and look forward to continuing to advocate for the health and safety of our miners throughout my time in Congress.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. RUBIE ELLA NIXON SCHUMPERT

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great South Carolinian and accomplished educator who will celebrate her 100th birthday on November 22nd.

Mrs. Rubie Ella Nixon Schumpert is the third of nine children born to Mr. Sumter Nixon and Mrs. Ella Bell Suber Nixon on November 22, 1917. She received her elementary education in South Carolina and Maryland, and her high school education at Harbison Institute in Irmo, South Carolina where she was class valedictorian.

She attended Barber-Scotia and Benedict colleges and obtained her Masters of Education degree from South Carolina State College. She did further studies at Wake Forest University and the University of South Carolina. Mrs. Schumpert earned certification in six areas of study: Elementary Education, Social Studies, English, Mathematics, French and Counseling.

Mrs. Schumpert began her professional career in Lexington County, South Carolina, where she served as an elementary and high school teacher, head teacher and elementary school principal. Later in her career, she worked in Richland County School District One at C.A. Johnson High School as a guidance counselor and was chair of the Math Department. While at C.A. Johnson, Mrs. Schumpert co-authored a mathematics textbook through a federal grant for non-college bound students through the University of South Carolina.

She recorded television lessons for the U.S. military to help young soldiers achieve success in algebra courses. She also served on Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) committees evaluating schools across the state of South Carolina. Upon retiring from the District One School System, Mrs. Schumpert worked at Benedict College as a professor of mathematics for ten years. She has long been active in the community serving on numerous professional and civic organizations.

Mrs. Schumpert was married to the late John Barton Schumpert, and they had two daughters, LaVerne S. (Alphonso) Bassard and LaMaris S. Mack. She also has four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I began my professional career as a classroom teacher in the public schools of South Carolina, and I have always revered the profession of educator, especially those at the grade school level. I am honored to pay tribute to this great educator, Mrs.

Rubie Ella Nixon Schumpert and ask that you and my colleagues join me in wishing her a Happy 100th birthday.

HONORING HEBREW HOME 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is a true privilege for me to honor one of the great institutions in my district, the Hebrew Home, which this year is celebrating its remarkable 100th Anniversary.

Operated by RiverSpring Health, The Hebrew Home for the Aged's history dates back to 1917, when a group of civic minded individuals began providing shelter for poor, aging immigrants in a small synagogue in Harlem. As the needs of the community grew, so did the Hebrew Home. They expanded their reach by moving to a beautiful 32-acre campus in Riverdale, where they then became known as the Hebrew Home at Riverdale.

From there, the Hebrew Home's services continued to expand. Today they offer many options to meet the evolving needs of older adults. In addition to their award winning nursing care, their care solutions include assisted living, independent living, rehabilitation services, care management, home care options, and specialized programs including elder abuse prevention. With a comprehensive and caring approach to healthy aging, the RiverSpring Health family of care solutions offers help and support to over 12,000 residents, patients, and members, empowering them to live the fullest lives they can each and every day.

Of course, to meet its mission of helping older adults live full lives the Hebrew Home must maintain strong leadership. It starts at the top with Dan Reingold, the CEO and President of Hebrew Home, who has been instrumental in the Home's continued success and sterling reputation. Dan and his team have done tremendous work day after day and I am proud to call him a friend.

As Congressman for the Northwest Bronx I am truly fortunate to have such a wonderful institution working with me as a partner in the community. With their countless years of expertise, a commitment to healthy aging, and compassion for our communities, the RiverSpring Health team has been dedicated to helping families live forward, every day. Congratulations to the entire Hebrew Home organization on 100 years of exemplary service to the community.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and