

and to congratulate them on obtaining a grant through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Federal Grant Commission.

The Waco Eagles Motorcycle Club was formed 1934 and chartered with the American Motorcyclist Association in 1951. They are the second oldest chartered club with the American Motorcyclist Association in the United States.

In 1948, the Waco Eagles built the Waco Eagles Motocross Dirt Bike Park. The park has since provided countless hours of recreational off-road activities to families in Central Texas. The track provides open access to its club members and also hosts monthly organized races.

The park has been more than a place to ride bikes, it has become a place where families have gathered for generations, bringing their campers and barbecues to enjoy the comradery of fellow dirt bike enthusiasts. The club also gives back to the community, holding fund raisers to help Central Texas families in need.

In 2016 the Waco Eagles Motorcycle Club caught the attention of Librado Cobian, a current resident of Hawaii who is soon to be a Wacoan. He has been involved in dirt-biking and he wanted to find a cause to support in his new hometown. Mr. Cobian met with the president of the club and explained that he found a government grant for trail upgrades and that he could help the club apply to get funding for their park. According to the Waco Eagles, Mr. Cobian was diligent in gathering information for the grant and supporting the application process.

On May 24, 2018 the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission awarded the park \$390,560 through the National Recreational Trails Fund to upgrade park through trail renovation, maintenance equipment and handicap accessible facilities. These enhancements will benefit the families of Central Texas and will create a venue that can be enjoyed by future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Mr. Librado Cobian for the work that he did to obtain the grant and the rest of the Waco Eagles Motorcycle Club for the work they have done for the Waco community.

I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our military men and women who protect us from external threats, and for our first responders who protect us in our communities.

CELEBRATING THE 99TH BIRTHDAY OF WEBSTER WASHINGTON, SR.

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a good and decent man from the northern Shenandoah Valley, Mr. Webster Washington, on the occasion of his 99th birthday. Born on April 20, 1919, on a cattle farm in Stone Bridge, in Clarke County, Virginia, Web Washington was the 5th child among 11 siblings. His father was the manager of the farm and his mother was a stay-at-home mom, taking care of Web and his brothers and sisters.

Although Mr. Washington does not dwell on it, as an African-American man born on a farm in Clarke County in the early 20th Century, his opportunities were very limited. He did most of his schooling at White Post School, involving a 2 mile walk each way. Because he didn't have the transportation or money to go on to school in Berryville, as soon as he graduated from White Post in the 7th grade, he started working on the farm, milking cows, cutting corn and doing everything else a farmhand did, even as a young teenager. At 20, he married Pauline Evans from Winchester and over the next several years they had 5 children. During their 42 years of marriage, he and Pauline faced their struggles together. In pursuit of gainful employment, the Washingtons moved to Bethesda, Maryland, where they both worked for well-to-do white people as domestic servants, including, for him, as a chauffeur to a successful lawyer. Thereafter, Web worked on a farm in Berryville, before moving to Winchester in 1947.

And it was at that time, that the Washingtons hit the lowest, most difficult period of their lives. They felt the pressure of caring for their five children and yet, as an African-American family, they had difficulty finding work and a place to live. As Mr. Washington put it, the additional burdens that racial discrimination put on him and his wife meant that "jobs were scarcer and housing in Winchester was almost impossible to find, even rentals." It was shortly thereafter that they became connected to the John Mann church on Cork Street, and, over the next 70 years, that connection has sustained Webster and Pauline and their family in their 42 years of marriage, and after her passing, his second wife, Mattie and him in their marriage of 24 years, until her passing several years ago.

Through his faith in God and the support of his John Mann Church family, Webster Washington says "I've been down and out, and the Lord brought me back," finding work as an orderly at the Winchester Memorial Hospital and later taking care of a doctor's office, he was able to buy his own house, first at 601 Gray Avenue in Winchester and then a home in Stephens City. Asked whether he had time for sports or a social life, he responded that his priority on providing for his family and serving in every possible position in his church, left little time for anything else. The highlight of his life was a wonderful 5-day transoceanic cruise that Mattie and he took in the 1980s. Asked what he believes God will say about his life, he humbly says he doesn't know. "All I know is that the Lord has been good to me."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring Webster Washington on his 99th birthday, a good and decent man of faith, who has made a success of his life by humbly dedicating himself to his family and his church.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, on July 16th, I missed Roll Call votes No. 329 and 330. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on both bills to designate post offices in honor of members of the military.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded for votes on July 16th because I was absent due to a funeral. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 329 and YEA on Roll Call No. 330.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, due to inclement weather, I was unable to attend this vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 329 and Yea on Roll Call No. 330.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. NATHANIEL REED

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Nathaniel Reed. Nathaniel was a stellar supporter of national parks, a staunch environmental advocate and co-author of the Endangered Species Act. Nathaniel was a powerhouse of Florida politics, but more than that, he was a dear friend and a mentor to me, as well as to countless others.

In a long career spent both in and out of government service, Nathaniel played a role in stopping construction of the world's largest airport in Big Cypress Swamp, helped establish a national park in Biscayne Bay, and assisted in preserving more than 100 million acres of parks and wildlife refuges in Alaska.

During his six decades of activism, he was a tireless crusader for the environment and the Everglades. Nathaniel inspired generations of conservationists, and what he did for America's River of Grass is immeasurable.

Mr. Reed is survived by his wife of 54 years, Alita, three children, Adrian, Nathaniel Jr. and Lia, and five grandchildren. I offer my thoughts and prayers to Alita, his family, and all who called Nathaniel a friend during this great time of sadness. I am so pleased to honor his life and legacy. He will be dearly missed.

IN HONOR OF THE CHARTERING OF THE LOVETTSVILLE AMERICAN LEGION POST 1836

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate the Lovettsville

American Legion Post 1836 on receiving their charter from the American Legion Department of Virginia. This new Post, located in the heart of Lovettsville, Virginia, will play a vital role in supporting the Lovettsville community of veterans, active military and their families by offering support and camaraderie as well as honoring the many sacrifices of service members at local community events such as this past Memorial Day and Fourth of July. This kind of community service is extremely inspiring to see in Virginia's 10th District as this American Legion Post will improve the quality of life for Virginians and bring awareness of the incredible sacrifices made every day by our service members.

I would like to give special recognition to Post Commander, Nathaniel Fontaine, as well as American Legion Officers: Lizzy Fontaine, Harold Baker, David Steadman, Scott Barton and Nick Hayward. These officers are an inspiration to men and women everywhere, and their efforts to the American Legion Post are truly honorable.

With the chartering of this Post, our Lovettsville community takes another step forward in the care and service to our Veterans and service members. I look forward to the positive impact this American Legion Post will have upon all individuals in Virginia's 10th Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, I take great pride in celebrating with you and our colleagues the establishment of American Legion Post 1836. I ask that you join me in congratulating the entire leadership and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

PROMOTING FLOOD RISK MITIGATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2018

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the National Flood Insurance Program shortchanges taxpayers and those who pay flood insurance premiums, while placing communities and families at risk. For more than 20 years, I have worked to reform the program, and I am pleased that a small piece of our broader reform effort—the Promoting Flood Risk Mitigation Act—has passed the House of Representatives.

The flood insurance program is currently more than \$20 billion in debt. This figure keeps rising as we see more devastating hurricanes and extreme weather events across our country. Part of the runaway cost of the program is due to the insuring of properties that have flooded repeatedly. In fact, a quarter of all claims paid by the flood insurance program are for repeatedly flooded properties, even though they make up less than two percent of properties covered by the program. For the safety of our communities and fiscal security of the country, Congress must do more to help those trapped in flood-prone areas move to safer land.

The Promoting Flood Risk Mitigation Act tasks the Government Accountability Office (GAO) with studying the efficacy of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) buyout programs for properties at high risk of flooding and those that are repeatedly flooded.

While this bill is just a small step, if we invest in our communities before disasters occur, we will save money, save property, and most importantly, save lives. My hope is that Congress can actually implement the recommendations of this study in an upcoming reauthorization, saving taxpayer dollars and providing help to those stuck in repeatedly flooded properties.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably missed votes on Monday, July 16, 2018. I had intended to vote "yes" on Roll Call vote 330, and "yes" on vote 329.

RECOGNIZING NICKI VAUGHAN'S LEADERSHIP IN JUVENILE LAW

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Hall County Chief Assistant Public Defender Nicki Vaughan for her work in the field of juvenile law. Recently, the State Bar of Georgia honored the Georgia Bar's Child Protection and Advocacy Section—chaired by Ms. Vaughan—with the 2017–2018 Section Award of Achievement.

Under Ms. Vaughan's leadership, the Child Protection and Advocacy Section stood out among the state bar's 48 other Sections for its dedication and service to local families.

As chair of the Child Protection and Advocacy Section, Nicki volunteers her time to mentoring young people. Moreover, she educates other legal professionals on current legal issues affecting children and government policies designed to assist children and families.

As a fellow attorney, I am proud to honor Nicki Vaughan for her exceptional leadership and congratulate her section on earning this achievement award.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR ROBERT J. "BOB" ZOLDOS II

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and thank an extraordinary leader from the 10th Congressional District, Mayor Robert J. "Bob" Zoldos II of Lovettsville, as he completes 20 years of service to the town, first as a member of the Town Council and then as Mayor for three consecutive terms from 2012 to 2018. Incredibly, during the same time frame, Mayor Zoldos has excelled in his full-time job as Deputy Fire Chief with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department that has included international rescue mission deployments with Virginia Task Force One, Virginia's Urban Search and Rescue Team, to Kenya,

Turkey, Taiwan, Iran, and Haiti. Most recently, he was Task Force Leader of U.S.A. Search and Rescue Team One's response to Japan's catastrophic earthquake and tsunami in 2011.

Inspired for a career in public service by his father, Robert J. Zoldos, who was a volunteer firefighter and town council member in Leesburg, Virginia, Mayor Zoldos has been an outstanding team leader in all that he has undertaken. Upon announcing his run for Mayor on February 6, 2012, he stated, "While I don't covet the title of mayor, I feel the same need that many of you have expressed . . . that we must keep politics out of our Lovettsville and keep the 'love' in it." Indeed, as an inspirational team leader for his colleagues in the government of Lovettsville and for the residents of the town, Mayor Zoldos has kept his promise to keep Lovettsville "a wonderful and neighborly place in which to live and to own a business."

No one has worked harder than Mayor Zoldos in championing town activities and events that have brought Lovettsville's creative initiatives regional recognition and have attracted participants from all over the East coast. In fact, the Mayor has often been seen climbing ladders, moving barrels, acting as master of ceremonies, setting up tents, installing decorations and cleaning up trash at the close of events. To create a stronger community, he also instituted a weekly email known as the "Mayor's Message," writing more than 300 weekly messages in his unique conversational style, in order to keep everyone informed about what was happening in the town and the actions taken by the Town Council.

As Mayor, he has understood that economic development is critically important to the enhancement of the quality of life of Lovettsville's residents, especially for the ability to provide community based services and generate additional revenue to support the town's infrastructure. For this reason, he worked diligently to attract and maintain businesses in the town, and is deservedly proud of the opening of the Lovettsville Town Center during his tenure. Mayor Zoldos also advocated the transition from outsourcing water and wastewater services in the town as well as the development of an in-house capability which included the hiring of skilled utility workers to operate and manage the town's water and wastewater treatment facilities, that has resulted in considerable cost savings and improved customer service for the town's residents. Mayor Zoldos also supported the establishment of Lovettsville's first Fiscal Policy Manual which provides professional guidelines for building financial reserves to meet future requirements and achieve financial stability.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in thanking Mayor Robert "Bob" Zoldos II, a gifted leader and public servant, as he completes 20 years of extraordinary service to the people of the town of Lovettsville and the 10th Congressional District of Virginia.

HONORING THE CAREER OF JOHN RUSSELL DEANE III

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the service of John Russell Deane III,