

addition to his political service, D.A.'s professional pursuits were in the fields of technology, as well as in administrative management for non-profit Christian entities. In 2004, he retired as the Executive Administrator for the Senior Pastor at Highland Park Presbyterian Church.

D.A. studied genealogy extensively, tracing his ancestry back more than 1,300 years. He also found genealogical relationships to 20 of the 45 U.S. Presidents. Above all else, D.A. was privileged to call himself a fifth-generation Texan. His great, great grandfather, Judge Felix Benedict Dixon, immigrated from Ohio to Texas in 1841, when it was still the Republic of Texas. D.A.'s lineage also has roots going back in America as a sixth-generation United States citizen, being a descendant of American Revolutionary soldier, Lt. George P. Sharp, of New York.

D.A. is survived by his wife, Suzanne Margaret Boggess Sharpe and their three children: Taylor Marcus Sharpe; Tiffany Lenn Sharpe Westmoreland and her husband, Steven O. Westmoreland; and Todd Wittman Sharpe, and his wife, Carrie Ann Maxwell Sharpe. There are seven grandchildren: Katherine Michelle, John David (Jack), Lily Taylor, Sarah Todd and Samuel Lee (Sam) Westmoreland; and Luke Maxwell and Brooke Eden Sharpe.

Though D.A. is no longer with us, his memory will not be forgotten by those of us who were privileged enough to know him. I ask Members to please pray for my dear friend D.A. Sharpe and his family during this difficult time.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF LADELLE COCHRAN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I recognize the 100th birthday of Ladelle Cochran.

Ladelle was born on August 29, 1918 in Dallas, Georgia.

He is a Veteran of World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Ladelle retired from the Anniston Army Depot after working there for 25 years.

Ladelle was married to the late June Saxon for 59 years and was blessed with five children, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He is a member of Gladeview Baptist Church and is an avid Atlanta Braves and Alabama Crimson Tide fan.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing Ladelle Cochran a very happy 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING FRANCES GIVENS
OF FONTANA

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Frances Givens, a resident of our 35th Congressional District in Fontana,

California, who was well known as a fierce advocate for senior citizens.

Fran Givens dedicated her life to promoting issues important to senior citizens such as affordable housing, increased availability of gerontology doctors, transportation, and access to and coordination of all available services. Fran served in the Senior Assembly of the California Senior Legislature from 2006 to 2014, where she was a leader among the volunteer body whose mission it is to enhance the quality of life for older Californians and their families.

As a committed advocate, Fran never missed an opportunity to raise attention to issues that affect senior citizens. Fran frequently served as a public speaker for senior citizen issues on the radio, at City Council meetings, clubs, dinners, and fundraisers. She could also be found passing out hundreds of brochures about the California Senior Legislature, to elevate the mission of the group.

The state of California is home to incredible people who possess a spirit of public service and a commitment to their communities. Fran was a champion for senior citizens' issues. Her advocacy efforts have made lasting contributions to the community of Fontana, the state of California, and beyond.

In 2014, I had the honor of awarding Fran the Woman of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award, a well-deserved recognition of her exemplary record of community service.

On July 5th of this year, Fran passed away at the age of 83. Her legacy teaches us all to relentlessly devote ourselves to what we care most about, and for that I would like to recognize Frances Givens.

TRIBUTE TO MALL CHANEY ON
HER 75TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a person of great merit on the occasion of her 75th birthday. It is often stated that the United States is great because it is a nation of immigrants. Mr. Speaker, I would agree with this statement with the addition of the word legal in front of immigrants. Mall Chaney is an example of such a person who worked within the law to become a citizen of the United States. I understand that it is not an easy task.

Mall was born in Estonia in 1943 in the middle of World War II. At that time Estonia was in peril at the hands of Russia as well as Germany. However, it was her parents' concern about Russia that caused them to flee. Russia had seized her mother's brother and sent him to Siberia never to be heard from again. As a professional chemist, Mall's father feared being pressed into Russia's weapons development program or much worse.

When Mall was about six months old the family consisting of her mother, father, and sister fled under cover of night with basically nothing but the clothes on their backs. The family spent several years in a Swedish refugee camp and then in the general population of Sweden. In 1951 Mall and her family were sponsored by a family friend from Canada and were able to migrate to Canada.

Mall lived in Canada until she married John Chaney, a resident of Florida, in 1982. Mall became a U.S. citizen and has paid homage to the United States by respecting our laws, becoming a respected and loved member of the community, the state of Florida, and the country.

Happy Birthday Mall, and best wishes.

EQUITABLE ACCESS TO CARE AND
HEALTH ACT

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Equitable Access to Care and Health Act, or the EACH Act, which seeks to provide a bipartisan, common-sense exemption to the Affordable Care Act for those who uniquely rely on religious methods of healing.

In my home state of Massachusetts, we are very proud of our healthcare system, the system which, as my colleagues know, formed the basis for the Affordable Care Act, the law from which so many Americans benefit today.

As the Massachusetts legislature contemplated the direction of its successful healthcare system, lawmakers saw fit to provide an exemption from its insurance requirements for sincerely held religious beliefs. The exemption grants reprieve for Massachusetts residents who would not otherwise use our traditional healthcare system even if they did carry traditional health insurance. At its essence, the EACH Act seeks to extend a similar reprieve for Americans who would not otherwise benefit from the system created under the Affordable Care Act.

Thank you to my colleague Mr. DAVIS of Illinois for his leadership on this issue. I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation.

CELEBRATING THE WORK AND
LEGACY OF EULA L. BECK

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the extraordinary work and legacy of Eula L. Beck, or "Sis" as most affectionately call her, who has been an active supporter of Central Texas Communities her whole life. Her resume tells the story of a woman unafraid to contribute both her time and energies to a multitude of organizations that rely on volunteerism and social engagement to make good communities great.

Sis was raised just south of Killeen on a ranch near Maxdale and has led a life devoted to causes bigger than herself. Her extraordinary career began at Camp Hood where she supported war efforts during WWII. From there, she worked to upgrade Camp Hood to Fort Hood and served as a crucial advocate to make Fort Hood the model for military bases that it is today. Sis' influence in Central Texas didn't stop there. She has engaged in a multitude of endeavors ranging from owning a local Killeen TV station to establishing the

Killeen branch of Union State Bank, where she has served on the Board for many years. At every stop along the way, she's built bridges of friendship and has worked tirelessly to support and enhance her community.

Sis also exhibits a passion for education that has contributed greatly to the prosperity of Central Texas. Inspired by her niece who didn't have easy access to a local library, Sis worked to establish a library in Florence, Texas, which is now named after her. Sis also aided in efforts to fund the creation of both Central Texas College and Texas A&M Central Texas. Young and old alike are thankful for the positive contributions Sis has made to literacy and education in her community.

Some people go through life wondering if they made a difference. Eula L. Beck doesn't have that problem. Her inspiring and extensive career leaves no doubt that Central Texas is a better place because of her. I celebrate her life and devotion to her beloved community and wish her nothing but the best in the future.

CONFERENCE REPORT TO H.R. 5515,
THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2019

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the work of Financial Services Committee Democratic staffer Daniel McGlinchey on the title of this bill pertaining to reforms to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 24, 2018, I was unable to vote on any legislative measures. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

(Roll No. 368) On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.R. 6199, the Restoring Access to Medication and Modernizing Health Savings Accounts Act of 2018; providing for proceedings during the period from July 27, 2018, through September 3, 2018—yes.

(Roll No. 369) On adoption of the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6199, the Restoring Access to Medication and Modernizing Health Savings Accounts Act of 2018; providing for proceedings during the period from July 27, 2018, through September 3, 2018—yes.

(Roll No. 370) On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.R. 184, the Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2017; and H.R. 6311, the Increasing Access to Lower Premium Plans and Expanding Health Savings Accounts Act of 2018—yes.

(Roll No. 371) On adoption of the combined rule providing for consideration of H.R. 184,

the Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2017; and H.R. 6311, the Increasing Access to Lower Premium Plans and Expanding Health Savings Accounts Act of 2018—yes.

(Roll No. 372) On passage of H.R. 184, the Protect Medical Innovation Act—yes.

WELCOME SAMANTHA JOSEPHINE CROWE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to congratulate Major Andrew Crowe, former Military Fellow of South Carolina's Second Congressional District, and his wife, Major Michelle Crowe, of Alexandria, Virginia, on the birth of their new baby girl, Samantha Josephine Crowe. Samantha Josephine Crowe was born on July 23, 2018, at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital. Samantha weighed seven pounds and 15 ounces and measured 22.2 inches long.

I would also like to congratulate Samantha's grandparents, Carol and Donald Long, Edward Brunt, and Cheri and Robert Crowe. Congratulations and best wishes to the entire family as they are blessed with their newest addition of pure pride and joy.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JANET MARIE TORRISI-MOKWA

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to honor the passing of Janet Marie Torrisi-Mokwa. Jan was a dear friend and a dedicated leader in the St. Louis community. While we mourn this tragedy, I would like to celebrate Janis life and her many contributions to Missouri. She was a passionate advocate for an array of issues she held near and dear to her heart, including the protection of animals, the empowerment of women, and care for those in need.

Jan recently celebrated 25 years of marriage to her husband Joseph Mokwa. She is also survived by her mother, Marie Torrisi; brother John Torrisi and his wife Claudia; nieces, Kaci and Amy; stepdaughter, Aimee Goodrich; and grandchildren, Danny, Julia, and Josephine.

Jan was one of those people who was truly larger than life. She had a warm presence, an infectious positivity, and an unparalleled effect on others. Today we honor her insatiable spirit her countless contributions to our community, and the lasting impact she had on people from all walks of life.

In His Sermon on the Mount, we are reminded by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that those who mourn are blessed and will be comforted. I pray that during this difficult time, the Mokwa family, their friends, and neighbors are graced with that blessing from the Lord. Mr. Speaker, our community will dearly miss

Jan's tremendous energy and bright smile. Her upbeat attitude and persistence will continue to live in each and every person she touched.

DR. BENJY FRANCES BROOKS
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GME SUPPORT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4100, the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association Charter Amendments Act of 2017.

H.R. 4100 amends title 36 of the United States Code to revise the Federal charter for the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association, to prohibit the use of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, or national origin in determining eligibility for service as an officer or director.

The Federal Bar Association is the nation's premiere association for practitioners of federal law and as such should be open to all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Currently, the FBA recognizes the importance of nondiscrimination and has adopted a diversity statement that includes race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Diversity statements are valuable but they do not carry the weight of law.

The addition of a nondiscrimination provision to the FBA Charter is an important action and when gender identity is an enumerated protected characteristic in the law, transgender people will be protected from discrimination.

Discrimination on the basis of gender identity is a form of sex discrimination, and laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex protect transgender people.

Numerous federal circuit and district courts opinions have held that our nation's nondiscrimination laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex protect transgender people from discrimination, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

The EEOC determined in *Macy v. Holder* that Title VII's prohibitions on sex discrimination also prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender identity.

This decision is binding on the federal government with respect to employment practices.

Our laws work best when there are clear expectations.

While gender identity will be covered by the sex nondiscrimination provision, it is better to enumerate gender identity.

Listing out protected characteristics helps those making determinations about membership understand their obligations and those seeking membership understand their rights.

By passing H.R. 4100, we can prevent discrimination by ensuring gender identity is a protected characteristic.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for H.R. 4100.