

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 AU-
THORIZATION 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 SUP-
PORT 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.

HONORING GERALDINE JAMES
PETTIE

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember Geraldine James Pettie, a longtime Washingtonian, a dedicated public servant, a devoted spouse, a loving mother, an attentive grandmother and great grandmother, a cherished sister, an adored friend and neighbor. Mrs. Pettie passed away quietly on July 18, 2018, at her home in Washington, DC at the age of 91.

I never had the honor of meeting Mrs. Pettie, but my chief of staff, Victor Castillo, has shared many wonderful stories and anecdotes with me about his wonderful, welcoming neighbor. In tribute to Mrs. Pettie's life efforts and to share with my colleagues and the nation the story of Geraldine Pettie, I would like to include in the RECORD the obituary memorializing her which was included in program for her funeral services at Mount Zion United Methodist Church today.

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF GERALDINE
JAMES PETTIE

MAY 5, 1927–JULY 18, 2018

Geraldine Audrey James Pettie was born May 5, 1927, in Sandy Level, Virginia. She was the first child of the late Morris E. and Veatrice Jackson James. Geraldine was united in marriage to the late Lynwood E. Pettie on August 18, 1950, and to that union two children were born.

Gerry, as she was affectionately known, attended the public schools of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, and received her Bachelor's degree from Virginia State College in 1946. She taught in the Pittsylvania County school system until moving to Washington, DC, in 1951. It was then Gerry began her career with the Department of Defense, retiring from the National Security Agency in 1979 after 27 years of service. Although Gerry could not share details about her responsibilities at NSA, the pride she felt for the work she did was obvious.

Upon moving to Washington, DC, Gerry joined Mount Zion United Methodist Church and was an active member until the untimely death of her husband in 1989. She also maintained her affiliation with the Ridge-way United Methodist Church back home.

After retiring, she was able to dedicate more time to her greatest joys—her grandchildren, the Kappa Alpha Psi Silhouettes, and antiquing. Gerry and Lynwood loved finding and restoring antiques. They traveled extensively in pursuit of their hobby and together opened a small antique store—LYN & GERRY—in Maryland. Some of their antiquing trips were combined with Kappa and Silhouette activities, often arriving at conference hotels with a car packed full of their “treasures”.

Gerry devoted herself to her family. Her daughters and grandchildren were the pride of her life. Gerry was always armed with a collection of her kids' business cards and graduation photos which she proudly shared. In her final years, her greatest happiness came from the years spent living with her devoted sister, Lucille, in Gretna, Virginia. Lucille's in-laws embraced Gerry and treated her as one of their own. They became known as the “Golden Girls” and everyone around town enjoyed witnessing their obvious love for each other.

Gerry departed this life peacefully on Wednesday, July 18, 2018. She leaves to cher-

ish her memory, her devoted daughters, Deborah Pritchett and Jan Whitley; four grandchildren, Kimberly Pritchett, Derek Whitley, Dara Whitley Champ, and Dana Whitley; one great-grandchild, Anthony Champ, Jr.; one sister, Lucille J. Younger; one brother, Morris E. James (Rosa) and one son-in-law, Michael Pritchett; one grandson-in-law, Anthony Champ; two nephews, Ronald Turner (Rita) and Lindell Younger; one niece, Lisa Turner; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Pettie was laid to rest at Fort Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood, Maryland alongside her beloved spouse Lynwood.

RECOGNIZING EARLE FRANCIS
JONES ON THE RECEIPT OF THE
REGINALD “REG” GILLIAM
AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVE-
MENT

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my dear friend, Earle Francis Jones who today is being honored by the Washington Government Relations Group with the Reginald “Reg” Gilliam Award for Lifetime Achievement for his decades of government relations work in Washington. Mr. Jones is most deserving of this great honor and I ask my colleagues to join me in offering our congratulations.

Mr. Jones was born in Washington, D.C. to Earle Sr. and the former Sylvia Carroll and raised here in our Nation's Capital. He is a product of the District of Columbia Public School system where he attended historic Coolidge High School and excelled in sports, music, and community service. Mr. Jones was highly academic and upon graduating from High School, went on to attend the internationally renowned American University. He later attended the University of California at Berkeley where he received his Juris Doctor Degree from the Boalt Hall School of Law.

Following law school, Mr. Jones began practicing at the firm of Holland and Hart in Denver, Colorado. He eventually left the firm to serve the Regional Transportation District as one of their legal representatives. He then entered into private practice.

Mr. Jones then served for two years on the Judicial Ethics Advisory Board as the Ethics Counselor for Colorado lawyers. He was recommended by a justice of the Colorado Supreme Court to serve in this important position. Earle served in that capacity for two years and was also an adjunct Law Professor at the University of Denver.

Returning to the National Capital Region, Mr. Jones joined Tele-Communications, Inc. (TCI) in 1989 where he served as Division Director for Government Affairs and then its Federal Communications Commission Washington Counsel. He then served as Director of Government Affairs for TCI's five-state Mid-Atlantic region.

For three years, Mr. Jones led Washington, DC's District Cablevision as its General Manager and oversaw Comcast's acquisition of District Cablevision from AT&T in 2001.

Mr. Jones joined Comcast as Vice President of Government Affairs for its Eastern Division,

and in January 2009, he joined Comcast Corporation's Washington Federal Government Affairs office where he continues to serve with distinction as their senior public policy representative on Capitol Hill.

Over decades of work, Mr. Jones has developed strong relationships with members of Congress and their staff. This is particularly true among members of the Congressional Black Caucus who regularly seek his advice and counsel.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the high honor of knowing and working with Mr. Jones for more than a decade. As a member of Congress, I have many relationships on Capitol Hill, but none exceed the bond of friendship that I enjoy with Mr. Jones; he is one of the kindest individuals I've ever come to know. I've always been impressed by his honesty, integrity, and commitment to others.

Mr. Jones has generously given his time to serve on the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Corporate Advisory Council where he advised the CBCF's Board of Directors on policy, special initiatives, and leadership development. There is no doubt that his service on the Council furthered the CBCF's mission to advance the global black community by developing leaders, informing policy, and educating the public. His professional drive is exceeded only by his love for family.

Mr. Jones is married to the former Linda Eatmon whose family is from my congressional district in Winton, North Carolina. They were married in 1998 and together have one son Steve, daughter-in-law Heather, and two grandchildren, Ryan and Rachael.

Mr. Jones' steadfast leadership and dogged commitment to honesty and integrity enabled him to earn the trust and respect of his friends, colleagues, congressional staffers, and countless members of Congress. Like so many others, I am honored to know Earle Jones and call him my friend.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the people of the First Congressional District of North Carolina, I congratulate Earle Francis Jones upon his selection to receive the Reginald “Reg” Gilliam Award for Lifetime Achievement. It could not go to a more deserving individual.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF COLONEL
DAVID ELLIS

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solemn remembrance of the life of Colonel David Alton Ellis, a retired Air Force veteran, husband, father, and grandfather from Fredericksburg, Virginia. Mr. Alton admirably served in the U.S. Air Force and will be remembered for his selfless devotion to his community.

Colonel Ellis was born on October 30, 1937, in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He is an alumnus of the University of Tennessee, where he earned a B.S. in Liberal Arts. He received his master's degree in International Affairs from Catholic University. Col. Ellis spent over 31 years in the Air Force where he served in Air Defense Surveillance. After his time in the Air