

Mr. Speaker, the circumstances in which we find ourselves today do not call for pettiness. Nor do they call for twitter politics and spectacle.

They call for leadership; a recognition that a respect for the rule of law and holding our leaders accountable for their misdeeds is a fundamental democratic responsibility.

In August 1974, the vigilant and tireless efforts by law enforcement, journalists, and our nation's leaders led President Nixon to yield to the rule of law.

The saving grace of Richard Nixon is that, at the end, he put the interests of the nation ahead of himself by resigning his office.

Arthur Schlesinger's 1973 essay appears prescient in its prediction that "corruption appears to visit the White House in fifty-year cycles."

As Professor Schlesinger wrote, "If the trails are followed to their end, many, many years will pass before another White House staff dares take the liberties with the Constitution and the laws the Nixon White House has taken," which "suggests that exposure and retribution inoculate the presidency against its latent criminal impulses for about half a century."

Professor Schlesinger also offered a warning that "corruption appears to visit the White House in fifty-year cycles."

Mr. Speaker, on this historic day, let us remember that Congress is a co-equal branch of government and has a duty to hold the executive accountable for misconduct, abuse of power, and 'High Crimes and Misdemeanors.'

As Congresswoman Barbara Jordan declared: "My faith in the Constitution is whole; it is complete; it is total. And I am not going to sit here and be an idle spectator to the diminution, the subversion, the destruction, of the Constitution."

And today, Mr. Speaker, let me affirm that my faith in the Constitution is whole, complete, and total.

Our nation is founded on the principle that all are equal under the law, and that one can only delay—never escape—the swift sword of justice.

We must always be faithful to the duties imposed upon us by the Constitution.

CONWAY HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER
CRYSTAL CERTAIN

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of Crystal Certain, an art teacher at Conway High School, who is committed to making a difference in central Arkansas.

Crystal partnered with the Community Action Program of Central Arkansas to provide food to hungry children in our community.

She started by funding the project out of her own pocket and the practice grew into a classroom food-pantry project. Her students named it the "Certain Little Free Class Pantry".

Nearly 400 children at her school get nourishing food from her pantry project.

The Community Action Program of Central Arkansas is providing meals during the summer months and is operating the project from inside the agency's pantry.

In addition to providing meals, Crystal also provides students with healthy recipes that they can prepare for themselves.

I am proud to represent her and all of the teachers of central Arkansas who are making a difference in the lives of our young people.

SUGAR LAND RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my hometown, the city of Sugar Land, TX for receiving its 22nd consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Budget.

Sugar Land was recognized for strong financial leadership, transparency initiatives, continued financial resiliency, including fiscally conservative budgeting and proactive planning. The city has also maintained one of the state's lowest tax rates while still providing quality city services. To obtain this award, Sugar Land met national guidelines for effective budget presentations assessing how well the city's budget serves as a financial plan, an operations guide and a communication device. Independent judges measured Sugar Land's standing in these four categories and said the budget was "proficient" in all and met or exceeded 14 mandatory criteria.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the city of Sugar Land, TX on receiving its 22nd consecutive Distinguished Budget Award for its Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Budget. Thank you for your commitment to making Sugar Land an amazing place to live, work and raise a family.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN BIRD

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Helen Bird of Santo Domingo Pueblo in New Mexico for her role in the Pueblo Pottery Mug project and her success as a Native artist.

The Pueblo Pottery Mug project started as a collaboration between five Pueblo artists and the first Pueblo-owned Starbucks in New Mexico. The mugs were first sold in 2016 at the Starbucks store in Albuquerque. Each mug was hand-crafted by a different Pueblo artist to celebrate the opening of the new store and to symbolize the collaboration between New Mexico Pueblos and Starbucks. After quickly selling out of the unique mugs—selling over 6,000 mugs—the Shumakolowa gift shop collaborated with the artists to sell mugs at their location in the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Growing up in the Pueblo of Santo Domingo, Helen learned traditional pottery techniques from her great-aunt at a very young age and has been making pottery professionally for nearly 30 years. Widely credited as

being a profoundly influential figure in revitalizing Santo Domingo pottery, Helen sought to elevate it to an exquisite art form.

Helen's designs come from her Santo Domingo heritage. Her elegant pieces are well known for their signature bird designs from pottery found in the Bandelier National Monument.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Helen Bird for being a part of the Pueblo Pottery Mug project. This project has given the community, as well as visitors to New Mexico, an opportunity to appreciate usable pieces of art that are inspired by Native culture and traditions. I look forward to seeing this project continue to flourish and support talented Native artists from Pueblos throughout New Mexico.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 52ND DAI AL MUTLAQ, HIS HOLINESS DR. SYEDNA MOHAMMED BURHANUDDIN RA, AND THE BIRTHDAY OF THE 53RD AND PRESENT DAI AL MUTLAQ, HIS HOLINESS DR. SYEDNA MUFADDAL SAIFUDDIN TUS

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the birth anniversary of the 52nd Dai Al Mutlaq, his holiness Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin RA, and the birthday of the 53rd and present Dai Al Mutlaq, his Holiness Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin. The Dawoodi Bohras' patriotism and commitment to the United States and their recognition of International Women's Day should serve as an example for all.

The Dawoodi Bohras mostly reside in India, Pakistan, Africa, Europe, USA, South East Asia and Australia. Their name, 'Bohra' comes from the Gujarati word 'vehru' which means trader; as the community has always maintained a strong and robust business community. The late Dr. Syedna Burhanuddin RA had a profound impact on this as he unceasingly encouraged his adherents to start their own business.

In addition to fostering a robust business community, the Bohras are loyal and law-abiding citizens throughout the world. They have maintained cordial relations with all levels of government with an aim to foster harmony and goodwill. They embrace technology and equal opportunities, and consider patriotism a religious obligation. The Dawoodi Bohras are a sect within Shia Islam and follow the seven pillars of Islamism: guardianship of the faith, purity, prayer, alms-giving, fasting, pilgrimage to Mecca and struggle.

Mr. Speaker, and distinguished colleagues, please join me in celebrating the birth anniversary of the 52nd Dai Al Mutlaq, his Holiness Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin RA and the birthday of the 53rd and present Dai Al Mutlaq, his Holiness Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin TUS and wishing the Dawoodi Bohras a year of peace and prosperity.

CONGRATULATING CHRIS JEFFERS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chris Jeffers, a true public servant, on his retirement after a remarkable 38 years serving in local government.

For the past 29 years, Chris has served as City Manager of two San Gabriel Valley cities in my district, Monterey Park and Glendora, where his leadership and dedication have made him a pillar in our communities. As City Manager of my hometown of Monterey Park for 16 years, Chris led an expansion of our library, added hundreds of new housing units for seniors and new residents, and expanded the city's business and retail space. He chaired the American Communities for Clean-up Equity, a nationwide coalition of local governments working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and coordinated development of the Greater San Gabriel Valley Community Development Corporation, a partnership of local cities and banks created to invest in small business startups.

In 2007, Chris accepted the role of City Manager in nearby Glendora. During his tenure, the city was named the Los Angeles area's most business-friendly city under 65,000 residents in 2014 and was twice recognized by the Public Technology Institute for its adoption of new technologies to streamline the way that the government interacts with citizens and businesses. Glendora has even been awarded best downtown and friendliest city by the San Gabriel Newspaper Group for four years running, and a survey of local small business owners showed that over 80% found the city to be an excellent place to have a business.

Chris's record speaks for itself, and he is proof of the tremendous impact that one can make through dedication to public service. I thank him for his 38 years of contributions to our communities and wish him nothing but the best in retirement.

COMMEMORATING THE 90TH ANNI- VERSARY OF THE PECOS COUN- TY STATE BANK

HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. HURD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pecos County State Bank on their 90th Anniversary.

Pecos County State Bank was first founded by farmers and ranchers on July 3, 1928. From its beginnings in pre-Depression-era America, to its current range of locations, services and clientele, the Pecos County State Bank has truly become an example of innovation and growth in Texas's 23rd Congressional District. Since its opening day, the Pecos County State Bank has maintained strong cus-

tomers relationships throughout the community and expanded its operations to six locations across the southwest region of Texas.

I am proud to represent the hardworking men and women of Pecos County State Bank and celebrate the 90 years of economic prosperity it has experienced. I want to thank the dedicated employees of the Pecos County State Bank for their service to the community and look forward to continuing my work with them moving forward.

HONORING TERRY HADLEY OF ADAIR COUNTY, KENTUCKY

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Magistrate Terry M. Hadley of Adair County in the First District of Kentucky upon his retirement from Duo County Telecom.

Over the past 37 years, Terry has developed a well-deserved reputation as an expert technician and loyal employee throughout multiple changes in his company's ownership. He is known throughout his community of Columbia, Kentucky for having an excellent rapport with customers and colleagues alike, and his knowledge and experience made him the first choice for customers in need of assistance with their phone, cable, or internet service.

After retirement, Terry Hadley plans to continue serving his community as a magistrate for Adair County, Kentucky. He also looks forward to spending time with his wife, Rita Hadley, and their children and grandchildren and pursuing his interest in collecting antiques, particularly antique cars.

I join with Terry's family and friends, as well as all those he has helped during his career, to express our appreciation for his years of service to his community. I am honored to represent him and wish him well in his retirement.

HONORING THE BRAVERY OF SOUTH TEXAS LAW ENFORCE- MENT OFFICERS

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the bravery of fellow South Texans: Lieutenant Phillip Foley, Officer Lucino Cabrera, Officer Ulysses Guerrero, Officer Alberto Rios-Cantu, and Officer Osiel Reyes of the City of McAllen Police Department. These five law enforcement officers engaged and prevented the Deutsch and Deutsch Jewelry store robbery on Saturday, July 28, 2018, at La Plaza Mall in McAllen, Texas. They apprehended seven male suspects who were attempting to rob this jewelry store midday during an otherwise calm weekend in South Texas.

After entering the store with what appeared to be firearms, the suspects intimidated and threatened store staff while smashing glass

displays. One off-duty officer working at a nearby store was alerted to the commotion and immediately went to appraise the situation. He then approached the active scene with the assistance of an off-duty Pharr Police narcotics officer, an off-duty McAllen Police lieutenant and off-duty McAllen Police officers. Together they arrested the suspects and secured the scene.

Thanks to the brave actions of these officers, all seven suspects were taken into custody, and no one was harmed and no shots were fired. Though off-duty, these officers remained committed to the safety and well-being of our community. I would be remiss to not thank McAllen Police Chief Victor Rodriguez for his leadership at the helm of the police department for now more than 17 years. His vision, tenacity, and approach to guiding the more than 400 people under his command at McAllen Police is admirable and second to none.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to represent and recognize these courageous officers from South Texas. These heroes deserve our utmost respect and gratitude for a job extremely well done.

TRIBUTE TO FREDERICA ANTONIO

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Frederica Antonio of Acoma Pueblo in New Mexico for her role in the Pueblo Pottery Mug project and her success as a Native artist.

The Pueblo Pottery Mug project started as a collaboration between five Pueblo artists and the first Pueblo-owned Starbucks in New Mexico. The mugs were first sold in 2016 at the Starbucks store in Albuquerque. Each mug was hand-crafted by a different Pueblo artist to celebrate the opening of the new store and to symbolize the collaboration between New Mexico Pueblos and Starbucks. After quickly selling out of the unique mugs—selling over 6,000 mugs—the Shumakolowa gift shop collaborated with the artists to sell mugs at their location in the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Growing up in the Pueblo of Acoma, Frederica's intricately designed work is a continuation of her long family tradition of hand-coiling and painting pottery. Much of the symbolism found on her pottery is connected to Mother Earth and prayers for rain.

Frederica's work heavily relies on the resources of the land. She hand-paints her vessels with fine-tipped brushes she fashions from the stems of yucca plants. She uses these traditional methods, taught to her by her mother-in-law, Mildred Antonio, to create her contemporary pieces.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Frederica Antonio for being a part of the Pueblo Pottery Mug project. This project has given the community, as well as visitors to New Mexico, an opportunity to appreciate usable pieces of art that are inspired by Native culture and traditions. I look forward to seeing this project continue to flourish and support talented Native artists from Pueblos throughout New Mexico.