

young. Our prayers go out to him and his family as he leaves this world. As the light in The United States Senate has diminished this day, with the loss of one its great leaders and friends. I include in the RECORD this poetic tribute to him penned by Albert Carey Caswell.

WITH THE FAITH OF HIS FATHERS

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

And when we were young  
Were we those among,  
Who were blessed with such a love song?  
With the Faith of Our Fathers in hearts  
which belongs  
Which are of our greatest of gifts  
So in all of this  
To help us grow strong  
To help us grow tall  
To get up when we fall  
To hold honor above all  
To give us the moral compass to form  
To help us move on  
To have The Faith of Our Fathers for which  
we all long  
To learn how to lead  
To go with Godspeed  
To in yourself believe  
And know right from wrong  
While, in service to Country to answer that  
call  
To nourish souls all  
With the Faith of Our Fathers in hearts so  
very warm  
Is our great gift to our children and theirs to  
pass on  
Is The Faith of Our Fathers so very strong,  
To help lead a great life long after we're  
gone  
That in hearts that lives on  
And John,  
The Faith of Your Mother was just as strong  
All in the examples you've set  
All in the challenges you've met  
All in what your caring reflects  
As you've left to this world with no regrets  
And John,  
armed With the Faith of Your Fathers look  
what standards you've set  
And what missions accomplished of which  
our world blessed  
And though you had medals of Bronze and  
Silver upon your chest  
Even greater was your heart of pure Gold To  
Be The Best  
As you John for The Greater Good yourself  
would neglect  
For Something Greater Than One's Self as  
you knew our Lord expects  
And John Heaven holds a place,  
for all those magnificent men like you in  
your grace  
Like that POW in that darkness all in what  
you faced  
In Strength In Honor,  
as you've lifted up our world to make it a  
better place  
And John the United States Senate will  
never forget your face  
As all in the sands of time John, yours is  
now etched  
And now we lay your fine body down to rest  
As upon the floor of the Senate what a giant  
shadow you've cast  
Leaving void,  
And a chasm as great as The Grand Canyon  
which will last  
At Ease my son,  
As one of America's Best,  
and a winner In The Game of Life who's won  
all those great quests  
Now rise,  
Rise up to Heaven with tears in your eyes,  
As the Eagle of The Senate has taken flight  
All in our Lord's arms, John, you now lie  
As our Lord looks into your eyes  
Saying, "John in that POW camp I could not  
let you die"

"As me and Bud and Orson watched over you  
day and night"  
"and I knew in this world you'd had so much  
more love to write"  
"and you would bless America and our world  
with all of your might"  
"As your battle on Earth is over my son"  
"But, your new battle has now just begun"  
"As an Angel in my Army of The Lord my  
son"  
"Now, up here in Heaven your Fathers so  
await"  
"With open arms,  
as over the years they've watched you so  
proudly at your heroic gait"  
And on this night, we rest much easier in our  
beds  
Knowing a new Angel named John McCain  
watches us over head  
And your family will hear you on the wind  
And in the morning when they wake,  
they will feel you next to them as where  
you've been  
Watching over them time and again  
Until, one fine day you'll meet up in Heaven  
my friend  
And they won't have to cry no more  
And for a child to become whole  
To bring warmth and peace to their soul  
They need The Faith of Their Fathers to  
nurture and grow  
As a gift far more precious than gold  
When, armed with The Faith of Our Fathers  
And our Faith In The Lord  
Can there be nothing we can't overcome or  
endure  
And with tear in eye,  
John as to you we say goodbye  
At The Measure of This Great Man who has  
died  
Who was First in Freedom,  
Who was First in War,  
Who was First in Peace,  
And in the leadership he implored  
As you taught us how to live, and how to die  
Who is now an Angel in The Army of Our  
Lord,  
who Heaven depends on up on high  
Rise,  
And now we lay your body down to rest,  
Amen.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2018*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote number 380 and 381 on September 4, 2018, due to recent surgery. I would like to reflect how I would have voted:

On roll call vote no. 380, I would have voted Yes.

On roll call vote no. 381, I would have voted No.

#### MOURNING THE PASSING OF EVITA MENDIOLA

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2018*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and mourn the recent passing of a long-serving former staffer of mine, Evita Mendiola, after a battle with cancer. She grew up in San Diego and lived briefly in the Cali-

fornia Bay Area before settling in Los Angeles. Evita worked for me on my first campaign for Congress in 1996 and served as Executive Assistant in both my Washington and Los Angeles offices for 12 years. She went on to work for our former colleague, Dale Kildee in his Washington office for another four years before returning to California in 2013.

My staff and I were deeply saddened to hear of her passing. I extend all of her family my deepest condolences, especially to her mother Renate Mendiola and her brother, Robert King. Evita loved her family, and was especially dedicated to her precious nieces and nephews. She took great pride in their achievements and spent much of her free time at their athletic events and extracurricular activities.

She served both Dale and I with dedication and diligence. She was my longest serving and best Executive Assistant. Evita watched over her colleagues and served by my side with fierce loyalty to the office, to the district, to my constituents and to the priorities of the office.

Evita was more than an Executive Assistant. She was a utility player that handled case work and field representative duties whenever called upon—even though being a “scheduler” alone is the toughest job in a Congressional office.

She took a particular interest in helping young people with their plans to attend military service academies. Over the years she guided dozens of applicants through the very complex and competitive application processes to make sure they received the opportunity to pursue serving our country. The annual service academy nominations became a highlight for me and members of my staff because of the hard work Evita put into it. Our country is better because of the military service of young people from the San Fernando Valley whom Evita helped pursue their dreams.

Evita served as a mentor for junior staff and interns alike. She often maintained contact with former staff and interns years after they had left the job, offering guidance, support and friendship.

Once again Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and service of Evita Mendiola who will ultimately be remembered for her dedication to her family and country. May her family find comfort and solace in the memories they shared and in the life she led.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JUSTIN PRESSLEY

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2018*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Justin Pressley, a Gainesville native who dedicated his career to advocating for the disabled.

When he was 16 years old, Justin injured his spinal cord in a motorcycle accident, leaving him a quadriplegic. Instead of viewing his injury as a setback, he used this challenge to encourage men and women who were also experiencing disabilities.

To work with organizations committed to advancing the disabled community, Justin volunteered his time to Adapt, the National Organization on Disability, and the National Participant Network. He also co-founded Gainesville's Disability Resource Center and established the North Georgia Screamin' Eagles soccer team, a local soccer team for quadriplegic athletes.

Because of his tireless devotion to meeting the needs of the disabled, the Georgia Advisory Committee appointed Justin to the United States Civil Rights Commission, which focuses on addressing issues in civil rights policy. Additionally, he served as an officer for the Access Center for Independent Living and Access Hall County—two organizations that support disabled men and women by advocating for their independence in the community.

Throughout his life, Justin worked to broaden equal opportunities for the disabled in the workplace, and his optimism lifted the spirits of others in the community. Mr. Speaker, the Gainesville community will miss Justin, and my prayers are with family during this time.

CELEBRATING THE CHICANA(O)  
AND LATINA(O) STUDIES DE-  
PARTMENT (CLS) AT CALI-  
FORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS  
ANGELES UPON ITS 50TH ANNI-  
VERSARY

### HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2018*

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies Department (CLS) at California State University, Los Angeles upon its 50th anniversary. Established in 1968, the program has expanded from four classes to 150 courses annually. Created during an era when communities of color stood up for equality and civil rights, this program sought to build a new, positive narrative of Mexican Americans in the U.S., while preparing students to pursue careers in various fields, including education, law, and the social sciences.

Since its founding, the CLS program's focus was interdisciplinary and broke with academia's traditional emphasis on specialization to instead focus its study of Mexican Americans through courses in history, culture, political science, psychology, and an emerging Chicano literature. While the scope and breadth of the CLS program has changed over the years, its impact on the minds of our youth has remained constant and is as relevant now as ever before.

To create an equitable society, we must acknowledge the systemic inequalities that immigrants and all communities of colors continue to face. Our educational institutions can serve as vehicles toward this end. That is why we must work together as policy makers, educators, community leaders, and students to lead our generation into a future that truly embodies the ideals our country has aspired to since its founding.

I ask all members to join with me in commending the CLS program and California State University, Los Angeles for their 50 years of educating Los Angeles' youth for a brighter future.

HONORING KEITH KELLEHER

### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2018*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Keith Kelleher, one of the greatest organizers I have ever seen, for his hard work and dedication as he retires on September 14, 2018. Keith's lifelong commitment to organizing for social and economic justice has improved thousands of lives and created fair work environments and policies that will continue to give workers good wages, health care, and safe work environments.

Keith Kelleher was the President of the Service Employees International Union Healthcare Illinois/Indiana/Missouri/Kansas since its creation in April 2008 until April 2017. He was a field organizer, Lead Organizer, and Head Organizer of Legacy Local 880 in Chicago, and Head Organizer of United Labor Unions Local 222 in Detroit prior to that.

In his 39 years of work as a labor and community organizer, Keith pioneered the organization of fast food, home care, child care and other low-wage workers—growing Legacy Local 880 from just seven members in 1983 to more than 70,000 members by 2008, and growing SEIU HCIMK from 83,000 members in 2008 to more than 92,000 members by 2014; and winning living wages and first-ever healthcare for tens of thousands of Illinois workers.

Keith was the Field Director of the national SEIU's "Homecare Task Force" from 1996–1998. He traveled, researched, and visited the homes of home care workers in more than ten states, beginning the work which led to the organizing of hundreds of thousands of home care workers across the country.

Today, more than 600,000 home care and child care workers in more than fifteen states across the country are united in SEIU, fighting for a better standard of living for themselves and their families, and joining with nursing home and hospital workers to become a national movement for quality care and quality jobs.

Keith Kelleher was a founder and leader in the national SEIU Homecare Council, which was composed of leaders of over 15 local unions. He was a board member and then Vice-President of the SEIU Illinois State Council, which grew from 70,000 to over 120,000 members during his years of service.

As an organizer, Keith Kelleher trained hundreds of rank and file leaders and organizers over his career. He helped found the Helen Miller Member Education and Training Center (METC) which has trained thousands of Homecare and Child Care workers, as well as helping to found the SEIU HCIMK Homecare and Child Care Health Trust, which brought first-time health care to more than 15,000 home and child care workers.

His conviction, integrity and foresight helped initiate several grassroots organizing initiatives, like the Grassroots Collaborative "Fight for \$15" and "United Working Families."

He was a founder and leader of the "Chicago Jobs and Living Wage Campaign" and the "Big Box Living Wage Campaign" from the 1990's to the 2000's, which led to increases in the Chicago and Illinois minimum wage and benefited hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of Chicago and Illinois workers.

In the 1990's, as a State Representative in Springfield, I was honored to work with Keith on legislation to raise the wage of state-employed home care workers in a campaign dubbed "Give Me Five," a \$5 an hour minimum wage. I was indelibly inspired by the heroic women of Local 880 who, along with Keith, taught me to never give up!

Rising to the top of his union, Keith was elected as an SEIU International Executive Board Vice-President in June 2008, a position he held until 2017.

In recognition of his historic accomplishments as a visionary, organizer and labor movement leader, I rise today to offer my heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to Keith Kelleher for all he has done to improve the jobs and living conditions of thousands and thousands of people and to provide hope to millions more.

I thank Keith, and best of luck to him in his retirement from SEIU. My hope is that I will continue to see him leading in the ongoing struggle.

CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION  
OF THE BEAVER ISLAND WATER  
TRAIL

### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2018*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the dedication of the Beaver Island Water Trail on northern Lake Michigan. Thanks to the tireless efforts of countless community leaders, businesses, and local organizations, this trail has become an indispensable part of Northern Michigan.

The 42-mile paddling trail around the largest island in Lake Michigan is designed for experienced paddlers and outdoorsmen looking for an exciting excursion. As they make their way along the trail, paddlers can enjoy beautiful beaches and wetlands, lighthouses, shipwrecks, and some of the best night skies that Michigan has to offer. And Beaver Island's unique history and warm community make it an ideal destination for outdoors enthusiasts everywhere.

Northern Michigan is home to some of our nation's most cherished natural resources and landscapes, and trails like Beaver Island's help support healthy lifestyles, local economies, and an appreciation for our beautiful state. I look forward to getting to experience the trail with my kids and grandkids, and I am excited to spread the word on all that the island has to offer. A dedication ceremony for the trail was held on September 1st at the Beaver Island Community Center.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Preservation Association of Beaver Island, the Land Access Information Association, the state of Michigan, and all others who helped pitch in to make the Beaver Island Water Trail a reality. Michiganders can take immense pride in knowing that the First District is home to such an important institution of recreational, historical, and environmental significance. On behalf of my constituents, I wish it all the best.