

such attack occurred when a 55-year-old man, Pehlu Khan, was set-upon by a mob and beaten to death while transporting a cow home that he had bought at a fair.

Most appalling are the cases of sexual assault against minorities for political purposes. In January of this year, eight Hindu men kidnapped and raped an eight-year-old Muslim girl in a Hindu temple before killing her. Her murder served the purpose of driving her nomadic community from the area. After the perpetrators were arrested, a mob of Hindu lawyers surrounded the police in an attempt to bar them from entering the courthouse to file charges against the perpetrators.

Christians, like Muslims, have been targeted because of the paranoid suspicion that proselytizing could convert people away from Hinduism. Nuns and members of the clergy have suffered attacks for preaching Christian values. Just last month, the home of a pastor in Manipur was burned down and Chadarajupalli Subbaravamma, a woman in her mid-60s in Andhra Pradesh, reportedly was murdered because she converted to Christianity 10 years ago.

Likewise, Dalits have been victim to structural violence. They face everyday humiliation as they are blocked from areas of worship and are denied the most basic of human rights, such as access to clean water. Additionally, attacks and sexual assaults against women of the Dalit community frequently go unreported or uninvestigated. In Kerala state, a woman was recently doused in gasoline and set on fire by her estranged husband in the view of village council members. No one attempted to help the woman, and her husband managed to flee the scene.

When individuals of minority groups resist violence and oppression, they are met with greater brutality. But liberal democracies stand up for all religious minorities who are fighting for the right to practice their beliefs in the face of vigilante violence and persecution from the majority.

It is disheartening that communal violence against religious minorities is on the rise in India, a great ally of the United States and the largest democracy on earth. We must stand up and speak out against these abhorrent attacks on religious minorities. India's government can no longer look the other way in the face of accelerating violence against religious minorities and the Dalit community.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in standing with civil rights leaders such as Teesta Setalvad in urging India to recognize the humanity of all its people and put an end to these heinous crimes.

DR. FREDERICK L. GROVER, MD

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 17, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dr. Frederick Grover for his decades of service to the Colorado medical community and Veterans in Colorado.

For over forty years, Dr. Grover has trained and mentored numerous thoracic surgery resi-

dents all while providing high-quality care to numerous patients throughout Colorado. In addition to clinical interests in the areas of acquired adult cardiac surgery and lung and heart transplantation, Dr. Grover is also focused on risk adjusted outcomes analyses and quality improvement in the field of cardiothoracic surgery. He chaired the Society of Thoracic Surgeons Work Force on National Databases from 1995 to 2004. Dr. Grover served as the Chair of the Department of Surgery at the University Colorado School of Medicine where he helped develop future generations of medical professionals and the success of Colorado's medical community for generations to come. His selfless devotion to his students has provided an exemplary standard of service.

In addition to his work at the University of Colorado, Dr. Grover distinguishes himself as a caring member of the community by striving to aid numerous professional organizations. His dedication to the field of medicine and contributions can be seen across Colorado and our nation. He has been a strong advocate for healthcare policy at the national level by serving as President of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons. Additionally, the work he has done within the Veteran's community of Colorado as the Chief of Surgical Services at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver and his pioneering of the VA Cardiac Surgery Database as the Medical Director has been very beneficial to Veterans in Colorado. He chaired the United Network for Organ Sharing Thoracic Committee, and has served on the UNOS Board of Directors. He was the co-principal investigator of a large VA multi-center clinical trial comparing off-pump to on-pump coronary artery bypass, which was published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

I extend my deepest thanks to Dr. Frederick Grover for his service to the people of Colorado and across the nation. I am certain the effects of his service will continue to benefit our communities for decades to come. I thank Dr. Grover for being a remarkable member of the Colorado medical community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF THE LATE CONGRESSMAN  
MAURICE HINCHEY

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 17, 2018*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the late Congressman Maurice Hinchey, our beloved colleague. He departed this life on November 22, 2017 after honorably serving two decades in the United States House of Representatives from 1993 to 2013, and serving in the New York State Assembly from 1975 to 1992. He was a Navy veteran, an honorable and dedicated public servant, and stalwart for the working class people of New York. Of Ukrainian-American heritage, he was a founding member of the House Ukrainian Caucus.

Recently, we were reminded of Congressman Hinchey's contributions to his people and our country. On Tuesday, July 24, 2018,

President Trump signed into law H.R. 4722—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 Market Street in Saugerties, New York, as the "Maurice D. Hinchey Post Office Building". With the naming of this USPS office building, Maurice's family and his grateful constituency will proudly honor and remember a treasured son of Saugerties.

I had the distinct honor and privilege of working alongside Maurice on the House Appropriations Committee. Through the Committee, he fought to protect student aid by supporting higher education for all worthy students and championed Pell Grants. He secured funding that would help art revitalization for the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz. He understood governing started at the local level, and did all he could to direct federal support for a more prosperous life for his people.

A fierce and notable environmental advocate, Maurice was dedicated to protecting his area's powerful and precious natural resource, the Hudson River. Through his dedicated work on the Appropriations Committee, he secured funds to modernize and develop environmental science laboratories at his district's local colleges. He also fought against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's lax initiative on cleaning up polychlorinated biphenyl (PCBs) pollution in the Hudson River. As a member of the House Appropriations Interior Subcommittee, and having my own congressional district surrounded by the Great Lakes, I found his leadership on renewable energy and cleaning up water ways both exemplary and inspiring. We are in his debt for his tireless environmental advocacy as he moved America along the path of progress.

A man to stand up for blue collar workers, Maurice was very loyal and adored by the labor community. Having worked as a toll collector to pay his college tuition, and then a cement plant worker, he understood the economic difficulties of the working class people in his district. In the 106th Congress he introduced H.R. 2759, the Older Workers Pension Protection Act of 1999. This bill would have helped safeguard employees from age discrimination against their benefits. He also fought against funding cuts to Job Corps, a vital entity for young people in his area who need skill and job assistance. As we continue to fight for the rights and protections of our working women and men, may we continue to be inspired by Maurice's spirit and vision.

Maurice and I shared a deep love for Ukraine and our central European roots. We served in the bipartisan Ukrainian Congressional Caucus and trumpeted a vision of an independent Ukraine, free of Russian aggression. Maurice uniquely understood the importance of a democratic, prosperous, and free Ukraine, as the edge of liberty on the European continent. He was a true champion of democracy both home and abroad.

Maurice's leadership and indefatigable efforts on behalf of working people are sorely missed. May his life's work be an inspiration to the people of the Hudson Valley and his memory be cherished always. Rest well, my dear friend and colleague. May the angels of mercy usher you to a peaceful place where your genius and goodwill shower our planet.

## RECOGNIZING BLR ELDER CARE

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 17, 2018*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize BLR Elder Care on the celebration of its 10th Anniversary. BLR Elder Care is a non-profit organization located in the City of Aurora, Colorado and is in Colorado's 6th Congressional District, which I have the honor of representing here in the United States House of Representatives. BLR Elder Care seeks to provide a dignified, meaningful life to the homeless elderly population in Ethiopia. It does so by providing basic necessities to elderly Ethiopians who are in need. The generosity of BLR Elder Care serves as a beacon of hope and a source of compassion for the elderly needy in Africa.

In recent years, the founder and President of BLR Elder Care, Mamay Worku, has also started a program focused on helping African Women immigrants here in Colorado. Mamay Worku has done so by creating the Women of Africa Alliance for Solutions (WAAS). Through WAAS, she has created an effective platform to advocate for educational opportunities, economic independence and to build synergy among the diverse African immigrant communities.

Mamay Worku, immigrated to the United States in 1989. She has tirelessly served the African immigrant community here in Colorado and those in need in her native country of Ethiopia. It is my honor to recognize all of her hard work as well as all the supporters of BLR Elder Care for their continuing assistance for these two remarkable organizations.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JAMES B. RENACCI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 17, 2018*

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5895 provides critical funding for a number of Northeast Ohio priorities. Specifically, it appropriates money for the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, addresses the Dept. of Veterans Affairs claims backlog, and funds the bipartisan VA MISSION Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 397; "yea" on Roll Call No. 398; and "yea" on Roll Call No. 399.

## IN RECOGNITION OF MR. DAVID DESILVA

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 17, 2018*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. David DeSilva on being inducted into the California Agricultural Teachers Association Hall of Fame.

David DeSilva was born and raised in California's Central Valley. His passion for teaching agriculture was developed from a young age. Growing up on a dairy farm, David's par-

ents instilled in him a deep appreciation for agriculture. He worked alongside them on the farm and was heavily involved in the Future Farmers of America organization. After graduating from California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, Mr. DeSilva began his career in education at Hanford High School.

After five-years at Hanford High School, Mr. DeSilva continued his career at College of the Sequoias in Visalia, California. He would remain in this position for thirty-years, retiring in 2014. Mr. DeSilva's tenure at College of the Sequoias was impressive and reflective of his dedication to agriculture and his students. As the agriculture division chair at the college, he was well respected by his peers and viewed as a leader on agriculture issues. Many of his former students have become agricultural teachers, industry leaders, and business owners.

Mr. DeSilva's impact extended far beyond the classroom. Locally, he created and implemented the California Crop Center at the World Ag Expo in Tulare, California. It is known as a hub of activity for a wide variety of the top crops grown in the state. He was also responsible for the development of College for Kids, a summer agriculture program for children. Mr. DeSilva's influence eventually led to international opportunities. He promoted agriculture at colleges in the Ukraine, Russia, and even Haiti.

Whether locally or internationally, Mr. DeSilva's goal remained the same: working with young students and increasing the community's knowledge about agriculture. Even in retirement, he remains actively involved with the Knights of Columbus organization and local Future Farmers of America chapters. Throughout Mr. DeSilva's childhood, nearly four-decade career, and into retirement, agriculture education has been a defining purpose for his life.

To be inducted into the California Agricultural Teachers Association Hall of Fame, an individual must be a retired agriculture educator with proven dedication for vocational agriculture, agriculture education, and the Future Farmers of America organization. Mr. DeSilva has consistently demonstrated his dedication to this field throughout his life and is unequivocally deserving of this honor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Mr. David DeSilva on his dedicated service to the Central Valley and on being inducted into the California Agricultural Teachers Association Hall of Fame.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICERS AND INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HOUSE AND RECIPIENTS OF THE HOUSE EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD AND THE OFFICERS' AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S TEAM PLAYER AWARD

**HON. GREGG HARPER**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 17, 2018*

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, Ranking Member ROBERT BRADY and I wish to recognize

today a special group of dedicated and outstanding employees of the Officers (Clerk of the House, Sergeant at Arms, and Chief Administrative Officer) and of the Inspector General of the U.S. House of Representatives, and congratulate those who have reached the milestone of 25 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the recipients of the House Employee Excellence Award and the Officers' and Inspector General's Team Player Award.

The House's most important asset is its remarkable and steadfast employees, whose work is essential to keeping the operations and services of the House running efficiently and effectively. The employees we acknowledge today are commended for their hard work, dedication, professionalism, and teamwork; support of House Members, their staffs, and their constituents, and for their contributions day-in and day-out to the overall operations of the House. These employees, whose work is often performed behind the scenes, possess a wide range of responsibilities and skills that support the legislative process, ensure the security of this great institution, maintain our technology and service infrastructure, and contribute to more efficient and productive House support operations. These devoted employees have accomplished many great and important things in a diverse range of activities, and the House of Representatives, its Members, staff, and the American public is better served because of them.

We recognize and honor the following individuals for 25 years of loyal service to the House. Collectively, these employees have provided 450 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives:

Chinetta Adams, Office of the Sergeant at Arms; Wendy Benson, Office of the Sergeant at Arms; Richard Cooper, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Christopher Fischer, Office of the Sergeant at Arms; Julia Gaines, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Kirsten Gullickson, Office of the Clerk; Joyce Hamlett, Office of the Sergeant at Arms; Donald Harris, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Eric Johnson, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Teresa Johnson, Office of the Sergeant at Arms.

Jennifer Maas, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Anthony Myers, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Michael Nash, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; James Robertson, Office of the Sergeant at Arms; Doris Rogers, Office of the Clerk; Lester Snyder, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Clyde Springfield, Jr., Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Daniel Tilson, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

We also recognize and congratulate the House employees receiving the House Employee Excellence Award. This is a merit-based award, given to one employee from each of the House Officers' and Inspector General's organizations. Selected employees exhibited outstanding overall job performance and displayed a willingness to go above and beyond the requirements of their job for their organization throughout the last year. We honor these individuals for receiving this prestigious award:

Janciera Armstrong, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Cheryl Coleman, Office of the Sergeant at Arms; Debbie Hunter, Office of Inspector General; Marianne Law, Office of the Clerk.