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H.R. 6545, THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2018

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the H.R. 6545, the Violence Against Women Act.

Today, more than ever, it is clear we as a nation must do more to protect our women and girls. The #MeToo movement has made it increasingly obvious that we are failing as a country to properly address and prevent sexual assault.

Sexual violence is particularly prevalent among women of color, who are often times victims to an oppressive combination of racism and sexism. Statistics show that by the age of 18, approximately 40 percent of black women report coercive sexual contact, and that Native American women are almost two times as likely to be assaulted than their white peers.

Today, I find it exceptionally important to stand as an ally to women, as Republicans attempt to push through a Supreme Court nominee who has been accused of sexual violence. I stand with my female colleagues and women across the country when I say—time's up. We must believe women and ensure our laws protect their safety and equality.

I support the Violence Against Women Act and I urge all of my colleagues to do the same.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize October 10, or Double Ten Day, the national day of Taiwan. Given the warm ties between the United States and Taiwan, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the people of Taiwan a very Happy Double Ten Day.

Over the years, Taiwan has proven its leadership on the global stage—despite its unique political status—through its commitment to democracy, its contributions to global health initiatives, international development, and humanitarian missions. Taiwan delivered critical aid and supplies following the 2010 earthquake in Haiti and the 2013 Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. During the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa, Taiwan donated funds and protective gear so that doctors and other health workers could meet the unique challenges the disease posed at that time.

Taiwan is a key security and trading partner of our nation, and it is important that Congress and the administration redouble their support for Taiwan's standing and meaningful participation in international bodies. Taiwan consists of 23.5 million highly educated and highly skilled people who are experienced in dealing

with the challenges faced by our global community. Indeed, a number of these professionals fall them within the purview of international organizations such as the WHO, ICAO, and INTERPOL. It is to the benefit of us all that experts from Taiwan can share their knowledge and experience with their colleagues in these international forums as they seek to address challenges including global pandemics, aviation safety and security, international crime, and terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in wishing the people of Taiwan all the best as they celebrate Double Ten Day.

HONORING SPC ROBERT A. WISE

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a life that was lost too soon. Florida National Guard Specialist Robert Allen Wise of Tallahassee was killed in Baghdad when a roadside bomb detonated in November 2003. He was the First Florida National Guardsman killed in action to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Specialist Wise chose to selflessly serve our country at 17 years old. He was enrolled at Tallahassee Community College, when he answered the call to serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom. When his father asked him if he was sure he wanted to go, Wise told his father "I would rather face them there than here."

Specialist Wise was known to his family and friends for his contagious laugh, infectious smile, and unwavering sense of duty to his country.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Specialist Robert A. Wise and all of our fallen heroes who gave 'the last full measure of devotion' to this country to make Americans safe at home and abroad.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present and voting for the following roll call votes due to a family wedding celebration. Had I been present, I would have voted: No. 399: YEA; No. 398: YEA; No. 397: NAY; No. 396: YEA; No. 395: YEA; and No. 394: YEA.

CONGRATULATING THE VILLAGE OF BRUSHTON ON ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 200th anniversary of the Village of Brushton.

The Village of Brushton was first settled in 1818 by a small group of pioneers. In 1835, a

landowner named Henry N. Brush purchased several mills that had developed on the Little Salmon River, which he then named Brush's Mills. The community's economy became distinctly agricultural, linked to the rest of the North Country's developing industry through its location on the Rutland Railroad. Brush's son, Henry Corbin Brush, proceeded to build upon his father's legacy and further develop the industrial attributes of the community. In 1877, the village was officially named Brushton and has continued to prosper ever since.

Currently, the Village of Brushton is part of the Town of Moira in Franklin County. Although small in population, the people of Brushton are very proud of their village's rich heritage and tight-knit community.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate the Village of Brushton on its 200th anniversary. I wish all its residents the best as they celebrate this important milestone.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. I missed two votes on September 25, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 400, and YEA on Roll Call No. 401.

TAIWAN'S 107TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 107th anniversary of the founding of Taiwan, also known as the Republic of China.

As a member of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, I long have been impressed with how this island of twenty-three million people punches above its weight and has become an economic powerhouse. It is home to Foxconn, one of the world's largest electronics manufacturers, as well as other large technology companies such as ASUS, Pegatron, and Quanta Computer. In fact, Taiwan is known as one of the Four Asian Tigers whose rapid economic expansion has served as models for other developing countries.

The United States and Taiwan also enjoy a strong albeit unofficial relationship which is maintained by the American Institute in Taiwan. According to the United States Trade Representative, Taiwan is the United States' tenth largest trading partner and the United States is Taiwan's third largest trading partner (after China and Hong Kong). U.S. goods and services trade with Taiwan totaled an estimated \$84.7 billion in 2016.

My home state of Georgia also has a strong relationship with Taiwan. Last year, Georgia exported more than \$400 million in goods to Taiwan including heterocyclic compounds, civilian aircraft engines and parts, poultry, data processors, cotton and kaolin clays. There

are a number of Georgia companies spanning across multiple industries that have operations in Taiwan.

Our relationship, however, is much deeper than just trade. Two Georgia cities have sister city agreements with Taiwan—Atlanta (Taipei) and Columbus (Taichung). In addition, the wife and sisters-in-law of Sun Yat-sen, the founding father of the Republic of China, all attended Wesleyan College in Macon in the early 1900s.

The hard work, ingenuity, and tenacity of the people of Taiwan are to be commended on the 107th anniversary of the Republic of China. I look forward to many more years of continued cooperation and goodwill between our two nations in the years to come.

CHILDHOOD CANCER

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, childhood cancer is a horrific illness plaguing not only our nation, but all nations of the world. In 2017, despite childhood cancer being the No. 1 cause of death by disease in the U.S., research funding specifically for childhood cancer was less than 4 percent of all national cancer funding. Earlier this year, Congress passed legislation that would provide more funding for research and development to combat childhood cancer. Yet more must be done in our communities. For this reason, I rise today to commend the actions of a family dedicated to raising awareness of childhood cancer, pushing for more involvement from the community, and highlighting the troubling effects this epidemic has on those diagnosed and their families. This is a family that has gone through the process of diagnosis, treatment, and—in this case—remission themselves.

Lt. Richard Jankovsky III, a DPS patrol officer and President of the Department of Public Safety Officers Association (DPSOA), has worked tirelessly to protect those on our highways and enforce the law. Yet his biggest challenge came when he experienced the effects of childhood cancer firsthand as his daughter Kaitlyn grappled with the disease for years.

Kaitlyn was diagnosed with leukemia in August of 2014 when she was only 13 years old. Kaitlyn underwent chemo, countless transfusions, and multiple surgeries, including a complete hip replacement, on her path to remission. Her last chemo treatment was on November 10, 2016. Now a senior at Woodsboro High School, Kaitlyn has challenged high schools across the state to wear gold ribbons this month, following Governor Greg Abbott's proclamation recognizing September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

A major issue many children like Kaitlyn face is access to blood for treatments. Cancer patients often need to replenish the blood lost during treatments, such as chemotherapy or radiation, which requires blood from healthy donors. In fact, the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center reports there is less than a two-day supply on shelves, which is why the Jankovsky family has helped the DPSOA host blood drives for the past few years. They know the importance of having clean blood for

treatments and have strived to bring their community together to help solve this problem.

The Jankovsky family has exhibited perseverance and selflessness, and it is an honor to recognize this extraordinary family and their commitment to raise awareness of childhood cancer.

HONORING CHIEF DANNY D. BOWMAN

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a servant leader in my district who has made a tremendous difference in the lives of thousands in Forsyth County, Georgia. For over 50 years, Chief Danny D. Bowman has served as a Georgia firefighter displaying the values of selflessness, honor, and patriotism.

Chief Bowman is an Atlanta native and veteran of the United States Air Force. He began his career as a firefighter in Atlanta in 1968. After serving with the Atlanta Fire Department, he joined the Fulton County Fire Department in 1977. Bowman came to Forsyth County as a division chief in 2001 and began serving as the county's director of emergency management in 2002. He took the reins as Fire Chief in 2003. Forsyth County Commission Chairman Todd Levent credits Chief Bowman with "making the local department what it is today."

Chief Bowman will officially retire this October, and I want to thank him for his service to Forsyth County and the great state of Georgia. Chief Bowman's commitment to making Georgia safer spans over half a century, and I commend him for a career of sacrificial service to our region.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. FRANK EDWARD CHRISTIE

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Frank Edward Christie who passed away August 19, 2018, at the age of 96.

Frank Christie lived a life of service to the American people—from his time on the beaches of Okinawa and Leyte Gulf to his passion for education back home, and dedication to his church.

In 1943, Mr. Christie enlisted in the U.S. Army and would later be awarded two Purple Hearts and the Silver and Bronze stars for Valor in Action for his heroic actions as a medic during World War II.

During his 35-year education career, Mr. Christie left his imprint across the states of Georgia and Florida. He served as the Terrell County school superintendent in Dawson, GA and would go on to help start the Terrell County Recreational Program. Through his service to the school system, Mr. Christie was at the forefront of a peaceful and successful desegregation of the public schools during the mid-sixties.

On Sundays, you would find Mr. Christie and his wife singing in their church choir. For 26 years, Mr. Christie served as the Song Leader at his last church home in Alligator Point, Florida—Mission-By-The-Sea.

Frank Edward Christie will be missed by many. May his service to our country always be remembered and venerated and may he rest in peace.

HONORING CAPTAIN ANTHONY ERIC GHISLETTA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Anthony Eric Ghisletta, upon his retirement from the Martinez Police Department after twenty-eight years of service.

Captain Ghisletta was born in the Bay Area and grew up in Martinez, California. With a commitment to public safety, he graduated from the police academy and the FBI National Academy. In 1990, Captain Ghisletta began his law enforcement career as a Police Trainee in the Martinez Police Department. Over the last twenty-eight years, he has served our community as a Police Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Commander, Interim Chief of Police and Captain. Captain Ghisletta has been a K9 Handler and his knowledge has been vital to the expansion of the Police Department's canine program. Additionally, he spent many years as a Hostage Negotiator on the Hostage Negotiations Team and has spearheaded many functions of the Team.

Captain Ghisletta's work has positively impacted the citizens in our community. His strong commitment, leadership and professionalism is deeply respected and supported by his peers and the City of Martinez. He has assisted countless residents throughout his tenure with the Police Department. Captain Ghisletta's file is full of letters and commendations from community members that he has helped over the years.

Captain Ghisletta is married to Sara and they have three children—Russell, Reid and Caroline. Captain Ghisletta has spent many hours coaching youth sports and mentoring youth in our community. His compassion and consistent engagement have made a positive impact on Martinez.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Ghisletta is an admirable leader who has dedicated his career to serving our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING JULIUS TERRY FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE WAR OF 1812

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of U.S. Navy War of 1812 veteran Julius Terry.

Julius Terry was a free African-American who worked on a local farm near Sackets Harbor and belonged to Captain Elisha Camp's