

a grocery store. The shop has seen multiple identity changes but has remained in the ownership of the Elder family throughout the decades. After operating as a grocery store, it transitioned into a bar. In the 1985, the Elders remodeled the bar into a barn, selling local produce and hosting dances in the community. Over time, the produce barn slowly transformed into Elders Mini Mart. It remained in operation until its closing on October 1, 2018.

Elders Mini Mart has been in the ownership of the Elder family since its founding. Lon and Bertha Elder passed down management responsibilities to Fred and Laura Elder, who then gave ownership to Ray and Pat Elder. When Ray sadly passed away in 2011, Pat maintained ownership of the store.

Elders Mini Mart has become a fixture in the Caruthers community. It is widely known for being the choice of farmers for their morning coffee and children would often get free ice cream at the end of a school day. The Mart has a reputation for having the best deli in town. Aside from being a popular meeting place for farmers and students, Elder Mini Mart has also historically supported the local Central Valley agriculture industry through selling local produce. It never went to waste; unsold fruits and vegetables being fed to their livestock.

Located off the 41, Elders Mini Mart gets customers from around the state, country, and world. Travelers stop at the store for a quick break, and unexpectedly find a warm atmosphere with a friendly owner and delicious food. If anything defines Elders Mini Mart aside from its rich history, it would be their ability to make all customers feel like part of the community. Their customer service was unmatched.

Pat Elder has been the sole owner since her husband Ray passed away. While effectively managing the store for years, she has decided the time has come to retire. She is ready to transition into the next phase of her life and is excited to have the opportunity to travel. After decades of hard work and service to Caruthers, she deserves a restful retirement with many exciting adventures.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Elders Mini Mart for ninety-eight years of operation and wishing Mrs. Pat Elder well in her retirement.

S. 756, SAVE OUR SEAS ACT OF 2018

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letters of exchange which were to have been placed during consideration of S. 756 on July 25, 2018.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, July 10, 2018.

Hon. ROB BISHOP,
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN BISHOP: On June 27, 2018, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure ordered reported with amendment S. 756, the Save Our Seas Act of 2017. The bill was referred primarily to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, with an

additional referral to the Committee on Natural Resources.

I ask that you allow the Committee on Natural Resources to be discharged from further consideration of the bill so that it may be scheduled by the Majority Leader. This discharge in no way affects your jurisdiction over the subject matter of the bill, and it will not serve as precedent for future referrals. In addition, should a conference on the bill be necessary, I would support your request to have the Committee on Natural Resources represented on the conference committee. Finally, I would be pleased to include this letter and any response in the bill report filed by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, as well as in the Congressional Record during floor consideration, to memorialize our understanding.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

BILL SHUSTER,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,
Washington, DC, July 10, 2018.

Hon. BILL SHUSTER

Chairman, Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for contacting me regarding S. 756, the Save Our Seas Act of 2017, which was additionally referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

In the interest of permitting you to proceed expeditiously to floor consideration of this bill, I will agree to discharge the Natural Resources Committee from further consideration of S. 756. I do so with the understanding that the Natural Resources Committee does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matter contained in the bill that fall within its Rule X jurisdiction. I also appreciate your support to name members of the Natural Resources Committee to any conference committee to consider such provisions and for inserting our exchange of letters on S. 756 into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor.

Thank you once again for the very cooperative spirit in which you and your staff have worked regarding this matter and many others between our respective committees.

Sincerely,

ROB BISHOP,
Chairman.

REAUTHORIZING THE FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the House's action last Friday to pass legislation (H.R. 6014) to reauthorize the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, FVPSA, a bill that was introduced with bipartisan support by Rep. GLENN THOMPSON, myself, and Reps. ELISE STEFANIK and LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER. I am pleased that the House, on a bipartisan basis, was able to reach agreement and expedite passage of this key law. I again want to thank Rep. THOMPSON, Rep. STEFANIK, and Rep. BLUNT ROCHESTER for joining with me and their hard work in getting us to this moment.

FVPSA, originally enacted in 1984, is at the heart of our nation's response to domestic violence, ensuring that local domestic violence shelters and programs are able to keep their lights on and doors open to serve more than 1.3 million victims and their children every year.

FVPSA funds nearly hundreds of community-based programs. These programs provide emergency shelter, counseling, legal assistance, crisis intervention, and domestic and dating violence prevention education. FVPSA also provides funding for tribal governments to deliver essential services to survivors and supports the National Domestic Violence Hotline, which is often the first call made by survivors. H.R. 6014 would simply extend the current programs at current funding levels through FY 2023.

It's critical to remember that the most dangerous moment for women experiencing intimate partner violence is that point in time when they decide to do something about their situation, and that is the point in which there has just got to be a resource there. That is what the programs and funding through FVPSA helps to provide.

Mr. Speaker, recent high-profile cases have brought a national focus on domestic violence, but such violence isn't limited to Hollywood. The #MeToo movement has given all survivors a renewed courage to come forward for help. I cannot underscore enough that it is critical that Congress act to ensure that the resources and supports are in place to help them when they do. Passing FVPSA is a good step forward.

In that vein, I hope my colleagues will take the next step and bring VAWA reauthorization legislation (H.R. 6545), introduced by Rep. SHEILA JACKSON LEE and myself and over 170 of our colleagues, that would strengthen and improve those critical programs, to the floor as quickly as possible. No more needless delay.

I applaud colleagues on both sides for their work to help move this commonsense and noncontroversial bill out of the House last Friday. While we can't end every single act of violence, we must help create the space and the opportunity for these victims to be able to come forward and to leave these situations.

I hope that the Senate will act expeditiously to send this bill to the President's desk for signature into law.

TIFFANY JOSLYN JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the House of Representatives has passed H.R. 68, the "Tiffany Joslyn Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization and the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act."

Passage of H.R. 68 came about as a result of hard and great teamwork amongst our amazing staff on both sides of the aisle. I am heartened by the work done on this bill along with the other four bills up for unanimous consent. I commend Chairman GOODLATTE's leadership on this effort to help pass H.R. 68.

This bill is named for Tiffany May Joslyn, a champion for criminal justice reform, who served as my Deputy Chief Counsel of the Crime Subcommittee and whose life tragically was cut short on March 5, 2016, in a car accident that sadly also claimed the life of her brother, Derrick. She was just 33 years old.

So today's passage of H.R. 68 is both bitter and sweet. Tiffany would have been proud, as she championed these causes. This moment is for both her and for all the millions of young people that will be helped by this bill.

The Tiffany Joslyn bill will help stem the epidemic of juveniles within the criminal justice system by reauthorizing the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant program (JABG) and providing funding to state and local governments for the creation of bullying and gang prevention programs.

It will authorize such appropriations as may be necessary, which is anticipated to be at least \$30 million per year.

In addition to reauthorizing juvenile justice programs, the Tiffany Joslyn Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization and the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act clarifies how to address the occurrences of bullying through developmentally appropriate intervention and prevention techniques, which center on evidence-based models and best practices that rely on schools and communities rather than involvement from law enforcement and the justice system.

H.R. 68 is designed to help both the victims and perpetrators of bullying. Research studies have shown that approximately 25 percent of school bullies will be convicted of a criminal offense in their adult years.

It also includes provisions for gang prevention programs, which will help guide our children towards socially beneficial paths. If we want our children to learn, we must be able to maintain a safe and healthy school environment. Bullying is a massive issue in our nation's schools.

The National Center for Educational Studies reports show that 14 percent of 12-to 18-year-olds surveyed report being victims of direct or indirect bullying. 1 out of 4 kids is bullied.

Bullying is not just in a schoolyard anymore; it is a crisis that's taking over our nation. Gone are the days that children can come home and seek solace and escape from their bullies; technological advances have made it easy for young people to be tormented on social networks at any time from any place.

They are never out of harm's reach. This needs to end. Americans children should be protected, and no child should be persecuted for exercising their American right to be themselves. It is time for us to come to a conclusive solution to America's bullying crisis.

My bill, H.R. 68, the Tiffany Joslyn Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization and the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act, provides the solution that we need.

The work we do as Members to pass these bills cannot be done without the diligence and hard work of our talented and dedicated staff Counsels. This is why I would like to take the time to thank Monalisa Dugue, Deputy Chief Counsel of the Democratic Crime Subcommittee; and her colleagues Danielle Brown, Perry Apelbaum, and Joe Graupensperger of the Democratic staff. And I thank Branden Ritchie, Shelly Husband, Stephanie Gadbois, and Margaret Barr of the Republican staff for their fine work.

Now I urge my colleagues in the Senate to adopt our effort in the House and pass H.R. 68, the Tiffany Joslyn Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization and the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act so that we may keep all of our children safe.

This bill honors Tiffany, but more importantly, it advances the cause of justice in America.

CONGRATULATING THE SEATTLE STORM

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to proudly congratulate the Seattle Storm, winners of the 2018 WNBA title. To the players and coaches, thank you for the hard work, determination, grit and talent that propelled you to the end and made us all so proud of Seattle. To friends and families of the team, thank you for your support, encouragement and personal sacrifices.

Seattle Storm, your achievement reflects not only the hard work that goes into winning a national championship, but also your resilience and dedication to one another throughout the entirety of the season. Every day, I feel honored to represent women like you whose work shows a tremendous commitment to women's issues, young girls and your community—a testimony of your connection to the City of Seattle. It is no surprise that the majority of Seattle's championships belong to the Storm.

Your team embodies the values that we, in our city, hold so dearly. You are an incredible role model for girls and women everywhere. It is an honor both to serve women like you who take a stand and speak out for issues that are important, but also to be able to call the Storm my home team.

Again, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to you all, and I look forward to seeing everything that you accomplish in the future.

ALVIN ISD "THE DAY" OF SERVICE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Superintendent James "Buck" Gilcrease and the Alvin Independent School District's for hosting their "The Day" of Service project, held on September 8, 2018.

"The Day" is a way for the entire student body and staff of Alvin ISD to show their gratitude to the Alvin community. "The Day" is about coming together as a school district and expressing appreciation, but also working to instill a sense of service within the student body.

During Hurricane Harvey, many students gave their time and talent to help folks in need. One year later, to recognize the anniversary of Hurricane Harvey, the student body came together to make the community a better place for the first annual "The Day". This

year, 20,000 students and staff members showed up to engage in a multitude of service projects. These projects included providing gift bags to first responders, washing cars for local police stations, picking up trash in neighborhoods, and holding roadside prayer. This is tremendous community spirit that deserves recognition.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, thank you again to Superintendent Gilcrease, the staff and students at the Alvin Independent School District for their first annual "The Day" of Service. I thank them for their dedication to improving our Alvin community.

TRIBUTE TO THE YWCA

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible work of the YWCA serving my district in New York City and similar branches throughout the country. For over 160 years, YWCA has played a key role in empowering women by helping millions of women, girls, families and their communities all across the country.

In Brooklyn, New York, YWCA has worked to help eliminate racism, violence and poverty. YWCA Brooklyn created 310 units of affordable permanent housing for low-income women and homeless survivors of domestic violence. Taking a holistic approach to eradicating systemic poverty, YWCA's services range from providing English language classes and legal assistance, college access and leadership development and employment readiness. It has also spearheaded a women's business entrepreneurship mentoring program to help women lead startups. YWCA also offers wellness programming to reduce stress and trauma by offering yoga classes, art and music therapy.

In addition, YWCA Brooklyn's Social Justice Community Center provides free event and meeting space, training facilities and offices to over 100 nonprofit and community organizations. In 2017 alone, YWCA Brooklyn partnered with over 100 community groups to offer 845 events drawing over 25,000 attendees.

Mr. Speaker, for decades, YWCA has provided a lifeline for countless women, children and families. It is with great respect and admiration that I salute the YWCA staff and community for their tireless commitment to empowerment and justice for all.

CELEBRATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF PHOENIX BAKERY

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 80th anniversary of Phoenix Bakery.

When the bakery was founded in 1938, Chinatown was truly the place where Chinese