

Alex was a proud American who truly lived the American Dream and loved the country that enabled him to live it. When World War II broke out, Alex left college to join the U.S. Army Air Corps, where he served as a B-29 tail gunner. After the war, Alex returned to school and earned varsity letters in both swimming and diving at the College of the Pacific in Stockton.

In 1951, Alex started a small business selling sandwiches to migrant workers in the San Joaquin Valley. Four years after starting this business, Alex made his first million dollars and began investing his earnings in real estate and started to build apartments. In 1960, he founded A.G. Spanos Companies that, within the following two decades, became the largest apartment builder in the United States.

Always an enthusiast for sports and athletic activity, Alex fulfilled one of his lifelong goals in 1984, when he purchased the San Diego Chargers. One his most memorable moments as the owner of the Chargers was watching them defeat the Pittsburgh Steelers to play in Super Bowl XXIX in 1995.

Being equally passionate about the Chargers franchise's impact off the field, Alex created and funded community outreach programs like the Chargers Community Foundation, that continues to exist, supporting numerous critical causes, individuals in need, and organizations that benefit the Southern California community.

Alex was a creative entrepreneur, who also knew how to conduct business the right way, firmly establishing an honest and forthright reputation in both his personal and professional relationships. For many years, I had the honor and privilege of knowing Alex and his beloved wife Faye, who also passed away earlier this year. He was always the consummate gentleman, who consistently worked to give back to the country that had given him so much and I was always grateful for his counsel and friendship.

Alex Spanos was a beloved pillar of our California community and will be greatly missed, but his legacy will undoubtedly live on for many generations to come. With his passing, Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the legacy of this exemplary citizen and proud patriot, who lived a life that should serve as an inspiration to us all.

HONORING AND REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JAMES FARRINGTON

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my privilege today to honor the life of a dedicated community leader and loving husband, James Farrington, who passed away at the age of 51 after decades of service to Northern Michigan. Through his extreme courage and selflessness, James became an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

A native of Lansing, James dedicated his life to fellow Michiganders. After beginning his career with the Lansing Board of Water and Light, James spent 10 years as a journeyman lineworker at Traverse City Light and Power prior to joining Consumers Energy. He was well-known for his expertise, willingness to

mentor others, and love for his work. It takes years of study and experience to be a journeyman lineworker, and the tremendous physical stamina and knowledge necessary to do this vital work demands respect and appreciation from our community. James braved hazardous conditions and unforgiving weather to ensure that members of his community had access to reliable electricity—a matter of life and death for many in Northern Michigan. As we look for solace after this tragedy, I want to express my heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. James' tireless devotion to the public good has touched the lives of countless Michiganders, and the impact of his work cannot be overstated.

Mr. Speaker, James Farrington's family and community can take pride in knowing that Northern Michigan is a better place thanks to his life's work. On behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of an outstanding community leader whose contributions will continue to bless Michiganders for many years to come.

GREATER FORT WORTH ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors (GFWAR) on their 100 years of service to the Fort Worth community. With more than 3,200 realtor and affiliate members, GFWAR is a strong advocate for real estate professionals and Texas property owners.

The members of GFWAR are devoted to protecting private property rights and supporting homeownership, and their members have been among Fort Worth's most prominent citizens.

Among the leading members of GFWAR include the late Charles McMillan, former president of GFWAR, the Texas Association of Realtors (TAR) and the National Association of Realtors. Several other GFWAR members have also served as president of TAR; these include Walter Curlee, James D'Arcy, Raymond Estes, A.L. Purvis, Lester Weatherby, and William C. Jennings.

Additional prominent members of GFWAR include my friend State Representative Charlie Geren, who serves Texas House District 99, former State Representative Rob Orr, who served Texas House District 58, and Billie Heffner who was the first woman to chair the Texas Real Estate Commission. Prominent past members of GFWAR also include the Mayor of Fort Worth, Betsy Price.

Members of the Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors have provided valuable professional services to Fort Worth residents for a century. On their 100th anniversary, I would like to commend all those affiliated with this notable organization and extend best wishes for continued success.

Please join me in thanking the Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors for their proud history and centenary of service to Fort Worth, Texas.

HONORING ISAAH FREESTONE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Isaiah Freestone. Isaiah is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 135, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Isaiah has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Isaiah has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Isaiah has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Isaiah planted trees at Lyons Park in Kearney, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Isaiah Freestone for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF KENNETH ANTONIO "TONY" COXEY

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a man that dedicated himself to this country and the people of Mississippi. Kenneth Antonio "Tony" Coxey, a native of Monroe County Mississippi, passed away on Monday, September 24, 2018.

Tony graduated from Smithville High School in 1994. In April of 1996, at the age of 20, he decided to join the Mississippi Army National Guard. He proudly served this country for over 20 years. In 1999, Tony joined the Amory Police Department and began his career in law enforcement. He was a devoted patrolman for the city of Amory, as well as a part-time patrolman with the Smithville Police Department.

Tony's law enforcement career was interrupted in 2004 when he received his orders to serve our nation in Operation Iraqi Freedom. After serving for 18 months in Fallujah, Iraq, with the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Tony returned home to serve as a road deputy with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. He later transferred to the Narcotics Division and became a Lieutenant.

Tony returned to Iraq from 2009–2010 as Personal Security Detachment for Colonel William "Bill" Glasgow. In 2011, he deployed to NATO (Bosnia) as Personal Security Detachment for General Gary E. Huffman. Shortly after, Tony retired from the Mississippi Army National Guard as an SFC E-7.

After his final deployment, Tony returned home and began working for the Alabama and Gulf Coast Railway. While working, Tony was involved in a serious train accident that left him fighting for his life. With the help of God and against all odds, Tony made a remarkable recovery. He used this accident to tell his story about how God pulled him through to anyone that would listen.

Tony was truly a man of God and was always ready to share his faith. His incredible love for God, his family, his country, and his community was shown through his works. Tony was a man who was wise beyond his years; he was a man who had a contagious smile and could bring laughter on dreary days. He made an impact on his community that will not be forgotten.

Tony is survived by his mother, Darlene Kelton (Jerry); sister, Charlene Holt; brothers, Craig Coxey (Tonia), Michael Coxey (Ashley); grandmother, Louise Oliver; and several nieces and nephews.

HONORING THE 25TH SEASON OF
THE SYRACUSE CRUNCH

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Syracuse Crunch's 25th season playing in Syracuse. The Crunch compete in the American Hockey League, which is the top developmental league for the National Hockey League, and play their home games at the historic Oncenter War Memorial Arena on South State Street. Since relocating to Syracuse in 1994, the Crunch have served as the primary affiliate for five different National Hockey League franchises.

The Syracuse Crunch traces its franchise roots back to 1992, when they were originally the Hamilton Canucks based in Hamilton, Ontario. After two seasons in Hamilton, the Canucks were relocated to Syracuse and renamed the Crunch by a public vote. The Crunch were immediately popular in their new city and led the league in sellouts during two of their first four seasons in Syracuse. In addition, the team was successful upon relocation to Syracuse and reached the playoffs three consecutive years after failing to qualify in their inaugural season.

During the 2010s, the Crunch established themselves as an iconic American Hockey League franchise. The team won two conference championships during the 2012–2013 and 2016–2017 campaigns and reached the Calder Cup Finals. The Crunch fell short in both appearances, losing to the Grand Rapids Griffins on both occasions. Additionally, they participated in the league's first ever outdoor game at the Grandstand at the New York State Fairgrounds in 2010. The Crunch won the contest over the Binghamton Senators by a score of 2–1 and set a league record for single-game attendance with 21,508 spectators. Four years later, the Crunch rewrote the history books again when they played the Utica Comets at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse. The attendance of 30,715 fans for their 2–1 win over Utica was the largest crowd for an indoor hockey game in the United States.

The Crunch have been the top affiliate of the Tampa Bay Lightning since 2012. They have developed several star players for the Lightning, including Andrei Vasilevskiy, Nikita Kucherov and Yanni Gourde. They also have developed geographic rivalries with several other upstate New York teams located in Rochester, Binghamton and Utica, which has contributed to the popularity of hockey in the region.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House join me in celebrating the Syracuse Crunch's rich history in Central New York. The Crunch have long contributed to the identity of Syracuse and culture of hockey in the area. As a co-chair of the Congressional Hockey Caucus, I am grateful for their presence in Syracuse.

CELEBRATING HABERSHAM COUNTY'S
BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th Anniversary of Habersham County, Georgia.

Habersham County rests in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, in the northeast corner of Georgia, and was established on December 15, 1818. The county is named for Colonel Joseph Habersham, who was an officer of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, President George Washington's Postmaster General, and a mayor of Savannah.

Habersham County's beauty extends from scenic Tallulah Gorge in the north, where The Flying Wallendas crossed on high wire, to serene Lake Russell in the south. People venture from far and wide to Habersham to enjoy the National Forest and the world class fly fishing on the Soque and Chattahoochee Rivers. It is a truly special place that I am blessed to represent.

The only thing that outshines Habersham County's beauty is its community. You can always feel the warmth and welcome of the people, whether it's having breakfast at the Crossroads Café, celebrating our Appalachian heritage at the Chattahoochee Mountain Fair, or watching the Raiders football win on a Friday night.

I celebrate Habersham County's two centuries of rich history and wish the citizens of Habersham County a joyful year ahead.

A HAPPY DOUBLE TEN DAY TO
THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, Wednesday, October 10th is Taiwan's National Day—also known as Double Ten Day. I would like to take this opportunity now to offer my best wishes to the people of Taiwan.

As my colleagues are aware, Taiwan is a close friend, as well as security and trade partner of the United States. This year, I was happy to cosponsor and vote for H.R. 535, the Taiwan Travel Act. And I was even happier to see the bill pass the House, the Senate and be signed into law by President Trump on March 16, 2018. This important law expresses the sense of Congress that the United States Government should encourage visits between officials from the United States and Taiwan at all levels. Furthermore, it states it should be

U.S. policy to allow U.S. officials to travel to Taiwan to meet their Taiwanese counterparts; permit high-level Taiwanese officials to enter the U.S. to meet with U.S. officials; and encourages the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) to conduct business in the United States. Mr. Speaker, I could not agree more with this policy.

In my home state of Iowa, we are enthusiastic to build on our already strong trade ties. Just this past September, Taiwan renewed its pledge to purchase a total of up to 3.9 million metric tons of soybeans valued at up to \$1.56 billion in 2018 and 2019. Under the revised deal, the U.S. share of soybeans purchased by Taiwan will increase to between 80% and 90% of total Taiwanese purchases. It was also announced that the new agreement with Taiwan will result in 75% of Taiwan's total soybean purchases coming from Iowa.

As President Trump's Administration scans the globe looking for bilateral trade partners, Taiwan holds as much promise as ever for the U.S. Iowa and every state in the nation would benefit from the signing of a free trade agreement between Taiwan and the U.S., which would eliminate tariffs on most products and increase Taiwanese demand and Iowa exports. Though a small country with a population of 23.5 million, Taiwan has the potential to become a strong export market for Iowa and the U.S. Taiwan is a major importer of our nation's agriculture missions to the U.S. Other sectors such as Iowa's strong wind energy sector have potential for bilateral cooperation as well.

Mr. Speaker, again, I wish the people of Taiwan a Happy Double Ten Day. And I take this opportunity to once again echo the words of Barry Goldwater when he said, "I have great affection for the Chinese people, their culture, their skills, and their potential."

CONGRATULATING DR. JAMES P.
ALLISON ON HIS 2018 NOBEL
PRIZE IN PHYSIOLOGY OR MEDICINE

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. James P. Allison and his pioneering cancer research. Dr. Allison was awarded the 2018 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for developing a new effective alternative cancer treatment, which targets the immune system instead of individual tumors.

A native of Alice, in Texas' 34th Congressional District, Dr. Allison is a graduate of Alice High School. He earned both his B.S. (1969) and Ph.D. (1973) from the University of Texas at Austin. He completed his postdoctoral fellowship at the California-based Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation (1974–1977). Dr. Allison served as a faculty member at renowned institutions, including the University of Texas System Cancer Center (1977–1984), the University of California, Berkeley (1985–2004), and the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York (2004–2012).

As a professor at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center since 2012, Dr. Allison is a leading expert both inside and outside of the classroom. His students look up to