

call when their nation asked and served in 1943 and 1944 on the home front to make sure our troops were well equipped. Lessie is a local pioneer of the Rosie movement in my district, and I am honored to recognize her achievements and help keep this history alive. We owe a debt of gratitude to all of the heroes of World War II.

May God bless Lessie, and I thank her for all she has done for the people of the great state of West Virginia and her community of Milton, and for her service to our nation.

**PROSECUTION OF PERPETRATORS  
OF GENOCIDE OR WAR CRIMES**

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 6, 2018*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3851, the War Crimes Rewards Expansion Act, which targets perpetrators of genocide or war crimes, and commend my friend VIRGINIA FOXX for authoring it. The War Crimes Rewards Program, administered by the State Department, has helped apprehend perpetrators of atrocity crimes on the run from the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. But our current law does not explicitly authorize rewards to enable prosecutions in the United States or domestic courts in other countries. This bill would make it clear rewards can be used to support domestic prosecutions.

Tribunals like those for the Former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda have done yeoman's work and we should continue to support them. That is why I have called for the United States to support and help stand up a Syria war crimes tribunal. But domestic courts are also essential for prosecuting perpetrators. With so many fugitive terrorists who committed atrocity crimes in Iraq or Syria, and can be tried in the domestic courts of their home country or another country, this legislation is especially timely.

I support this bill and encourage my colleagues to do likewise.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I call on the Senate to finally vote on and pass H.R. 390, the Iraq and Syria Genocide Emergency Relief and Accountability Act.

This House passed it unanimously last June 6 and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee unanimously passed it last September 19. The Committee Chairman, Senator CORKER, has since been holding it hostage and will not permit it to proceed to the full Senate for a vote.

The bill would authorize the State Department and USAID to direct some aid to Christians, Yazidis and other religious and ethnic minorities targeted for genocide to enable them to survive in their ancient homelands. It would enable oversight to ensure the career bureaucrats are fully implementing the policy of the Administration and provide clear, detailed authorization for appropriations.

H.R. 390 also authorizes the State Department and USAID to support organizations conducting criminal investigations into ISIS perpetrators of atrocity crimes and collecting evidence that can be used in domestic courts and tribunals. This advances our counter-ter-

rorism initiatives and justice for the victims. The House voted on H.R. 390 and the Senate should be given the same opportunity.

**RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN  
MISSISSIPPI MARINE LANCE  
CORPORAL (LCPL) EDWARD JOE  
DYCUS**

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 6, 2018*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Marine Lance Corporal (LCpl) Edward Joe Dycus who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation on February 1, 2012, during Operation Enduring Freedom. LCpl Dycus gave his life when he was mortally wounded by a member of the Afghan Security Forces in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. LCpl Dycus was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

LCpl Dycus grew up in Greenville, Mississippi. He attended Riverside High School. LCpl Dycus joined the United States Marine Corps in November 2010. Eric Harmon, a friend and fellow student of LCpl Dycus, said he was a humble person who respected his elders. Eric said, "everyone appreciated LCpl Dycus' sweet and soft-spoken nature. He was a great representative for the City of Greenville, his school, and the state of Mississippi."

LCpl Dycus' funeral was held at the Riverside High School gym. Eric said he will never forget that day because hundreds of residents lined the highway all the way from the gym to the Greenville Cemetery. The procession was led by the Patriot Guard Riders. "That is something I had not ever seen before," Eric said. "The outpouring of love and support from the community forever touched the hearts of his family and all of us who were there."

Theresa Carol Dycus, LCpl Dycus' mother, said her son joined the military because he wanted to serve our nation. "I was behind him in his decision," Theresa Carol said. "He was an awesome son who was loved by his family, friends, and community." She also remembers the day of the funeral when the town came to pay their respects. "The town just stopped," Theresa Carol said. "Greenville came together to support our family during our painful loss."

LCpl Dycus is survived by his father, Randy Dycus; his mother, Theresa Carol Dycus; his stepfather, Franky Drury; his brother, Rodney Lee Frothingham Dycus; his three sisters, Stephanie Marie Dycus Johnson, Laura Elaine Dycus, and Martha Carol Agnes Dycus; his brothers-in-law, Chris Tice and Joseph Adams Johnson; his five nieces and nephews, Hayden Tice, Kaution Tice, Ryder Tice, Caleb Johnson, and Cayden Johnson.

LCpl Dycus' service and sacrifice to protect the freedoms we all enjoy will not be forgotten.

**CONGRATULATING MR. WESLEY  
JENSEN ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY**

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 6, 2018*

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Wesley Peder Jensen on his 100th birthday.

Born on February 6, 1918, Wesley has lived a full life, filled with adventure and service. He has witnessed many extraordinary historical events, from the Great Depression to the technology boom.

Wesley is part of the greatest generation. He served our country in the United States Army as a Tech Sergeant from 1942 through the end of World War II in September of 1945. During that time, he served in Australia and New Guinea.

In his dedication to his country and his community, Wesley has continued to make the world around him a better place throughout his lifetime.

I join with his family, friends, and Washington's Eighth District in congratulating him on this special occasion and wishing him a wonderful birthday.

**HONORING THE GRADUATING SENIORS  
ON THE BUFFALO STATE  
MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM**

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 6, 2018*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize four exceptional members of the senior class at Buffalo State College, Malik Turner, J.O. Spence, Mike Henry, and Rey Jordan. As members of the Buffalo State men's basketball team, these students are known as dedicated athletes and scholars. Their leadership and hard work has stood out among their peers and in our community. I commend these young men for their academic and athletic dedication and congratulate them on the completion of their college careers.

Malik Turner played for Buffalo State as a forward and majored in Sociology. Malik comes from New York, New York where he attended NIA Prep High School.

J.O. Spence comes to Buffalo State from his hometown of Limon, Costa Rica. A graduate of Bayard Rustin High School, J.O. played guard for the Buffalo State Bengals. He will be earning his degree in Health and Wellness.

Coming from Syracuse, New York, Mike Henry is a graduate of West Genesee High School. At Buffalo State he played the positions of forward and guard. He will earn his degree in individualized studies.

Rey Jordan is a Buffalo native who graduated from McKinley High School. He majored in Economics while succeeding as a guard on the Buffalo State Bengals.

Handling the responsibilities of being a student athlete is an incredible challenge, and all four of these students handled this challenge exceptionally. As an alumnus of Buffalo State, I will be proud to call them fellow alumni.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing my colleagues to join me in recognizing these extraordinary Buffalo State Bengals and in congratulating them as they obtain their undergraduate degrees. Their dedication and drive will propel them to success, and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

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**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 6, 2018*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to dedicate some time to honor one of my constituents, Mr. Cruz Sarmiento, for the inspirational life he led.

Mr. Sarmiento passed away on January 29, 2018 peacefully, at the age of 95, and his life should and will be remembered. Mr. Sarmiento's life embodies this country's greatest ideals—opportunity, determination, and the American dream.

Born in Juarez, Chihuahua in 1922, Mr. Sarmiento spent his early years in both Mexico and America, but it was his dedication to family that kept him in Juarez, as he cared for his grandmother. There, he met his beloved wife, Juanita, and together they returned to the U.S. He worked diligently to provide for his family of 8 children, emphasizing the importance of education to them. After moving the family to California and performing a variety of jobs, he seized opportunity through investments and was able to retire at age 65. He and his wife flourished during this long retirement.

Mr. Sarmiento's life sets an example for all; his hard work, perseverance, and sacrifice earned him the respect of all who met him. Mr. Sarmiento could always be relied on to help others, whether he was helping coworkers fill out documents when they could not read or write in English, or when he co-founded Mayas, an organization that held dances with proceeds funding the scholarships of future students. His selflessness and dedication to all communities around him was admirable. Mr. Sarmiento is survived by his family, including his children and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His family will carry on the values of his legacy. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Sarmiento for the inspiring example his life has set, and I thank him for coming to America and enriching the lives of all around him.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 6, 2018*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for Roll Call votes 51 and 52 on Monday, February 5, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call vote 51 and Nay on Roll Call vote 52.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF MR. JOHNNY JACKSON, JR.

**HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 6, 2018*

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Johnny Jackson, Jr., a former New Orleans city councilman, state representative and Ninth Ward community leader, who died on January 24, 2018 at the age of 74.

A New Orleans native, Mr. Jackson was a 1961 graduate of George Washington Carver High School. He earned his bachelor's degree from Southern University at New Orleans in 1965, and his master's degree in social work from Tulane University in 1980.

In 1968, Mr. Jackson became director of the Desire Community Center and was its leader during the time of the 1970 standoff between New Orleans police and members of the Black Panther Party. He used the center to offer breakfast and tutoring programs for children.

In 1971, Mr. Jackson was elected to the Louisiana state legislature, as only the body's third African-American member. He served in the state House of Representatives for 14 years from 1972 until 1986. Mr. Jackson became the New Orleans delegation's floor leader soon after his election and was a founding member of the state's Legislative Black Caucus. He also served as a delegate to the 1973 convention which rewrote the state constitution.

Mr. Jackson was recruited to run for the state legislature by members of the Ninth Ward political organization Southern Organization of United Leadership, better known as SOUL. He was a member of the group and later a founding member of another political group, DAWN, which stood for Development Association for Wards and Neighborhoods.

In 1985, Mr. Jackson and Ms. Delories P. Francois started the Desire Community Housing Corporation Staff Christmas Show and gift exchange for the neighborhood kids. Eventually, the program grew into a community event. The purpose of this program was to provide Christmas gifts for children in the Desire-Florida areas and was extended to the City of New Orleans. The program grew to provide bikes, computers, and toys to kids within the city.

From 1986 until 1994, Mr. Jackson served as the District E representative on the New Orleans City Council, representing New Orleans East and the Lower Ninth Ward.

Mr. Jackson was a former board member of Total Community Action, Inc., the New Orleans East Economic Development Foundation, Desire-Florida Area Community Council, and the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation. He also chaired the "Gospel is Alive" program, and was former president of WWOZ public radio.

Mr. Jackson became a member of the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club, Inc., in the 1980's. He soon thereafter became an active fundraiser for the club, which earned him an appointment to the Zulu Board. After the death of former King, Mr. Fred Thomas, Mr. Jackson was appointed as captain of the Zulu Diamond Cutters, a position he held for almost 28 years.

Mr. Jackson, always having a heart for the community, with the help of the Zulu Social

Aid and Pleasure Club, Inc. revived the Desire Carver Housing Corporation's original vision and formed the Zulu Toys for Tots Christmas Talent Show, which focused on raising money and collecting toys for underprivileged youth.

Mr. Jackson loved the city and the people of New Orleans. His legacy will forever be a part of the city and his dedication to community embodies the spirit of New Orleans. We cannot match the sacrifices made by Mr. Jackson, but surely we can try to match his sense of service. We cannot match his courage, but we can strive to match his devotion.

Mr. Jackson's survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ara "Jean" Parker Jackson, his mother, Mrs. Josephine Jackson; two sons, Kevin Jackson of New Orleans and Johnny Jahi Jackson of Houston, Texas; four daughters, Kenyatta Jackson Morris of Dallas, Texas, Johann Jackson of Tampa, Florida, and Jeanne Jackson and Samantha Spears, both of New Orleans; two brothers, Brandon Jackson, Sr. of New Orleans and Kevin Jackson of Slidell; two sisters, Cynthia Webster of Slidell and Cheryl Robinson of New Orleans; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. Johnny Jackson, Jr.

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HONORING MIKE FITZSIMMONS

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 6, 2018*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. Mike Fitzsimmons, Spokane's News Scope host on KXLY Newsradio 920 for his years of service to Eastern Washington. As an award-winning radio and television journalist, news director, and talk radio host, Mr. Fitzsimmons has served the people of Eastern Washington for more than 40 years. Mr. Fitzsimmons retired at the end of 2017 and I am pleased to recognize his accomplishments and contributions to our great community.

Mr. Fitzsimmons famously covered the eruption of Mount St. Helens in May of 1980 where he spent 56 continuous hours reporting about the effects of this unique event on Eastern Washington. In 1996, Mr. Fitzsimmons held another marathon broadcast during the giant regional power blackout known as Ice Storm '96. Outside of reporting, Mike served as a radio and television anchor for Unlimited Hydroplane Racing for 45 years.

In addition to his career on radio and TV, Mr. Fitzsimmons has also dedicated his time to Gonzaga University where he is a Senior Lecturer of Integrated Media. He teaches courses relating to media law, public relations, broadcast writing, and media literacy. He has aimed to provide platforms for interpretation and critical analysis of the current fast-paced media environment.

I would like to thank Mr. Fitzsimmons for his years of dedication to the people of Spokane and Eastern Washington, and wish him the best of luck in the next chapter of his life.