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IN RECOGNITION OF MR. MARK MCHENRY AND HIS 44 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO KANSAS CITY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize and celebrate Mr. Mark McHenry's 44-year career with the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department. For over four decades, Mr. McHenry dutifully served the people of Kansas City, fulfilling numerous roles and bringing about countless improvements to public space in the greater Kansas City area. Mr. McHenry began his distinguished career with the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department removing snow from roadways and sidewalks following snowfall; a sometimes daunting, but necessary job during the winter months throughout the Midwest. The same hard work and dedication Mr. McHenry displayed at the start of his time with the department, he has continuously and unremittingly matched and exceeded in the time since. Mr. McHenry's notable career has warranted many accolades and has contributed to the lives of not only the people of Kansas City, but also to the people of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District and beyond.

Most recently, as the Director, Kansas City Parks and Recreation was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Included in his many achievements, McHenry's tenure oversaw the creation of the world War I Museum, the restoration and expansion of the Liberty Memorial and the expansion of the Kansas City Zoo. McHenry rose to the position of Director in 2003, after nearly three decades of dedicated service to the Parks and Recreation Department. His remarkable career as the Director reveals his lifelong commitment to the department's mission: to improve the quality of life, health, and wellness of the community by providing socially equitable, community-driven programming, and environmentally sound natural resource management. He has worked relentlessly to uphold the organization's mission of providing recreational programs and opportunities for the community while also contributing to an aesthetically pleasing environment and enhanced quality of life.

Moreover, the presence of safe spaces for communities to connect, integrate, and share experiences is at the core of any thriving community. Mr. McHenry's efforts exemplified this. He oversaw the creation of several community centers that serve as indispensable spaces for Kansas City communities to gather and enrich their bodies and minds while enjoying nature and forging stronger communal relationships.

It is my personal belief that Mark's unwavering dedication and steadfast vision has made a profound impact on the Kansas City community. Therefore, it is with a sense of bittersweet pride that the community must now congratulate Mark on his retirement. I speak on behalf of the entire city when I say thank you, Mr. Mark McHenry.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and all of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in expressing our sincerest congratulations to Mark McHenry for his monumental achievements in the community and his tireless efforts in promoting environmental conservation, innovation, and preservation of parks and recreational sites, not only in his city limits, but throughout the state. I urge all my colleagues to join me and Missouri's 5th District in showing our appreciation to Mr. Mark McHenry for his accomplishments and service.

HONORING LUCY ROBERTS WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lucy Roberts as a woman of the year. She is a tireless advocate for underserved women and families throughout her community. As Director of Family Hui, she leads an organization dedicated to creating healthy, thriving families and communities by providing parents with the support and encouragement they need to raise their children in a healthy way. She has worked diligently to make a difference in the lives of children by empowering their parents to make the choices that are best for their family. Ms. Roberts is deeply committed to the empowerment of women and providing parents with the tools to help strengthen family bonds. She has made a lasting positive impact on countless families throughout Yolo County. As Co-Chair of Resilient Yolo, Ms. Roberts works to educate people about the impact adverse childhood experiences have on shaping adult behavior and health. She also brings her passion and expertise to the Yolo County Maternal Mental Health Collaborative, an organization which promotes maternal wellness by developing a system of care for Yolo County mothers at risk of maternal mental health disorders. The lasting positive impact Ms. Roberts has had on families throughout Yolo County cannot be overstated.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduced the National Capital Planning Commission District of Columbia Home Rule Act. This bill would remove the authority of the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) to review or approve the development of District of Columbia-owned land. This bill would also remove the requirement that the Mayor of the District get NCPC's approval before selling D.C.-owned real estate, and would allow D.C. agencies to transfer jurisdiction over District-owned land among themselves without NCPC's approval.

Under federal law, the development of District-owned public buildings, including the loca-

tion, height, bulk, number of stories and size of such buildings, in the "central area" is subject to NCPC approval. The District is required to consult with NCPC on its buildings outside the central area, but NCPC has only advisory authority in those areas. The central area is defined by the concurrent action of NCPC and the D.C. Council, and currently consists of the Downtown and Shaw Urban Renewal Areas.

This authority is unnecessary, as shown by the virtual absence of its use to disapprove sales or development. This latent authority of the federal government should not be able to slow or block the development of District-owned land, or add to the cost of development. The District is not a federal agency and should not be treated any differently by federal law than other local jurisdictions, where local development proceeds without federal interference.

NCPC consists of 12 members, three appointed by the President, two appointed by the Mayor, the Mayor, the Chair of the D.C. Council, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of General Services, and the Chairs of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee and the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

This bill is one more important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

CELEBRATING THE WAYNE TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL FIRST AID SQUAD'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Wayne Township Memorial First Aid Squad located in the Township of Wayne, New Jersey, on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary.

Born out of necessity, the Wayne Township Memorial First Aid Squad has grown over the past seven decades to become an efficient, well-operated organization that responds to over five thousand calls each year. Back in 1942, Wayne suffered the loss of eight lives during the bitterly cold week of February 8-14. At that time, there was no local first aid squad, and ambulance services were provided by neighboring units in Pompton Lakes, Little Falls, and Cedar Grove, as well as by Paterson hospitals. Seeing the need to have a squad within the township, a group of concerned citizens took it upon themselves to establish a local ambulance corps, which became a reality one year later.

In 1943, the Wayne Township Memorial First Aid Squad was officially formed, and the first call was responded to on September 1, 1944. The original headquarters was located on Oak Street on the property of Captain William Taylor, the first president of the squad. During the early years, Wayne also responded to calls in half of Totowa and all of Lincoln Park, until these communities developed squads of their own.

The headquarters moved in 1950 to Boonton Road, now Mountainview Boulevard, on a site currently occupied by American Legion Post No. 174 before eventually moving to the

Mountain View building on Taylor Drive. As Wayne Township continued to expand, a second building was added on Hamburg Turnpike, giving the township two facilities at opposite ends of town. An addition of bay areas to the Hamburg Turnpike facility took place in 1992, and proved to be of great value, especially after fire destroyed the Mountain View building and all equipment had to be moved and stored.

The first ambulance for the Wayne squad was a 1942 recycled Buick hearse, which was obtained from Chicago. In 1954, a 1952 Cadillac became the second ambulance for the corps, and the original Buick was replaced by another Cadillac. The first two rescue vehicles were a Jeep wagon and a Chevrolet truck, which could transport personnel and equipment but could not carry patients from an accident site. This problem was solved with the addition of a Multi-Carry Rescue (MCR) vehicle in the early 1970's, and later by a rescue truck with a custom-designed box on a Ford diesel chassis obtained in 1987.

The organization that started out with only a handful of people has now grown to over 80 trained Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). All members receive this type of training, and may also complete courses with the State Police in heavy rescue work. The establishing of the Youth Squad in 1973 allowed youngsters 16 to 18 years of age to serve in an auxiliary capacity, and many went on to become members of the squad. Now known as the Cadet Corps, active members are still being sought.

The Squad has come a long way in the more than sixty-five years since the original "hearse" responded to its first call. Modern equipment, consisting of five modular ambulances and a state of the art rescue truck, highly-trained volunteers, and efficient communication systems, provide Wayne and surrounding municipalities and the County of Pas-saic, with the finest service by men and women who give much time and effort to serve others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating the Wayne Township Memorial First Aid Squad, on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CAPTAIN
SIDNEY EDWIN VEAZEY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solemn remembrance of the life of Captain Sidney Edwin "Ed" Veazey, a retired Navy veteran, husband, father, and grandfather from King George, Virginia. Ed Veazey admirably served in the U.S. Navy and will be remembered for his selfless devotion to his community.

Captain Veazey was born in September 1937 in Wilmington, North Carolina and after receiving his early education there and at Andover Academy, Massachusetts; he studied engineering at the United States Naval Academy and earned a PhD from Duke University in physics. Captain Veazey excelled aboard submarines for seven years during the Cold War and converted to submarine engineering

duty. As an engineering duty officer, he served at the Naval Ship Engineering Center, Chief of Naval Development, Naval Intelligence Center, Naval Surface Warfare Center, and United States Naval Academy. Captain Veazey retired after 24 years of honorable service.

Following naval service, he worked within industry supporting the Navy, and as an entrepreneur and developer. He held 19 patents. A vibrant member of the civic community, he served as President of the King George Chamber of Commerce, founding member of the County Historical Society, and members of the Lions Club and Military Officers Association of America.

Ed Veazey is survived by his wife Joy; sons Ted and Warren; daughters Karen and Ginger; daughters-in-law Kristin and Jenna; sons-in-law Joseph and Wes; and ten grandchildren. I extend my deepest condolences to his family members and anyone who had the privilege of knowing this fine gentleman. He was a very loved man whose service both to his community and our Nation, will be dearly missed.

Mr. Speaker, I implore you and my colleagues to join me as we honor the memory of Captain Ed Veazey.

CHINESE CHRISTIANS DECLARE
WITH ONE VOICE OPPOSITION TO
RELIGIOUS OPPRESSION

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, last month, nearly 300 Chinese Christian pastors publicly signed "A Declaration for the Sake of the Christian Faith." In so doing, they have risked severe persecution, imprisonment, and even death in China's vast network of horrifying re-education and forced-labor camps. These courageous champions for Jesus Christ, the Christian faith, and religious freedom have shocked and shamed China's communist regime before the world.

I regret to inform the people of the United States that a terrifying new round of attacks on Christians has been taking place in China. And earlier this year, President Xi Jinping introduced a five-year plan to "Sinicize" all that country's religions by blending them with "Chinese characteristics" such as loyalty to the Communist Party.

Over the past several months, the government has taken violent steps to fulfill this plan by closing and razing hundreds of Christian churches and seizing Bibles. Under the new crackdown, children and Communist Party members are banned from churches in some areas, and Party officials have forced Christians to replace posters of Jesus with portraits of President Xi Jinping. Reports have also confirmed that numerous Chinese Christians were sentenced to up to 13 years in jail for involvement in the so-called "cult" known as Christianity.

President Trump is standing for freedom and doing what is right rather than kowtowing to Chinese President Xi Jinping. He is demanding that China end its appalling persecution of Christians and other religious minorities—and I am proud to be shoulder-to-shoulder with him in the fight to stop this infamous case of communist terror.

The American people are outraged by President Xi's depraved behavior toward Christians. It must stop now. We should make that part of any future discussions. China is ruled by a brutal dictatorship. In fact, the so-called People's Republic of China doesn't have any democratic institutions. We must tell President Xi that the people and government of the United States will not give China trade benefits until the anti-Christian attacks stop.

The people of communist China want freedom. There are millions of Christians in that country—but its atheist dictatorship rules over people with an iron fist. We the people of the United States condemn the Chinese Communist Party for their bloody attacks on their own citizens. President Xi must end this inhuman and cruel persecution of Christians and allow religious freedom before the world will accept China as a civilized country.

Chinese state media falsely claim that its citizens enjoy freedom of religion. In fact, their constitution states: "No state organ, public organization or individual may compel citizens to believe in, or not to believe in, any religion; nor may they discriminate against citizens who believe in, or do not believe in, any religion."

Ever since Xi Jinping became president of China, in 2012, he has consolidated and centralized his power and cultivated a cult of personality like Mao. "Xi Jinping Thought" has even been added to China's constitution—a status reserved only for Mao Zedong and Deng Xiaoping previously. This means that any challenge to President Xi's policies—including his assault on Christians—may now be regarded as a threat to Communist Party rule.

More than 70 million Catholics and Protestants live in China, which means that China will have the world's largest Christian population in a few decades. I call on all of America's Christian leaders—and religious leaders of all faiths—to join with President Trump and all Americans in condemning China's hateful acts and praying that Chinese Christians will one day be able to live in China in freedom, in justice, and in religious liberty for all.

I include in the RECORD a Joint Statement by Pastors; A Declaration for the Sake of the Christian Faith:

On the morning of Saturday, September 1, 2018, one of China's leading house churches, Early Rain Covenant Church in Chengdu, posted a joint statement on Facebook declaring its stance on the new religious regulations. So far, the document has been signed by 116 church leaders* across the country and the call for signatures remains open. This is an interesting and important document for the ongoing development of the house church's response to the new regulations, particularly as the church continues to reflect on and articulate its theology of the gospel and the kingdom, rather than resorting to language of liberty and rights. Along with Early Rain's 95 Theses, documents like this are important for the history of the church in China and should encourage Christians across the globe.

We are a group of Chinese Christians, chosen by the Most High God to be His humble servants, serving as pastors for Christian churches throughout various towns and cities. We believe and are obligated to teach the world that the one true and living Triune God is the Creator of the universe, of the world, and of all people. All men should worship God and not any man or thing. We believe and are obligated to teach the world that all men, from national leaders to beggars and prisoners, have sinned. They will