

am especially proud to recognize this distinct honor.

Mrs. Homendy has committed her professional career to improving safety and fighting for consumer protection. As Staff Director of the Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee, she was instrumental in the passage of a number of key bills and has a record of rigorous oversight of the implementation of Congressional mandates. Under her guidance, major authorization bills including the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2016, the Protecting Our Infrastructure of Pipelines Enhancing Safety (PIPES) Act of 2016 contained important provisions that have demonstrably improved safety and efficiency.

In addition to her work on Capitol Hill, she advocated for the fair and safe conditions for the men and women of the nation's transportation workforce during her time with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the AFL-CIO Transportation Trades Department. She also recently completed the Stennis Fellowship, a high honor for senior congressional staff who are dedicated to public service and improving our Congress as an institution.

Her impact on transportation safety extends to the farthest reaches of our transportation network, and I am grateful for her service and expertise. As a policymaker, I look forward to her thoughtful contribution to the National Transportation Safety Board. Based on her experience and the legacy she created as a congressional staffer, I think we can all trust that she will continue to be a strong advocate for making our transportation and infrastructure systems safer.

Beyond her impressive public service, Jennifer has also found time to become an accomplished runner and triathlete, and is a dedicated and loving mother and wife.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Jennifer Homendy on this award and on the accomplishments throughout her career. The National Transportation Safety Board is fortunate to have such an exceptional Member, and the safety of the American public will surely benefit from her expertise. I wish her the best as she begins her term.

HONORING JOHN MEREDITH

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize John Meredith for his contribution to our state and Wayne County.

John is a brother in Christ, and I have appreciated his prayers and encouragement over the years. I always enjoy the time we get to spend together and count him among my close friends. John is also a community leader, a successful entrepreneur, and has been very active in promoting Republican values for years. He has had an incredible impact on Wayne County and on our state.

I also want to thank John for support of my work in Congress. I wish him continued suc-

cess in all that God has planned for him and his family.

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL TREASURY EMPLOYEES UNION

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU) in celebration of their 80th anniversary.

Created in 1938, the NTEU's mission has always been to make sure federal employees are treated with respect and dignity. For 80 years the NTEU's continued advocacy has strengthened employee rights and direct support to more than 150,000 employees.

The backbone of our federal government and its agencies is our workforce, and we must take care of these dedicated employees if we want our nation to thrive. We must fight for quality healthcare plans, retirement benefits, and livable wages for employees. I am grateful for all the NTEU has done in support of our federal workforce, our state and our country.

On behalf of my constituents across New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I want to thank the National Treasury Employees Union for all they have done, and will continue to do, for our federal workforce.

TRIBUTE TO CRAIG BIDDLE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to former California State Senator Craig Biddle, who passed away on Sunday, September 23, 2018 in Florida. Craig served the people of California and Riverside County in many ways throughout his life and he will be deeply missed.

While growing up, Craig developed a deep passion for playing the French horn. He even spent three summers at the Interlochen Center for the Arts in Michigan and intended to spend his life as a musician. Then, while attending Occidental College, he turned his focus and attention to the law. He eventually sold his horn to pay for the first semester of law school at USC. After graduating, he moved from South Pasadena to Riverside, where he became a deputy district attorney. He served there four years, before becoming a public defender.

Craig decided to leap into politics and had his sights set on becoming district attorney. In an effort to bolster his name recognition for a future district attorney campaign, he decided to run for the California Assembly as a Republican. In an unexpected turn of events, Craig wound up winning that race and was elected to serve in the Assembly. Craig would later become the Assembly majority leader from 1969 to 1971. He then resigned to run for the state Senate. Craig won that race and represented the Riverside area in the Senate for

one term. Throughout his legislative career, Craig was an effective advocate for laws requiring the use of breathalyzer tests for suspected drunk drivers and for clean air policies that required cars to undergo smog checks. After leaving office, Craig started a law firm in Sacramento, which he ran before retiring in 1995.

Craig is survived by his wife Patricia Kelley and three children, Eric, Nancy and Lisa Biddle Canez. He had four grandchildren. I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to the Biddle family, his friends, and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Although Craig may be gone, the many life-changing contributions he made in Riverside County and throughout California will have a lasting impact.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the chamber on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call votes 416 and 417.

HONORING GINGER BRADFORD

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Ginger Bradford for her contribution to our state.

Ginger has served Ripley County and the City of Versailles with honor and distinction for years. It has been a pleasure to work with her, and our state is better off today because of her extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Ginger is among my favorite people that I met on this journey in Congress. She is smart, strong, honest, and loyal. With Ginger, you always know where you stand.

I will be forever grateful for her friendship and support of my work in Congress. The entire Messer family, including my wife Jennifer and our kids, have thoroughly enjoyed every moment we have spent with her and Bill. I wish her continued success in all that God has planned for her family.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MAUREEN HAGAN

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Maureen "Maggie" Hagan, 74, who died peacefully on November 6, 2018 surrounded by her family.

Maggie was a teacher in Warren City schools for 38 years, where she was an active

union member. After retiring, she moved from Youngstown to Cleveland. She traveled extensively, frequenting Italy and Florida. She loved to dance, and her passion for dancing was contagious. She made friends wherever she went, and she never turned down an invitation to a party. Maggie was a staunch advocate for human rights and a political firebrand who remained firm in her convictions.

She is survived by her daughter Maura George (Bryce Kujat); son Michael George (Amber Pompeii); grandchildren Francis and Harriet; twin sister, Katie (Jim Armaline); five other sisters, Annie (Tom Carney), Elaine, Monica, Sue (Kim Korver), Mary Therese (Denise Reynolds); and seven brothers, Jim (Fiona Young), Tim (Mama Negrelli), Bill (Mary Mcatee), Bob (Michele Lepore-Hagan), Jack (Noreen O'Malley), Chris (Laureen McGarry), and Jeff (Marcia Egbert). She was also a beloved aunt to 27 nieces and nephews and 27 great nieces and great nephews.

I had the immense pleasure of knowing Maggie. I always loved seeing her at political or union events. She believed in the power of labor unions. She believed in the power of education. While she may be gone, her spirit lives on. She inspired us to use our lives to make a difference in people's lives. And we will always keep her memory close to our hearts.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF
CHISWELL LANGHORNE, JR.

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Chiswell D. Langhorne, Jr., in memory of his quiet support of Eastern Kentucky, where he made an invaluable impact in the lives of people living and working in the coalfields.

Although he was not a native Kentuckian, Mr. Langhorne shared our Appalachian roots from Lynchburg, Virginia. He graduated from the University of Virginia and the University of Virginia Law School. He also attended post graduate programs at Harvard and Sloan School at MIT. He was a trust officer at NS&T Bank for 15 years and maintained a successful law practice. Mr. Langhorne joined Kentucky River Coal Corporation's board in 1965, serving as an active board member, past chairman and as vice chairman, a role he held from 1983 until April 2018. He guided the company and its successor, Kentucky River Properties (KRP) through an expansion into Indiana, Illinois, West Virginia and western Kentucky. Mr. Langhorne had an innate passion for supporting job creation in Central Appalachia through the coal industry and silently invested in opportunities to improve life in the mountains. For example, he consistently insisted KRP contribute to local school systems to emphasize the importance on expanding educational opportunities in Appalachia.

Refusing personal accolades for his philanthropic spirit, Mr. Langhorne advocated for Kentucky River Properties to invest in our greatest resource—our people. In an unprecedented move from the coal industry in 2010, KRP donated \$500,000 to the Operation UNITE Foundation, Eastern Kentucky's first

non-profit anti-drug organization, to pay for substance abuse treatment vouchers to be distributed over the course of five years. The vouchers were awarded to low-income individuals in a four-county area in Eastern Kentucky who otherwise could not afford a residential treatment program. Thanks to his support, countless lives have been saved from potential drug overdose deaths and families have been reunited through recovery.

Mr. Langhorne's commitment to Eastern Kentucky through KRP has helped transform our region and pave a brighter path for future generations. My wife, Cynthia, and I send our heartfelt condolences to Mr. Langhorne's family and friends. We deeply appreciate the compassion he showed for fellow Appalachian families throughout his career.

CELEBRATING THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE WILLING
HELPERS HOME FOR WOMEN

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the Willing Helpers Home for Women on its 110th Anniversary.

The Willing Helpers Home for Women is a not-for-profit organization located in Johnstown, New York, that offers a comfortable home for women 60 years and older. Since it opened in November 1908 through the help of generous donors in Fulton County, the Willing Helpers Home has provided women with a supportive and compassionate first-class home that advocates security, independence, and comfort.

At the Willing Helpers Home, residents not only benefit from a number of professional services, such as medical supervision and exercise programs at their convenience, but they also enjoy many recreational activities, like teas and weekly bingo. By offering a full array of services, the Willing Helpers Home creates a holistic support system for the women.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate the Willing Helpers Home for Women on its 110th anniversary, and thank its dedicated staff for their commitment to serving women in their community. The Willing Helpers Home has provided an important service to women, and I look forward to seeing its continued success in the years to come.

HONORING JEFF AND SUSAN KENT

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Jeff and Susan Kent for their contributions to our state and their community.

The Kents were among my earliest and most vocal supporters. I want to thank Jeff and Susan for their friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

On a personal note, Jeff and Susan are great friends to my wife Jennifer and me. The

Kents were among my earliest and most vocal supporters. I want to thank Jeff and Susan for their friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

TRIBUTE TO ELLA MAE RECORD

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Ella Mae Record, who passed away last month in California. Ella Mae was the matriarch of the Record family in San Jacinto Valley. She will be deeply missed.

Ella Mae was born at home in Torrance, California, on January 18, 1929. Her family moved to the San Jacinto Valley on New Year's Day, 1937, where she enrolled in school. It was in school that she developed a love for music and sports. She was named the sports writer for the school paper, editor of the yearbook, and was elected student body president her senior year. Ella Mae's summers were spent working on the family ranch learning to drive cars, trucks, tractors and mules. She married Clayton Record, Jr. on August 21, 1948. They lived in San Luis Obispo while Clayton was enrolled at Cal Poly and began their family while living in a small trailer in "Vetville."

In 1952, they returned to the San Jacinto Valley where Clayton worked the family dairy and Ella Mae concentrated on raising the family. Her passion was golf which she began pursuing in 1960 at Gilman Hot Springs before becoming an active member of Soboba Springs. She was club champion at both and president of the Woman's Golf Association. She realized her dream of living on a golf course when she joined the Sunrise Country Club in Rancho Mirage where she finally got her hole-in-one. Ella Mae's other interests included photography, obtaining her pilot license, owning a quarter horse, jeeping in the riverbed and serving on several boards of important valley organizations. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clayton Record and her son Clayton "Claytie" Record. She is survived by her sons, Mike, Randy, and Keith; daughter, Nanci, 10 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to the entire Record family, friends, and everyone fortunate enough to know Ella Mae. Although Ella Mae is gone, the many contributions she made to our community and family will have a lasting impact.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding a missed vote. Had I been present for roll call vote number 417, H.R. 2615—the Gulf Islands National Seashore Land Exchange Act, I would have voted yay.