

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL POLICE CAMERA AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2018

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I, along with Representative DONALD S. BEYER JR., introduce the Federal Police Camera and Accountability Act of 2018. This bill would require uniformed federal law enforcement officers to wear body cameras and marked police vehicles to have dashboard cameras. It would also require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study on federal police officers' training, vehicle pursuits, use of force and interaction with citizens.

On November 17, 2017, Bijan Ghaisar was fatally shot in his car by uniformed U.S. Park Police officers in Fairfax County, Virginia, after a vehicle pursuit on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Video of this shooting only became available through a camera in a Fairfax County Police Department patrol car that was providing backup. Had it not been for that footage, which was recorded and released by that local police department, the public would not have had access to the circumstances surrounding Mr. Ghaisar's death. Moreover, the footage revealed concerns about the Park Police's pursuit and engagement policies.

Body-worn and dashboard cameras for federal law enforcement officers are particularly important for the officers stationed in the nation's capital, where Park Police and the uniformed division of the U.S. Secret Service have full local police powers. Many other federal police also have local police powers near their respective agency buildings in the District. Cameras can increase transparency for individual interactions with police, strengthen public trust and even deter future criminal behavior. For example, when criminals know that they are being recorded by a dashboard camera, they may be less likely to flee the scene of a traffic accident because they realize that their license plate will be documented. Criminals may also be less likely to batter an officer because the recording may be used as evidence. On the other hand, officers will also be less likely to commit offenses for the same reason. Body-worn and dashboard cameras can also be used to train current and future officers more effectively in best and worst practices.

An increasing number of local law enforcement officers, including those in the District of Columbia, are wearing body cameras and using dashboard cameras. It is clear that both law enforcement and the public would benefit from federal officers following suit to increase transparency and maintain public trust.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

RECOGNIZING JOHN BROWN

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John Brown, a consummate

public servant who is retiring from his role as City Manager of the City of Petaluma, California, after ten years of excellent service.

Born into a family with a strong emphasis on the value of public service, John Brown embarked on what would be a 35-year career in local government beginning in 1983. For 25 years, Mr. Brown worked directly for three cities and one county in Northern California and Oregon. His roles during this time steadily evolved in responsibility, from financial and project analysis to city management and county administration. Mr. Brown developed a reputation for his acumen in producing balanced budgets while ensuring economic growth and sustaining important government services. This expertise became invaluable in 2008, when Mr. Brown left his position as City Manager of the City of Woodburn, Oregon, to become the City Manager of the City of Petaluma.

When John Brown took over as Petaluma City Manager, the city was feeling the full impacts of the global recession. Seemingly unphased by the challenge before him, Mr. Brown spent the next ten years dramatically re-shaping the city's budget while maintaining important city services. He spent the first three years of his tenure reducing general fund spending by a third, while also cutting non-essential city staff. These cuts were difficult at the time, but they allowed the city to outpace the fallout of the financial crisis. Following this period of austerity, Mr. Brown focused on growing the city's local amenities and opportunities for economic development by bringing in new retail, tourism, and mixed-use developments into the city. He also worked tirelessly to tackle the city's lingering debt repayment issues, improving the city's credit rating in the process. Altogether, these policies eventually paid dividends and the city rebuilt its reserve fund to pre-recession levels, hired back city staff and expanded city services. Today, the City of Petaluma is on firm economic footing, and prepared for a bright future. None of this would have been possible without John Brown's leadership.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing deep appreciation for John Brown's extraordinary leadership in the face of a global recession, and to congratulate him on his retirement.

HONORING STATE SENATOR DOUG ECKERTY

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize State Senator Doug Eckerty for his contribution to our state.

For nearly a decade, Doug has represented Delaware, Henry and Madison counties with honor and integrity in the Indiana General Assembly. He continues to be a strong advocate on a wide variety of important issues, including education, workforce, and environmental policy. Our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Doug has been a loyal friend and wise adviser during my entire tenure in Congress. I want to thank him for his

friendship and support of my work. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. MARK HASKETT

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the service of Deputy Assistant Director Mark Haskett on the occasion of his retirement from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. Deputy Assistant Director Haskett has honored our country with 42 years of professional service, first as a United States Marine, and then as a member of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, reflecting his enduring commitment to the wellbeing of our nation.

Before his career in public service began, Mr. Haskett grew up in the small town of Union, Michigan and graduated from Constantine High School in 1972. After five years of education and work experience, Mr. Haskett enlisted in the Marine Corps, reporting to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on August 1, 1977. He served as a field wireman at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, attaining the rank of sergeant before his selection for the Enlisted Commissioning Program. On July 1, 1979, Mr. Haskett was commissioned a second lieutenant, and assigned the military occupation specialty of Combat Engineer Officer. Ultimately reaching the rank of lieutenant colonel, Mr. Haskett held many posts over his 27-year Marine Corps career from Deputy Camp Commander at Camp Schwab in Okinawa, Japan, to Director of Installations and Logistics for the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Barstow, California. During his Headquarters Marine Corps tour, he demonstrated his capability, proving instrumental in fielding the Assault Breacher Vehicle which saw combat service.

In 2004, Mr. Haskett retired from the Marine Corps and was hired by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. In his service as Deputy Assistant Director, he administered internal security programs and provided facility and support for special agents and professional staff operating from nearly two hundred facilities.

Mr. Haskett proved his determination and leadership as an instrumental NCIS principal involved in the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure decision to move the Agency's headquarters from the Washington Navy Yard to Marine Corps Base Quantico in Stafford County, Virginia in order to collocate it with four other defense investigative partner agencies. The 719,000 square foot Russell-Knox Building was designed and built for this purpose, and the collocation took place during the summer of 2011.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Deputy Assistant Director Mark Haskett's lifetime of accomplishment and dedication. An admirable example of leadership and service, and a proud and outstanding member of our community, may God bless Mr. Haskett and his family as they begin a new chapter in life. On behalf of America's First District, we say thank you.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
MAUREEN SHEEDY

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Maureen Sheedy, a beloved member of the Camillus community and lifelong Central New Yorker. Known for her kindness and compassion for others, Maureen was highly active in many Central New York community service initiatives throughout her life. Maureen Sheedy was born on December 5th, 1943 in Syracuse, New York. She graduated from the Most Holy Rosary School and enrolled in classes at Nazareth College in Rochester. Upon completing her college education, she returned to Central New York and settled in Camillus to start her family. Additionally, Maureen made vast contributions to the community by working to improve local parks through employment with Camillus Parks and Recreation.

Maureen will be remembered most for her strong efforts to help those in need, as well as her commitment to her family and community. She spent much time volunteering with the Funeral Guild by preparing meals for mourners, and helping to deliver food to seniors through Meals on Wheels. Maureen was also very devoted to her church, Holy Family, where she worshipped for over 50 years and belonged to the Alter Rosary Society.

As a mother, she selflessly raised her five children and opened her home to children outside her family. Along with her husband Jim, Maureen organized a neighborhood block party for over 35 years to strengthen the bond of her local community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in remembering the remarkable life of Maureen Sheedy. She always strived to improve her local community and understood the importance of family values. The dedication to service and kindness she displayed throughout her life is exemplary of the high standard Americans should live by. She will be dearly missed by her family and the Central New York community.

BEVERLY LOWRY RETIRES FROM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MOJAVE WATER AGENCY

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Beverly Lowry for her service on the Board of Directors of the Mojave Water Agency in Apple Valley California. Bev, as she is affectionately known by most, began her distinguished career in the water industry serving her first term with the Mojave Water Agency through 1976, and later was re-elected in 1989, serving continuously since that time. Bev has held the position of President of the Board of Directors in 1993 and from 1996 through 1999, and again from 2014 through 2016.

Bev has been a Barstow area resident for more than 50 years. She and her late hus-

band Al settled in Barstow in 1966 where she has lived since with her two sons and two grandsons close by. She has led a lengthy and distinguished career in public service, including her current term as a Director at Mojave Water District representing Division 6, which encompasses the greater Barstow area.

During her tenure with Mojave, Bev has seen the agency transform as the desert communities have grown. As an advocate for water rights and integrated planning Bev worked to secure community participation in the Agency's first Integrated Regional Water Management Plan in 2004, as well as subsequent updates of the plan. Bev also oversaw the completion of multiple other projects and initiatives that would ultimately aid the region in continuing to supply water as the state of California faced extreme drought conditions.

Her passion and service extend throughout the community serving in several roles where she worked on behalf of the larger region. While I have enjoyed working with Bev, I also asked former Congressman Jerry Lewis to join me in thanking her for her service. Congressman Lewis said, "Bev's dedication to the Mojave Water Agency is to be commended. It was a privilege to work with her while I was a Member of Congress. In addition to calling her a great public servant, it is a privilege to call her my friend."

Marking her 34 years of well-respected service, Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing Bev well in her retirement. Her decades of service to the Mojave Water Agency is inspirational, and I am grateful for her contributions to the community and state of California.

HONORING SAM AND CATHY
HARVEY

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Sam and Cathy Harvey for their contribution to our state and their community.

The Harveys have made a positive and lasting impact in Connersville and Fayette County through their extraordinary public service. They continue to embody exactly what "Hoosier hospitality" is meant to be. As the former County Chairman, Sam spent years helping promote and advance Republican principles in Fayette County. I could always count on Sam and Cathy for honest feedback and advice. Our state is better off today because of their extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, the Harveys were among my earliest and most vocal supporters. I would like to thank them for their friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

RECOGNIZING RURAL HOSPITALS
ON NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH
DAY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize all of our rural hospitals on National Rural Health Day. Small towns and rural communities across our country face unique obstacles, and access to affordable quality care is one of them.

Our doctors, nurses, and other rural hospital employees work tirelessly to help patients overcome many of the health care challenges they face on a daily basis, including limited access to primary care providers and specialists. Additionally, rural hospitals face larger financial barriers. That is why I have continually fought for Medicare and The Affordable Care Act which are critical lifelines for rural patients and providers. Medicaid expansion alone has provided nearly 1.7 million additional rural Americans with access to care.

As an advocate for rural America, I have also helped to overcome these obstacles by expanding broadband access and removing barriers to telehealth that have the ability to provide 21st century care. I introduced the Special Registration for Telemedicine Clarification Act with my colleague Congressman BUDDY CARTER. I was proud to see our common sense provision signed into law that will provide more treatment options to rural communities through telemedicine.

On National Rural Health Day, it is important that we take a moment to thank those who serve our nation in rural hospitals and provide access to quality health care. I look forward to working with my colleagues to provide the resources necessary to ensure the health of rural America is never left behind.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CON-
TRIBUTIONS OF ELLA PHILLIPS
STEWART

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform you and our colleagues about a special ceremony that took place in Berryville, Virginia on October 6, 2018, to honor the extraordinary life of Ella Phillips Stewart, an African-American woman born in 1893, in the Longmarsh District of Clarke County, that is situated in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. Ella's parents, Henry H. Phillips and Eliza T. Phillips, were sharecroppers who chose to send Ella to live with Henry's mother in the village of Stringtown, outside of Berryville. An outstanding student, Ella won several major scholarships to what was then the Storer Normal School, later Storer College, a historically African-American College in Harpers Ferry, Virginia. Ella's upbringing in Clarke County provided her with the values and education that were a foundation for later professional success and national and international recognition.

After successfully matriculating from Storer, Ella was accepted by the University of Pittsburgh's School of Pharmacy and became the