

CONGRESSMAN ED PASTOR  
TRIBUTE

**HON. RUBEN GALLEGO**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 30, 2018*

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a statement by Greg Stanton, Former Phoenix Mayor, Congressman-Elect.

Arizona lost one of its greatest servant leaders with the passing of Congressman Ed Pastor. His humble nature, gentle style and beautiful sense of humor belied a brilliant tactician. His tremendous success in public service is directly related to his understanding of human nature: treat everyone, regardless of station in life or political party, with sincere dignity, respect and love. And he delivered overwhelmingly for the people of Arizona. Millions of people's lives were helped because of "the big guy."

Without Congressman Pastor's leadership, in Arizona, there would be no light rail, no bus service improvements, no Rio Salado riparian habitat development, no Sky Harbor Airport upgrades, thousands of students would not have been able to afford college. The list is virtually endless. The impact on our state due to his strategic action is unsurpassed. But he never once bragged about his success. He was a true "workhorse" not a "showhorse".

But his legacy goes way beyond physical improvements to our state. In an era of such partisan tribalism, Congressman Pastor showed by his actions a wiser path: he was a partner to both Democrats and Republicans in this Congress. Members of both parties, and all wings within those parties, liked him and trusted him. We can all learn much from how he went about his business.

And he loved everyone right back. Its why he took the time to mentor thousands of people looking to make a difference in our community through politics and policy: myself included. He taught all of us to lift up the next generation. That's his most important legacy which will pay the most long-term dividends for our state.

Nicole and I loved Ed Pastor. He passed on his passion for public service to his family, all of whom are great leaders in our community. I had the good fortune to work closely with City Councilwoman Laura Pastor. We offer Verma, Laura, and Yvonne our sympathies . . . but mostly we give them our thanks for sharing this great leader with the people of Arizona.

IN HONOR OF THE CITY OF  
CHARLOTTE'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 30, 2018*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Charlotte, North Carolina on the 250th anniversary of its founding. I am proud to hail from Charlotte, and I want to celebrate the Queen City on this momentous occasion.

As a graduate of A.G. Middle School, Myers Park High School and UNC Charlotte, I hold a very special spot in my heart for this amazing city. Throughout its history, Charlotte has time and again shown the ingenuity and resiliency which allowed it to grow into the prosperous hub it is today. And that ingenuity and resiliency comes down to one common factor—the people who have called Charlotte home over two and a half centuries.

Take the founding of Charlotte way back in 1768. Mecklenburg County and Charlotte Town were named for Queen Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, wife of English King George III. Despite these overt ties to England, the local leaders of Charlotte banded together in 1775 to issue the Mecklenburg Resolves, the very first declaration of independence from Great Britain by any governing body in Colonial America.

Or take the fact that Charlotte has grown from a regional banking center to the second-largest financial center in the country behind only New York City. This growth was something many scoffed at until a committed group of local visionaries grew a few regional banks into Bank of America and Wachovia, two of the largest financial institutions in the world.

The ingenuity and resiliency of Charlotte and its citizens have allowed the city to grow into not only the largest city in the Carolinas, but also one of the fastest-growing cities in the entire country the past 30 years. While Charlotte has boomed, it has also retained the Southern charm and quality of life that's made it such a wonderful place to live. Folks from across the nation have flocked to Charlotte with good reason—as the slogan goes, "Charlotte's got a lot."

I'm fiercely proud of my hometown and I can't wait to see what the next 250 years have in store for the crown jewel of the Carolinas.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating the City of Charlotte on its 250th anniversary.

THE FIGHT FOR VICTIMS MUST GO ON—THE VICTIMS' RIGHTS CAUCUS

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 30, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, prior to being elected to Congress in 2004, I spent 30 years as a criminal prosecutor and Judge in Houston, Texas. During that time, I encountered the worst of the worst in our society, from abusers to rapists to murderers. Even more painfully, I watched as countless victims of violent crime were utterly failed by the system. Victims were often thrown in jail, sent back to their abusers or just left to fend for themselves. It felt like the ultimate miscarriage of justice. Also during this time, I came across a type of criminal that I had never imagined flourished in this country—the human trafficker.

Most Americans believed that human trafficking was an over-seas problem, not something that was occurring in their very own backyards. This lack of awareness allowed sex traffickers and the buyers of trafficking victims to practically walk free. It became very clear to me that something drastic had to be done to help victims of crime and raise awareness about these new rapidly expanding criminal enterprises in our country.

As a matter of first priority after being elected to Congress, I founded the Victims' Rights Caucus (VRC) with Representative JIM COSTA (D-CA). Our mission was to create a bipartisan coalition of Members to represent the in-

terests of victims of crime, generate awareness about how pervasive violent and sexual crime was in our country and increase resources available to law enforcement to combat the problem.

Since its inception in 2005, the Caucus has taken the lead to protect programs that provide critical support for victim services throughout the nation, including the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA) and the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPPRA). The Caucus was instrumental in the enactment of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, the Cruise Vessel Safety and Security Act, the Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011, the SAFER Act of 2013, the Victims of Child Abuse Reauthorization Act, the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act and the Justice for All Act (JFAA).

The VRC works closely with victims' rights organizations, shelters, advocacy groups and criminal justice reform groups. Every year, the Caucus hosts various briefings on victims' rights issues including domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, human trafficking as well as various other topics. We also recognize National Crime Victims' Rights Week with our annual awards ceremony and policy forum.

I am tremendously proud of the progress we have made as a nation to better support victims of crime and crack down on criminals. Topics like human trafficking, sexual abuse and domestic violence are no longer considered taboo. Counseling, resources and shelters are much more readily available to victims of crime. Both human traffickers and those caught buying human trafficking victims are now being prosecuted equally to the fullest extent of the law. I believe the VRC has greatly contributed to these successes so far, but there is still a lot of work to be done.

Since deciding to retire at the end of my current term, I have put a lot of thought into who should replace me as co-chair of the VRC. Recently, I reached out to my good friend and fellow Texan PETE OLSON to offer him the position. He enthusiastically accepted. Representative OLSON is a hard-working, caring and dedicated public servant, and I know he will work tirelessly to further the successes of the VRC.

I wish him and Representative COSTA the best in their continued fight on behalf of crime victims. I have no doubt that Caucus will achieve many great things in the months and years to come.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING JACK MILES

**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 30, 2018*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Jack Miles, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

Jack worked in my Indiana office for nearly a year, serving as a member of our political operations team. Jack has an incredible work ethic and was a tremendous asset to our team.

On a personal note, Jack is a humble and positive teammate. I admire Jack's commitment to public service, and I have no doubt

his future is very, very bright. I am grateful to Jack for his friendship and his hard work in our office. I wish Jack continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

HONORING THE CAREER OF  
SHERIFF REUEL TODD

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 30, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Reuel A. Todd, Sheriff of Oswego County and an influential leader in Central New York. Dedicating himself to a lifetime of service in law enforcement, Sheriff Todd went to work every day with the intention to protect and defend his community. Throughout his 44 year career, Sheriff Todd retained his steadfast commitment to the security and safety of his county.

Born and raised in Central New York, Sheriff Todd was passionate about law enforcement at an early age, attending the Police Training Academy after graduating from Oswego High School. In hopes of furthering his education, he also attended the New York State Sheriffs' Association Civil School, Law Enforcement Management School, and the FBI National Academy. Sheriff Todd's vast law enforcement experience allowed him to become a recognized Drug Enforcement Specialist upon entering the workforce.

Sheriff Todd began his career as a Road Deputy with OCSD in 1974. He was quickly promoted to Sergeant and then to Criminal Investigator in 1977 before being appointed Undersheriff in 1984. Throughout his 15 year tenure as Undersheriff, Sheriff Todd helped Oswego become one of the first counties in New York State to receive accreditation by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Mr. Todd was first elected as Sheriff of Oswego County in 1998. During his two decades as sheriff, Mr. Todd mobilized his department to provide 24-hour security coverage at three local nuclear power plants and secured funding for additional water safety at Port Ontario. Outside of his duties as Sheriff, Todd has also served as Chairman of Zone 7 on behalf of The Office of Public Security Counter-Terrorism Network and President of the New York State Sheriffs' Association.

Sheriff Todd's service to the Oswego community goes beyond his law enforcement contributions. He also worked to provide food to senior citizens through Meals on Wheels, coached Little League Baseball, participated in Boy Scouts and the Oswego Rotary Club, and is an active member of the Elks Club.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the distinguished career of Reuel A. Todd. His many contributions to Oswego County and the greater Central New York region will not be forgotten. Sheriff Todd's lifelong dedication to the safety and security of his community should serve as an example for current and future law enforcement officers across the nation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF LELAND EMERSON BOREN OF  
UPLAND, INDIANA

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 30, 2018*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Leland Emerson Boren, an Upland businessman, farmer, and philanthropist who devoted his life to serving and helping others. Leland was known for his drive and hard work which he displayed throughout his tremendous career. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Leland's significant contributions to the Town of Upland, the Grant County community, and the state of Indiana.

A life-long Hoosier, Leland was born in Owensville, Indiana, in 1923. He attended Anderson High School where he graduated in 1941. While attending Anderson High School, he began working as a heat treat specialist with the Nicholson File Company. Leland continued his work there after graduation until 1945, when he accepted a position at Upland's Pierce Governor Company Incorporated as a material control clerk. Dedicated to the company's success, he quickly worked his way up the ranks. Leland was named general manager in 1956 and became president of the company just two years later in 1958. Shortly thereafter in 1969, Leland became president and director of Avis Industrial Corporation, a global manufacturing company, only a few years prior to the eventual merger of the two companies in 1971. Following the merger, Leland was elected chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Avis Industrial Corporation in 1983, eventually moving the company headquarters to its current location in Upland, Indiana. Known as a "ceaseless hard worker and a professional of integrity," Leland was a self-made man responsible for the tremendous growth of his business, which over the years has employed thousands of people. Avis is now a holding company with more than a dozen manufacturing facilities in the United States, Mexico, and Canada. A tenacious leader, Leland was appointed president of PHD, Inc. in 2010. Leland, who earned the reputation as an extraordinary boss, was dedicated to prioritizing the well-being of his employees till the very end.

Leland's commitment to business was equaled by his support for various local charities and educational institutions. During his lifetime, Leland made numerous contributions to support students, faculty, and administration efforts at Huntington University and Taylor University, often requesting to remain anonymous.

A true testament to his outstanding career and selfless contributions, Leland was honored with numerous awards and accolades. He received honorary doctorate degrees from Taylor University, Anderson University, Indiana Wesleyan University, and Ball State University, as well as an honorary degree from Ivy Tech Community College. Notably, he was the recipient of four Sagamores of the Wabash, the highest honor the governor of Indiana can bestow upon a citizen, from Governors Evan Bayh, Frank O'Bannon, Joe E. Kernan and Eric Holcomb. His business endeavors also

led him to sit on as many as 20 company boards.

In his personal life, Leland was known as a generous, loving, and faithful man. He loved most in this world his dear wife, LaRita. In fact, those who knew him best would say he thought his biggest and proudest accomplishment was marrying LaRita. The two met in Wichita, Kansas, where she was working as a stewardess for Trans World Airlines. They married soon after and she was his partner in everything. While driving through the Town of Upland, you may recognize Leland's property by the numerous bright pink barns on the property. LaRita missed seeing the beautiful sunsets in Oklahoma where the sunrises would reflect red hues from the dirt and project a beautiful bright pink glow onto their barns. Knowing of LaRita's love for Oklahoma sunsets, Leland had their barns and other building exteriors painted pink as a constant reminder of her home state.

Leland will be forever missed by his family, friends, colleagues, and the entire Upland community. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Leland's sons, Lael and Andrew Boren, daughter, Lori Meyers, their families, sister, Lucille Ashby, and his many grandchildren, nephews, extended family and friends who mourn his loss.

HONORING KIM BENNETT

**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 30, 2018*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Kim Bennett, for her work in my office and her service to our state.

Kim worked in our Muncie office for two years during my first term in Congress, serving as our Constituent Services Director. Kim has had a long career serving the people of Indiana's 6th Congressional District, as she previously worked for my predecessor and our current Vice President, Mike Pence and for former Congressman David McIntosh. Kim has helped thousands of individuals navigate the complex federal bureaucracy and receive the help they need and she managed our Muncie job fair.

On a personal note, I have known Kim for more than two decades. I want to thank Kim for her friendship and her hard work in our office. I wish her continued success in all that God has planned for her and her family.

REMEMBERING THE EXPELLED  
JEWS OF ARAB COUNTRIES AND  
IRAN

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 30, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today memorializes the more than 850,000 Jews who were expelled from Arab countries and Iran. Jewish communities throughout the Middle East, which had thrived for millennia, have long been a persecuted minority. When the