

would also like to thank the West Georgia Board of Realtors for taking the time to honor the Fair Housing Act of 1968. Not only do they honor the Fair Housing Act today, they honor it every single day while they serve the citizens of Georgia.

In the midst of a national mourning, The Fair Housing Act landed on President Lyndon B. Johnson's desk just a week after Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination. The Fair Housing Act allowed Americans to become home owners no matter their race, religion, sex, or national origin. This had a large impact on the African American community, this allowed them to become first-time home owners. Thus, providing better care for themselves and family.

This Act represents a big triumph for the people, to be heard and to promote the change of an unjust environment. There is still a lot of work to be done, but I am proud of what we have achieved. In 1988 Congress amended the Fair Housing Act to protect disabled citizens and familial status. We have come a long way, but our fight must continue. We must never forget the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and continue to be a champion for justice and equality for all.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 16 DAYS
OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-
BASED VIOLENCE

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today we recognize the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, a campaign to raise awareness and spur action to end violence against women and girls.

Over the past year, with the explosion of the #MeToo and Time's Up movements, women around the world have come forward with their own harrowing stories of sexual violence—an abuse of power that often causes emotional and physical distress and harms their ability to care for their family. One in three women worldwide will experience gender-based violence in their lifetimes, ranging from sexual violence and human trafficking to harmful practices like child marriage. The statistics are staggering—nearly 39,000 girls under 18 are married each day and over 200 million women and girls have been subjected to female genital mutilation.

Gender-based violence continues to hold women back from reaching their full potential. In 2012, the United States government released the Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender-Based Violence Globally, marking ending violence against women and girls as top diplomatic and foreign assistance priorities. On the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, let's reinforce our commitment to ensuring the safety of women and girls and recommit to women's empowerment worldwide.

Remember this: when women and girls succeed, their nations succeed.

HONORING JAKE VREEBURG

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a dedicated member of my staff, Jake Vreeburg, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

Jake has been a part of our team for the past four years, first as our Legislative Director and then as the Staff Director for the House Republican Policy Committee. Jake writes, reviews, and edits the Legislative Digest, a daily summary of legislation considered by the House of Representatives and distributed to 2,500 staff and Members. As Legislative Director, he led efforts to build support for programs, bills, and events that advanced my legislative agenda. Jake has been a close confidant and trusted adviser throughout my time in Congress.

On a personal note, Jake is a gifted leader who was far more than an advisor to me. He is my friend. I admire Jake's integrity, persistence and loyalty. I wish Jake continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family. I have no doubt Jake's biggest impact on our nation are yet to come. I look forward to cheering Jake on in those efforts.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING EQ-
UITY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a bill, the Federal Government Advertising Equity Accountability Act, to require all federal agencies to include in their annual budget requests to Congress the amount they spend on advertising contracts with small disadvantaged businesses (SDBs) and businesses owned by minorities and women. Federal agencies would be required to provide prior, current, and projected total expenditures for advertising contracts.

In 2007, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) examined spending on advertising contracts with minority-owned businesses by five agencies—the Department of Defense, the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of the Interior, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration—and found that only five percent of the \$4.3 billion available for advertising contracts went to minority businesses. In light of these concerning figures, several of my colleagues and I sent a letter to the GAO in April 2016 requesting updated information on the amount of federal advertising dollars spent with SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women. That GAO report, released in July of this year, showed that in fiscal year 2017, only 16 percent of the federal government's advertising contract obligations went to SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women.

The federal government is the largest advertiser in the United States, and it has an obligation to ensure fair access to its contracts for

SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women. The GAO's findings make it clear that there is still much progress to be made.

The regular collection of information on federal advertising contract obligations to SDBs and businesses owned by women and minorities, along with the provision of this information to legislators and stakeholders, is essential to bridging the divide between current statistics and a more inclusive advertising landscape. My bill would achieve these goals while also promoting transparency and encouraging federal agencies to strive to reach minorities, who often receive their daily news from smaller media outlets that serve communities of color. The requirement that agencies submit prior, current, and projected information regarding the amount of advertising dollars spent with SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women will allow federal agencies to evaluate their progress over time. The regular collection of this information will also demonstrate that the promotion of equity in advertising, and in all areas of government, should be a continuous effort that is central to the mission of every agency.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

CONGRATULATING GARY PERINAR
ON RECEIVING THE GEORGE
MEANY AWARD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Gary Perinar who is being honored with the George Meany Award in recognition of his incredible contributions to the community and the working families of union trades. Mr. Perinar currently serves as executive secretary-treasurer of the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters, which consists of more than 30,000 workers pursuing careers in the trades.

Mr. Perinar completed his apprenticeship with the Carpenters Local 174 before going on to become a 40-year member as a third-generation business representative of the union. During Mr. Perinar's stellar career he has taken on multiple roles, such as becoming a full-time business representative at the age of 32 and then assistant to the president. In addition, Mr. Perinar performed multiple leadership roles on various committees and boards while serving as both a vice president and a delegate on the Regional Council. Under the leadership of Mr. Perinar, an emphasis was placed on both character and skills development in order to embody responsible citizenship. Mr. Perinar recognizes the investment that must be made in young people looking to build a career in the trades and I would like to congratulate him on all his efforts and accomplishments.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Mr. Gary Perinar that I am especially proud to serve Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Mr. Gary Perinar on earning the George Meany Award for his exceptional service and thank him for all his contributions to the community.

HONORING JOHN MOTON

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a longtime member of my staff, John Moton, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

John has been on our team for over two years now, serving as our District Coordinator in our Shelbyville office. In this role, John is responsible for helping coordinate district events, serving as a constituent liaison, and helping individuals navigate the federal bureaucracy. John also serves as the Vice Chairman of the Ripley County Republican Party.

On a personal note, I admire John's loyalty, intellect and work ethic. He has been a valuable member of our team, and I have no doubt John's future is very bright. I want to thank John for his friendship and his hard work in our office. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

HONORING UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA-LED NASA MISSION OF OSIRIS-REX ARRIVAL AT BENNU

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of University of Arizona-led NASA mission of spacecraft OSIRIS-REx and its successful arrival at the asteroid Bennu. Launched two years ago, the Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security-Regolith Explorer (OSIRIS-REx) mission is the first of its kind with a goal of returning a sample of the asteroid to Earth. Over the next year, the spacecraft will fly within close proximity of Bennu, map its surface, and use highly specialized instruments to collect a small sample from the asteroid that will be returned to Earth in 2023. This mission will aid scientists in investigating the most fundamental questions of our universe—namely how planets formed and how life began. Further, OSIRIS-REx will improve our understanding of asteroids that have the potential to impact Earth.

OSIRIS-REx will also determine Bennu's physical and chemical properties, which will be critical to know in the event of an impact mitigation mission. Asteroids like Bennu contain natural resources such as water, organics, and precious metals. In the future, these asteroids may one day fuel the exploration of the solar system by robotic and manned spacecraft.

I am extremely proud that Tucson is once again a key player in a critical NASA mission, just as it has been with many others throughout our Nation's history. OSIRIS-REx is an \$800 million University of Arizona-led NASA mission and it's traveling to Bennu because its regolith may record the earliest history of our solar system. Discovered in 1999, Bennu is relatively close to Earth with an orbit that crosses ours every six years. These close encounters give Bennu a high probability of im-

pacting Earth in the late 22nd century. Data collected from this mission will help predict Bennu's movements and identify ways to deflect asteroids in the future. Among all the asteroids in space, Bennu was also selected because it is large enough that a spacecraft can safely come in contact with it to collect samples. Its diameter is wider than the height of the Empire State Building. By contrast, however, Bennu will be the smallest object ever to be orbited by a spacecraft.

The most unique aspect of the OSIRIS-REx mission is the large and pristine sample that will be brought back to Earth, which will allow scientists to research the origins of our universe and galaxy and help us answer some of the most profound and fundamental questions that have intrigued mankind since our beginnings. The OSIRIS-REx mission is funded by NASA and its science is led by the University of Arizona (UA). I would like to once again congratulate Dr. Dante Lauretta of the UA Lunar and Planetary Laboratory for his leadership as principal investigator and, along with his team, for bringing this exciting mission to the launch stage. I understand that Dante has been working on this concept for the last 15 years, and I greatly look forward to celebrating even more milestones with his team as the mission progresses. This mission is the latest in a long list of achievements by scientists at the University of Arizona in my home district. In fact, UA scientists have collaborated in every single American mission to the Moon and Mars since 1964, including serving as the lead on the Phoenix Mars Mission.

The University of Arizona will house mission science operations control, as it did for the Phoenix Mars mission, continuing to involve undergraduate and graduate students in the research over—150 students so far, which will help cultivate the next generation of STEM leaders—many of whom will be from my home state of Arizona. I wish the OSIRIS REx team the best of luck in their historic mission and congratulate them in their profound success.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR OF THE COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PRETRIAL SERVICES AGENCY TO RESIDE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a bill to require the Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA) and the District of Columbia Pretrial Services Agency (PSA) to reside in the District of Columbia during their tenure.

CSOSA is an independent federal agency created by Congress in the Revitalization Act that supervises only D.C. offenders on parole, probation and supervised release. PSA is an independent agency within CSOSA that supervises D.C. and federal defendants. This bill would be prospective and not apply to those already in office upon enactment.

Congress has justifiably understood that federal officials must live in the jurisdiction they serve to ensure in-depth knowledge of the unique issues and challenges residents and these federal officials face, but federal officials serving the District have been excluded from such a requirement. This patronizing leftover from when the District was governed by the federal government has real effects on residents. There is no reason that the Directors of CSOSA and PSA, federal agencies that uniquely serve D.C. residents, should not be required to live in the District, engage with local communities and work closely with local officials. Adding residency requirements for federal officials serving the District is a matter of fairness that would make D.C. more like the states and even the territories, who enjoy residency requirements.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING MATTHEW TULLY

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Indianapolis Star columnist Matthew Tully, who recently passed away at the age of 49 following a two-year battle with cancer.

My heart broke to learn of Matt's passing. To me, Matt was Indiana's most prominent political writer. We didn't always agree, but I never questioned that Matt was doing his best to get the facts and communicate the truth as he saw it. Most importantly, he was an even better person and I considered him a great friend.

Matt is survived by his wife, Valerie, and their 7-year-old son, Reid. The Messer family will continue praying for his family as they mourn his passing.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.