

organized educational outreach, and bolstered community support for the vital irrigation project. Their efforts contributed to a positive outcome for the thousands of area residents who rely on the LYIP to irrigate crops and provide water for their municipal systems.

"We want to engage young adults to invest in their communities, get to know the local business and community leaders, serve on local boards, and take part in community events. It's important young people have a reason to stay connected to the area," said Dasinger, who Montana Young Professionals recognized as the Young Professional Woman of the Year for 2018.

Mr. Speaker, for her leadership, commitment to promoting community service, and efforts to develop young professionals in her community, I recognize Katie Dasinger for her spirit of Montana.

HONORING THE INNOVATIVE WORK OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS IN ILLINOIS'S 10TH DISTRICT

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the creative accomplishments of our local municipalities who have gone above and beyond to serve our communities. Innovation is alive and well in the cities, towns and villages of Illinois's Tenth Congressional District.

Some of these local achievements were recently recognized by the Lake County Municipal League highlighting the commitment, vision and ingenuity of our civic leaders.

The City of North Chicago, Illinois won top honors for their work creating a Summer Youth Employment program titled "Learn, Earn and Return." The program has employed over 100 local low-income youth in summer internships through public and private partnerships in its first four years. Working alongside city staff, these summer interns develop valuable leadership and career skills that are crucial in an increasingly competitive job market. According to the City, since "Learn, Earn and Return" started, youth crime in North Chicago has decreased by 80 percent.

The Village of Mundelein was also honored for the successful launch of their revitalized 1–2-3 building permit program that will allow for greater efficiency. The improvement earned an Honorable Mention at the awards dinner.

Other Lake County municipalities made significant strides in the past year to bolster their local small businesses, improve public safety and beautify their communities. In an effort led by Mayor Terry Weppler, the Village of Libertyville highlighted over 100 of their local businesses with personal visits and were featured on the Village website. The Village of Beach Park partnered with the City of Waukegan to design, install and implement an early warning outdoor notification system. Finally, the Village of Buffalo Grove, the Buffalo Grove Park District, and the Living Lands Conservation Company collaborated to construct a nursery to grow native aquatic plants.

We all strive to live in vibrant, healthy and dynamic communities. The work of these, and other, municipalities are helping to realize that dream.

I applaud these municipalities and the dedicated civil servants for their commendable efforts to serve our communities. I look forward to learning more about these innovative efforts, and to continuing to work closely together in the months ahead.

SUPPORTING HOUSE RESOLUTION 1091

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, the House passed H. Res. 1091, offered by my friend from Ohio, STEVE CHABOT. I support this resolution and commend my colleague for his leadership on a pressing issue of concern. If democracy dies in darkness as the Washington Post masthead daily reads, surely the release of the Reuters journalists will bring a little light back to Burma. But only a little light unfortunately.

We all believed that Nobel Peace Prize laureate Aung San Sui Kyi would govern differently from past Burmese leaders. Unfortunately, she has not. The democratic icon has become an extremely disappointing politician. On her watch one of the world's largest ethnic cleansings has occurred—the forced and violent removal of Rohingya from Burma. The blood of Rohingya is on her hands. Over half a million Rohingya were removed and untold numbers killed by a military that long planned for this operation.

I commend the Administration for using Global Magnitsky sanctions to target Burmese military leaders and units. But with atrocities continuing against the Rohingya and other Burmese minorities, more clearly needs to be done. Expanding sanctions against companies and cronies linked to the military leadership is a potential game changer in any punitive approach to this issue. And the U.S. should be urging the EU and other nations to do the same.

I understand the arguments made by those who urge caution, fearing that too much pressure on Aung San Sui Kyi will lead to a military coup, with the full backing of Beijing no doubt. But at what price, silence? Thousands of deaths? Half a million people forcibly removed? Condoning crimes against humanity and genocide? We cannot be bystanders to genocide. As with the mass detention of Uyghur Muslims in China or the genocide experienced by Christians and Yazidis at the hands of ISIS, U.S. leadership is needed to create a global response to this crisis. I again commend the gentleman from Ohio for this resolution. Preventing and addressing genocide and mass atrocities are a core national security interest and a core moral responsibility of the United States.

COMMEMORATION OF THE MITRE CORPORATION'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

HON. SETH MOULTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to note that 2018 marks The MITRE Corporation's

60th anniversary. MITRE is a not-for-profit company that operates seven federally-funded research and development centers. Its 8,700 employees work in the public interest, free from commercial conflicts of interest, at two primary locations in Bedford, Massachusetts and McLean, Virginia, and at other sites around the world. MITRE's principal sponsors include the Department of Defense; the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services; the Department of the Treasury and the IRS; the Department of Veterans Affairs; the National Institute of Standards and Technology; the Federal Aviation Administration; the Department of Homeland Security, and the federal courts.

The company's staff works on some of the most challenging technical problems facing our nation, performing analysis, planning and concept development; R&D; engineering; and systems acquisition work. Since its earliest work to develop the nation's first air defense system, MITRE has generated countless innovations to address emerging threats, improve healthcare, defend cyberspace, secure our borders, ensure aviation safety, protect financial integrity, support our veterans, and more.

I congratulate MITRE's employees for their vital work over six decades to solve problems for a safer world, and wish them continued success in the years to come.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORDHAM RAM, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY'S JOURNAL OF RECORD SINCE 1918

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to celebrate and honor the 100th anniversary of The Fordham Ram, a publication of true purpose and high achievement, whose exemplary programs and accomplishments have made many contributions to the Nation and our communities.

The Fordham Ram, hosted by one of New York City's distinguished institutions of higher education, Fordham University, is the newspaper of record and student voice at Fordham's Rose Hill Campus. The newspaper has served students, staff, alumni, and The Bronx community through award-winning, fair, and professional journalism since 1918. The staff and alumni of The Fordham Ram have remained dedicated to objective journalism in the public's interest for 100 years.

The Fordham Ram's 100th anniversary is an auspicious occasion to recognize the accomplishments of the distinguished alumni who have also written for the newspaper during their time at Fordham University. Notable alumni include Louis D. Boccia ('58), the former President and CEO of the Associated Press; Loretta Tofani ('75), Pulitzer Prize winner at the Washington Post; Malcolm Moran ('75), former reporter for the New York Times and USA Today; Thomas Maier ('78), author and prize-winning investigative journalist for Newsday; Jim Dwyer ('79), two-time Pulitzer Prize winner and columnist for the New York Times; Michael Kay ('82), the voice of the New York Yankees on the YES Network and ESPN Radio host; Jack Curry ('86), analyst for the YES Network; and the legendary Vin

Scully ('49), the voice of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Baseball Hall of Fame broadcaster, and Radio Hall of Famer. The significant contributions these individuals have made to the field of journalism are a testament to the true spirit of excellence instilled in them at The Fordham Ram.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that my distinguished colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring the Fordham Ram for its 100 years of remarkable dedication to fair journalism and its long-standing commitment to improving The Bronx.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUDGE DAVID GARCIA

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable David Garcia, Judge of Denton County Criminal Court No. 3, for his service to Denton County and to the many combat veterans he has impacted through his work with the Denton County Veterans Treatment Court Program (VTCP).

Judge Garcia was appointed to the Denton County Criminal Court No. 3 on September 1, 1997 and will conclude his tenure at the end of December after 21 years of service to our community. Since 2012, he has presided over the Veterans Court. After his appointment to the Court, Judge Garcia not only completed a backlog of cases, but he also built a new model for veterans courts that prioritizes improving the quality of mental health care available to justice-involved veterans. Under his guidance, the veterans court provided evaluation and treatment for certain veterans' combat-related mental illnesses. In his role, Judge Garcia shifted the focus in sentencing from the pursuit of judicial compliance and reduced recidivism toward a regimen that allows combat veterans suffering from the impact of PTSD and MST to graduate from the VTCP program and return to their families and communities with charges dismissed.

As a Member of Congress, one of my greatest privileges is to support veterans in North Texas and around the country. During his two decades of service, Judge Garcia has advocated for broader veteran health care access by supporting the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 and the VA MISSION Act of 2018, legislation that improves care for those who have sacrificed and served for our country. On behalf of the 26th District of Texas, I extend my sincere appreciation to Judge Garcia for the contributions he has made to the Denton County community and to our region's veterans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, I was unable to be in Washington and missed roll call votes No. 436 "Concurring in the Senate

Amendment to H.R. 1222—Congenital Heart Futures Reauthorization Act of.", No. 437 "Concurring in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 6615—Traumatic Brain Injury Program Reauthorization Act of 2018.", No. 438 "To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the expansion of activities related to Alzheimer's disease, cognitive decline, and brain health under the Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program, and for other purposes.", No. 439 "To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to improve health care in rural areas.", No. 440 "To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a security vulnerability disclosure policy, to establish a bug bounty program for the Department of Homeland Security, to amend title 41, United States Code, to provide for Federal acquisition supply chain security, and for other purposes.", No. 441 "To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for an integrated planning process, to promote green infrastructure, and for other purposes.", No. 442 "Concurring in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 6227—National Quantum Initiative Act.", No. 443 "To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to the Kennewick Irrigation District, and for other purposes.", No. 444 "To expand recreational fishing opportunities through enhanced marine fishery conservation and management, and for other purposes.", and No. 445 "To reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on all ten bills.

LIBERALISM EXPLAINED

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I now have a unified theory that I believe explains the ideology of liberals.

It covers their views of virtually any subject—higher taxes, open borders, more regulations, and the traducing of traditional values.

The reason liberals want more government control is so they can control our daily lives. The reason liberals want to control our daily lives is because they think they are smarter than the American people. The reason they think they are smarter than the American people is . . . well, there is no good reason.

I'm sure many liberals are well-meaning. They want what they feel is best for the country. But that's the problem. They want to impose their views on the American people.

Conservatives want to conserve values and protect freedoms—free speech, freedom of religion, and freedom from excessive government control. That, I believe is what Americans want too.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call vote 437. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 437.

RECOGNIZING THE VALDOSTA STATE FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on December 15, 2018, the Valdosta State University Blazers football team secured their fourth NCAA Division II Football National Championship in a 49–47 thriller over Ferris State University in McKinney, Texas. The Blazers 2018 season was anything but ordinary, finishing 14–0 and scoring 50+ points in eight out of 14 games this season.

Valdosta, Georgia in Georgia's Eighth District is affectionately known as "Title Town," home to football powerhouses in the state and across the nation at both the high school and collegiate levels.

I want to congratulate the Blazers, Coach Kerwin Bell, Valdosta State President Richard Carvajal, and the entire football and athletics staff at Valdosta State for this accomplishment. Georgia is very proud of you, and I hope you will take time to celebrate another title in Titledtown.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MR. CURTIS RAY GOODE

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Mr. Curtis Ray Goode of Marion County in the 1st District of Kentucky who passed away on December 17, 2018. Born November 8, 1946, Mr. Goode valiantly served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. After serving his country, he was not only a talented diesel mechanic with UPS in Louisville but steadfastly worked for the betterment of his fellow veterans as a devoted member of the Marion County Veterans Honor Guard, the Lebanon VFW, and the American Legion.

Mr. Goode's service in the United States Marine Corps is evidence of his dedication to safeguarding our nation's freedoms and values and is worthy of our deepest respect and admiration. His patriotic spirit and dedication to his country were rivaled only by his fervent commitment to his family and his enthusiasm for serving others.

I join with his family and loved ones—including his wife of 51 years, Christine Goode, his children, and his extended family—in celebrating his lifetime of accomplishments and recognizing his noble service to our nation. His outstanding legacy of service and compassion lives on in each member of his family and in all those who knew him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and could not make it to votes.