

a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Georgia in 1985. Shortly after receiving his degree, he began his illustrious career with the CIA.

For over three decades, Mr. Stembridge was a well-respected leader at the CIA. He built quite an impressive career, which was amplified in 2005 when he entered into the Senior Intelligence Service. During his tenure in the Senior Intelligence Service, he held several leadership roles including Deputy Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs and completed several overseas tours in areas of conflict. In December 2016, after serving for over 31 years, Mr. Stembridge retired from the CIA.

He currently serves as the Executive Vice President of Intelligence over the National Security Solutions unit of Pacific Architects and Engineers (PAE) and works directly with domestic and foreign government agencies within the intelligence community.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" Mr. Stembridge undoubtedly lives by this philosophy. From his extensive work with the CIA to protect our nation's security to his efforts to provide service to the global community, his work has made a tremendous impact on the lives of many.

J. Warren Stembridge has achieved much success in his life, but none would have been possible without the enduring love and support of his wife, Laurel; and their children, Ben, Julie, and Lindsay.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife, Vivian, and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in extending our sincerest congratulations to Mr. J. Warren Stembridge for receiving the Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal, and thanking him for an outstanding career of public service.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL GEORGE, AVOCA WEST SIDE SOCIAL CLUB'S "MAN OF THE YEAR"

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael George, who will be receiving the Avoca West Side Social Club's "Man of the Year" Award. He will be honored on March 17, 2018 during the Club's inaugural St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

The son of the late David and Mildred George, Mike was born and raised in Avoca, Pennsylvania. He is a graduating member of Avoca High School Class of 1959. He opened his first car repair business in Avoca on South Main Street in 1961. In 1969, Mike relocated his business to 935 Main Street and expanded his operation to include a gas station. It was the only service station in Avoca Borough for over three decades. Mike remained in business for almost fifty years until he retired. Mike also shared his professional knowledge by serving as an automobile repair instructor to those looking to enter the field.

In addition to operating his business, Mike has been actively involved with local community organizations. He is a founding member of

the Avoca Jolly Boys, a group that sponsors community events like children's basketball leagues and other recreational activities. He is the past president of the Avoca Lions Club and initiated the annual Lions Club Christmas Light Project along Main Street and McAlpine Street in the borough. Mike is also a regular member of the Avoca West Side Club and Rainbow Rod and Gun Club. He currently belongs to Queen of the Apostles Church in Avoca.

Today, Mike resides in Avoca with his wife of fifty-six years, Kay Sroka George. They have been blessed with three children, Janice, Christine, and the late Michael Jr.

It is an honor to recognize Mike as he accepts the Avoca West Side Social Club's "Man of the Year Award." I am grateful for his lifetime of service to people of Avoca. I wish him the best this St. Patrick's Day.

IN RECOGNITION OF SANFORD AND JOAN WEILL ON THE OCCASION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RENAMING OF WEILL CORNELL MEDICAL SCHOOL IN THEIR HONOR

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sanford and Joan Weill as we mark the 20th anniversary of the renaming of Weill Cornell Medical School in their honor. The Weills are renowned for their extraordinary philanthropic contributions to culture, education and medical research.

Mr. and Ms. Weill are Brooklyn natives who grew up in modest circumstances, and worked hard to make a better life for themselves and their family. Mr. Weill started out as a \$30-a-week runner at Bear Stearns, while Ms. Weill worked as a teacher to help them make ends meet. Wanting more, in 1960, he and his partners founded their own investment firm. The firm was eventually sold to American Express and Mr. Weill became President of American Express. He left American Express and started acquiring financial services companies, until he created the financial giant now known as Citicorp.

Throughout their lives, Mr. and Ms. Weill have been incredibly generous supporters of many of the institutions and organizations that are central to New York. They founded the National Academy Foundation, a foundation that partners with schools in underserved communities to connect them with specialized training programs and internships in finance, STEM, and hospitality & tourism. Inaugurated with one pilot finance academy in the heart of Brooklyn, the foundation has now grown to 675 academies in over 36 states and serves approximately 100,000 children a year.

The Weills have played a key role in our cultural institutions. Mr. Weill served for many years on the board of Carnegie Hall, and helped shepherd it through a major renovation. Thanks to their generosity, one of the three performance halls is named the Joan and Sanford I. Weill Recital Hall. A devotee of modern dance, Ms. Weill served on the board of the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater for 20 years,

14 as Chair. At her retirement celebration, more than \$40 million was raised in her honor, capping off an eminent career and enabling the company to expand its building.

More impressive still is the enormous impact Sanford and Joan Weill have had on medical education. Mr. Weill was a longtime Trustee of Cornell University and became Chairman of their medical school. In 1998, the Weills gave \$100 million to the medical school, prompting the school leaders to rename the institution Weill Cornell Medical College. Since then, the couple has generously given over \$600 million to the school, helping to ensure its legacy as one of the premier medical institutions in the world.

In 2001, I had the pleasure of helping to midwife the creation of a medical school in Qatar. I brought Qatar's interest in having a school that offers an American medical degree to the attention of Mr. Weill and he helped make it happen. Thanks to his vision, Cornell University is the only institution to offer its MD degree outside the country. The Weills also made possible the Weill Bugando University College of Health Sciences in Tanzania. I am proud that Cornell University accepted the challenge of creating an applied sciences school on Roosevelt Island and I was pleased to join the Weills to break ground on Cornell Tech which opened its doors September 12, 2017.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sanford and Joan Weill, the very embodiment of the American dream.

REPACK AIRWAVES YIELDING BETTER ACCESS FOR USERS OF MODERN SERVICES ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4986, the RAY BAUM'S Act.

This important, bipartisan legislation will reauthorize the Federal Communications Commission for the first time in 28 years and includes reforms that will make the FCC more efficient and transparent.

Today's bill includes provisions based on the Radio Consumer Protection Act, legislation I was proud to introduce with Congressman BILL FLORES of Texas last September, that will reimburse radio broadcasters for costs related to the FCC's spectrum auction.

The creation of the Broadcast Repack Fund and the FM Broadcast Station Relocation Fund in this legislation will help ensure that television and radio broadcasters will not be hit with the full cost of moving or adjusting transmitters and antennas, installation, and other costs that are part of the spectrum repack.

The RAY BAUM'S Act, additionally, will provide \$50 million to help educate consumers about the broadcaster repack and help make sure that the viewing and listening public continues to have access to important local news, weather, and emergency alerts provided by our local broadcasters.

Finally, I was happy to see the inclusion of a provision that will make the FCC's Inspector

General independent of the Chairman of the Commission. IG investigations, regardless of the party in power, must be independent of the individuals they are empowered to investigate.

I ask my colleagues to join me in voting in support of the RAY BAUM'S Act.

HONORING DREWRY N. FENNELL

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, today, during Women's History Month, I rise to recognize and call attention to a woman of distinction in my state of Delaware, Drewry Nash Fennell. While she currently serves as the Chief Officer of Strategic Communication and Development for Christiana Care Health System, many in my state know Drew not for any title she has held, but for her role as a trailblazer on any number of important public policy fronts.

Drew is an attorney by trade and applied her skills as the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Delaware. During her time at the ACLU, Drew fought for improvements to the child welfare system, the criminal justice system, and LGBT rights. She, along with her equally distinguished wife Lisa, helped spearhead the Equality Delaware campaign, which saw Delaware go from a state which legally permitted discrimination against LGBT citizens, to a state with full marriage equality in a span of less than a decade.

Drew applied her years of experience and extensive knowledge of the criminal justice system as the executive director of the Delaware Criminal Justice Council. Drew then took her work from the CJC to the Governor's Office, where she served as Deputy Chief of Staff and eventually Chief of Staff to former Delaware Governor Jack Markell.

Throughout her time in Delaware government, her colleagues came to know her as one of the most effective advocates around. She did it all with a warm smile and a reassuring hand on the shoulder. She endured bigotry and ignorance while maintaining class and composure, all the while, making remarkable progress for the people of Delaware.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great joy to rise today to recognize Drew not only as a constituent, but as a friend and confidant. Her work in Delaware has been truly transformational and I'm confident it is nowhere near complete. Drew will soon be the 2018 Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Woman of Distinction. I can't think of a more deserving recipient of that honor.

CONGRATULATING KENDALL COYNE AND THE U.S. WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM ON WINNING THE OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Kendall Coyne of Palos Heights, Illi-

nois, for winning a gold medal as a member of the United States Women's Ice Hockey team at the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea. This is the first Olympic gold medal won by our women's ice hockey team since 1998.

From a young age, Kendall displayed extraordinary talent and skill at ice hockey. In 157 games over three seasons with the Chicago Mission under-19 girls' team she scored 254 points and led the club to two league championships. By 2011, Kendall's dominant performance had earned her a spot on the U.S. Women's National Team. As part of the national team, she competed in the 2014 Olympics in Sochi, Russia, where her strong work resulted in two goals and four assists. That team won the silver medal, and when I met with Kendall to congratulate her on her performance and that of the team, it was clear that she was determined to return to the Olympics in four years and finish on top of the podium. And that is what she did. Once again reaching the gold medal game against Canada, Kendall along with twenty-two amazing young women won a hard-fought 3-2 victory in a shootout to bring home the Olympic gold.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kendall Coyne and the U.S. Women's Ice Hockey team for their success. They all have represented our nation with the utmost integrity on the world stage. Hockey is a demanding sport that requires grit and perseverance. Ms. Coyne has demonstrated these qualities with true distinction. I wish her and her teammates continued success as they progress in their athletic careers and future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DAPHNE D. JOHNSON

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Daphne D. Johnson, mother of Kim and Nakia, and wife of Alex Johnson. As all of her loved ones can attest, Daphne Johnson cared deeply, loved greatly, and lived life to the fullest.

Daphne Johnson was born on August 27, 1949 in the tight knit community of Leaksville, North Carolina. Her family moved to Youngstown, Ohio in 1963 where she attended Rayen High School. As a young adult, she found a profound passion for creating art work from embroidery, porcelain, and fabrics. Daphne attended Winston-Salem State University in North Carolina and completed a degree from Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio. She carried on her love of learning throughout her life. Daphne had a gift for creating and used her talents to share the stories of the world. For the last two decades, she focused on quilting in celebration of the deep history of quilting by African-American women. She used fabrics from Ghana, Egypt, Kenya, and Senegal to share the traditions of quilting and the stories of enslaved women who used scraps of materials to hand-sew quilts. Daphne described her art as "works that encompass tradition, beauty, and practicality." Daphne's art was shared throughout the United States and undoubtedly inspired others.

Throughout her life, Daphne was bold and brought passion into all of her life's work. She was a lover of all animals and held affection for rescuing dogs. She traveled all over the world, especially to the sunny shores of Punta Cana, Cancun, the Bahamas, Hawaii, and Haiti. Her visit to Israel was especially enlightening as Daphne saw her spiritual teachings embodied at the Sea of Galilee and throughout Jerusalem. Daphne was an accomplished adventurer, even learning how to swim late in life to overcome her fear of water. Throughout her many travels and activities, Daphne spread her joy and love of life with her many friends and loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize a life so fully lived. Daphne Johnson was a caring mother and wife and active servant of her community. A gifted and talented individual, Daphne truly loved exploring the world and sharing her passions with others. She is survived by her husband, children, numerous grandchildren and a large family who will fondly remember her creative spirit and caring soul. Daphne was a great light to all who knew her. I ask my colleagues of the House to join me in paying tribute to the beloved Daphne D. Johnson.

CONGRATULATING CADET CHIEF PETTY OFFICER JAMES SMITH

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate James Smith of Kearney, Nebraska, on his promotion to Cadet Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Cornhusker Division.

This is a great accomplishment. Of the 415 cadets who have served in the Cornhusker Division, only four have been promoted to Chief Petty Officer (CPO), the highest rank a cadet can achieve in the program. The three other cadets to achieve this rank prior to CPO James Smith were CPO Dan Seaman in 1993, CPO Crystal Simmons in 2002, and CPO Vincent Lombardo in 2014.

It was also my honor to nominate James to the U.S. Naval Academy earlier this year. He has clearly demonstrated the dedication and drive necessary to succeed in our military.

On behalf of the people of Nebraska's Third District, I commend James for his leadership and commitment to serving our country.

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SPEECH OF

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4986, RAY BAUM'S Act, to reauthorize the FCC. I am particularly pleased to see that we are addressing potential problems imposed upon our nation's radio broadcasters as a result of the 2012 spectrum repack.

That auction has been a tremendous catalyst for broadband deployment, but it created