

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.

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

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

unintended consequences. Many radio stations that are co-located on TV towers could be forced to shut down during spectrum relocation. With 670 radio stations possibly being impacted, we must ensure our local radio stations are protected in a process from which they will receive no benefit.

I appreciate the inclusion of section 603, which makes funds available for radio broadcasters to address this problem. This section incorporates the fundamentals of the bill that Representative GENE GREEN and I introduced in H.R. 3685, the Radio Consumer Protection Act. Our bipartisan bill established a radio protection fund to reimburse impacted stations for their costs incurred as a result of the repack.

I am also appreciative of the addition of FM translators in section 603. Many FM and AM stations rely on these translators to provide service in rural and remote areas across America. Passage of H.R. 4986, ensures that the spectrum repack fund will include FM translators.

In closing, I think it is fitting that H.R. 4986 is named the "RAY BAUM'S Act" in honor of the former staff director of the Energy and Commerce Committee, Ray Baum. Ray dedicated his life to serving the people of Oregon and the people of this country. It has been more than 25 years since Congress last reauthorized the FCC and I can think of no better way to honor Ray.

I urge support for H.R. 4986.

IN RECOGNITION OF MASOOD  
KHATAMEE, MD

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 7, 2018*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Professor Masood Khatamee, MD as he is honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by Banou, Inc. at their Nowruz celebration on March 16, 2018. It is truly a fitting tribute to honor Dr. Khatamee at this commemoration of the Persian New Year as he is an ardent supporter of the Iranian-American community.

A Clinical Professor at the New York University School of Medicine Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Khatamee is a leader in both the medical and Persian communities. Dr. Khatamee served as President of the Iranian American Medical Association from 1999 to 2000, is a member and a past president of the Board of Directors of the Shiraz University School of Medicine Alumni Association and is an Honorary Member of the Russian American Medical Association.

Dr. Khatamee is a renowned physician, receiving the distinction of Physician of the Year by the White House and the United States Congress as well as the selection as a Top 10 Iranian-American Physician in the United States, among other awards and accolades. Notably, Dr. Khatamee was also nominated for the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize in Medicine.

In addition to his work at the New York University School of Medicine, Dr. Khatamee is the Executive Director of the Fertility Research Foundation, Founder and Director of the Society for the Prevention of Human Infertility and a lecturer at the Columbia School of Biomedical Engineering.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Dr. Masood Khatamee on receiving the Banou, Inc. Lifetime Achievement Award. This honor is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CARLOS CURBELO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 7, 2018*

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 89.

ON THE LIFE OF ANGUS  
McEACHRAN

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 7, 2018*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Angus McEachran, the editor of The Commercial Appeal, the daily newspaper of my hometown of Memphis. McEachran died Monday at 78. Known as a rough and tough, no-nonsense newspaperman, McEachran started off as a copy boy at the Memphis newspaper and presided over two of its signature stories as Metro Editor—the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968 and the death of Elvis Presley in 1977.

Over the years, he nurtured the careers of hundreds of reporters, editors and photographers and opened opportunities for African Americans and other minorities while broadening the scope of the newspaper's reporting to more accurately reflect the whole community. After Memphis, he was executive editor, then editor, at The Birmingham Press Herald before moving on to become editor of The Pittsburgh Press where the newspaper won back-to-back-Pulitzer Prizes for investigative journalism in 1986 and 1987. Returning to his hometown of Memphis as editor and president of The Commercial Appeal in 1993, he added a third Pulitzer.

Mr. McEachran retired in 2002 having worked his entire career in the Scripps Howard chain of newspapers. I extend my condolences to his family and friends across the country.

CELEBRATING QUEEN CITY  
AIRPORT'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CHARLES W. DENT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 7, 2018*

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Queen City Airport located in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Throughout its history, the airport has served the Lehigh Valley community in a variety of ways. From its beginnings as a military base during World War II to the small business transportation hub it is today, Queen City Airport has been vital to Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District.

Originally Convair Airfield, the 325-acre airport was built by Consolidated-Vultee Aircraft Incorporated in September 1943. The space functioned as the test site for the Navy's Seawolf torpedo bombers, which were built at the nearby Mack Trucks' plant. Eighty-six bombers were tested at the Convair facility, but the war concluded before any of the planes were commissioned for duty.

The City of Allentown purchased the government land on July 10, 1947, and in addition to the land, the government parted with Convair Airfield—valued at over \$1 million—for \$1 under the condition that Allentown maintained the land for aviation purposes.

After Allentown acquired Convair Airfield, the military called upon the airfield for training exercises during the Cold War. In 1948, the Pennsylvania National Guard leased the airport for Army reserve flight training. This prevented Lehigh Valley reservists from needing to travel long distances to receive critical training. The National Guard once again used Convair in 1949 for Operation Vulture One, which was a series of simulated bombing attacks.

The lease was transferred to Air Products & Chemicals, an industrial gas business with deep Lehigh Valley roots, in 1951. The company utilized Convair for mounting oxygen generating equipment on military trailers and producing valves and gauges. Air Products & Chemicals remained at Convair for 15 years before ending its lease with Allentown in 1966.

On May 15, 1961, Allentown took over the day-to-day operations of the airfield and officially renamed it Queen City Municipal Airport. This marked the beginning of private use of the land, starting with Spirax-Sarco, a maker of steam and heat transfer systems. The city sold the airport to the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority in 2000 after fifty years of ownership.

Today, Queen City Airport is home to 90 planes that are used by small business owners in the Lehigh Valley. The airport allows these business owners to avoid long waits behind commercial flights at Lehigh Valley International Airport (LVIA) and freely conduct their business travel. Additional hangars to accommodate more planes are in the airport authority's long-term plan since Queen City has experienced increased utilization in recent years.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask the House to join me in acknowledging Queen City Airport's history of serving our government as well as the 15th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. May it continue to prosper and refine its legacy in the Lehigh Valley.

IN APPRECIATION OF INDUCTEES  
INTO IDAHO HALL OF FAME

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 7, 2018*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bonnie Stoddard of Dubois, Robert Brown of Idaho Falls, Frank Priestly of Franklin, R.J. Smith of Tendoy, and Stan Boyle of Idaho Falls on their inductions into the Eastern Idaho Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Now 87 years old, Bonnie Stoddard has dedicated her life to documenting agricultural