

four, the helicopter was flying low above Savannakhet province in Laos. The helicopter took intense enemy fire and was shot down. No rescue mission was conducted because of the heavy concentration of enemy troops. Mr. Cleve's remains have never been recovered. His family was left to wonder whether he might have survived and been taken prisoner. But Mr. Cleve never returned home. He and his crew remain numbered among the nearly 600 Americans who disappeared in Laos.

Today, 47 years later, his sacrifice is honored at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. At another ceremony in his hometown on March 24, 2018, his name will be etched on a memorial at the St. Francois County Courthouse.

It is with great appreciation and respect to honor the service and sacrifice of Warrant Officer First Class Reginald David Cleve today before the United States House of Representatives.

CELEBRATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MODERN JEWISH STATE OF ISRAEL

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2018

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to help commemorate the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the modern Jewish State of Israel.

As I reflect on Israel's 70 years of independent and democratic governance, I am reminded of the strength and resilience of the Israeli people. Israel's statehood was hard-fought and long overdue.

Israel's story has long been admired by the United States, with generations of Americans having advocated on behalf of the Jewish people's aspiration to return to their beloved homeland, including Presidents like George Washington, John Adams, and Abraham Lincoln.

President Truman forged a valuable and everlasting relationship between our two nations when he made the United States the first country to officially recognize Israel as an independent state. Since then, the United States has been proud to stand with Israel and her people not just as allies, but also as friends.

Since its rebirth in 1948, Israel has proven itself to be a beacon of democracy and economic progress in the Middle East. Despite fierce opposition and unjust violence, Israel continues to succeed as a global power where the Jewish people have a formidable seat on the world stage.

To express the unbreakable bond between the modern State of Israel and its ancient nationalism rooted in biblical times, the 70th anniversary official logo combines the number 70, a modern design of the Star of David, and the word Israel as written by a scribe in a Torah scroll. Together, these images bridge the extensive history of Israel, from the days of King David's reign to the nation's modern sovereignty.

I am honored to congratulate Israel on reaching this milestone, and consider it a privilege to work toward our nations' common in-

terests in the United States House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commemorating the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the modern Jewish State of Israel.

CELEBRATING THE TOWN OF CORINTH'S BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the Town of Corinth as it celebrates its 200th Anniversary.

The Town of Corinth was formally created in 1818 from the Town of Hadley, but was originally called Jessup's Landing after brothers Edward and Ebenezer Jessup arrived from England. To establish the area as a town, the town fathers gave Mrs. Washington Chapman the honor of officially naming the town. She opened the Bible by chance to the First Corinthians, and proclaimed the town to be called Corinth. Since then, the people of Corinth have worked hard to develop a prosperous community loved by all who live there.

Located on the banks of the Hudson River in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains, the surrounding lakes, streams, and woodlands of the quaint town provide beauty at every turn. For the past 200 years, the residents of Corinth have enjoyed life in this beautiful area of the North Country as they continue to develop and modernize their community. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate Corinth, New York, on its 200th Anniversary, and wish its residents all the best as they celebrate this momentous occasion.

HONORING CAROLYN C. JUDD AND CLEMENTINE M. ZAKER ON THEIR 80TH BIRTHDAYS

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2018

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carolyn C. Judd and Clementine M. Zaker, twin sisters who will be celebrating their 80th birthdays on May 2nd.

Carolyn and Clementine were born on May 2, 1938, to Theodore and Clementine Price in Chicago, Illinois, where they lived until moving a short distance to Burbank. From a young age, the sisters were an inseparable pair and their bond remains strong. Carolyn and Clementine have four and three children, respectively, and watching their grandchildren grow up has brought the sisters plenty of joy. To this day, the sisters live less than 15 minutes away from each other, with Carolyn in Hickory Hills and Clementine in Burbank.

Chicagoland has always been home to Carolyn and Clementine, and they have been active in their communities throughout their lives. Carolyn spent her career with Nabisco before retiring from her position as a secretary to the general manager at the Chicago plant. She remains involved in the community

through her work as the Secretary of the Justice Chamber of Commerce. Clementine is a dedicated wife and mother, having raised her three children with her husband, Ronald Zaker. She is very committed to her Catholic faith and helped bring the Eucharist to those in the community who were unable to attend Mass. Until recently, the sisters greatly enjoyed going to local craft shows where they would sell items including ornaments, jewelry, and embroidered pillows. They continue to enjoy each other's company in sharing meals and taking vacations together.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Carolyn and Clementine on this special occasion. It is not often that twin sisters are able to celebrate their 80th birthday together, and I am inspired learning about these remarkable women and their lifelong companionship. May Carolyn and Clementine live long and healthy lives with family and loved ones, while continuing to contribute to their communities.

HONORING ST. PETER SCHOOL

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the 150th anniversary of St. Peter School, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence on Capitol Hill.

St. Peter School was founded in 1868 with the Sisters of the Holy Cross for the purposes of taking a holistic approach in order to educate the whole child. Specifically, its mission states, "St. Peter School is a family of learners serving the Capitol Hill parishes and community. The children are provided with an education that is founded on love of God and service to others, characterized by Catholic values and academic excellence, and dedicated to addressing each child's unique talents and abilities."

In addition to its mission statement, St. Peter School is committed to cultivating a dedicated team of faculty and staff in one of the oldest continuously operating Catholic elementary schools in Washington, D.C. St. Peter School seeks to be a place in which faith becomes living, conscious and active through instruction and participation in prayer, worship, sacraments and service.

The school is committed to fostering an environment that ensures that students of all faiths, races and creeds are challenged through a rigorous academic program and are taught to be considerate, contributing members of a global society. It is also important to note that St. Peter School partners not only engage in charitable works with local organizations to serve those in need in Washington, D.C., but it also engages with a sister school in Haiti so that students understand what it means to be a force of good throughout the world.

I live on Capitol Hill, where St. Peter's is located, and know families who speak fondly of the school.

Therefore, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the 150th anniversary of St. Peter School.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2018

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 143 regarding the "Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of the Taxpayer First Act and the 21st Century IRS Act." Had I been present, I would have voted No.

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 144 regarding the "Rule providing for consideration of the Taxpayer First Act and the "21st Century IRS Act." Had I been present, I would have voted No.

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 145 regarding the "21st Century IRS Act." Had I been present, I would have voted Yes.

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 146 regarding the "Taxpayer First Act." Had I been present, I would have voted Yes.

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 147 regarding the "Justice for Victims of IRS Scams and Identity Theft Act." Had I been present, I would have voted Yes.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF
ALFONSON L. CAMPBELL

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2018

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Alfonson L. Campbell.

Mr. C, as his family and friends affectionately call him, is celebrating his 100th birthday. He was born on the Theo Baker Dairy Farm in Culpepper, Virginia on April 20, 1918. His father, who was white, and his mother who was black, raised 5 children in a two-room farmhouse.

At a very young age, Mr. Campbell helped his father on the farm by shoveling hay, milking cows and feeding chickens. He also spent his childhood gathering wood for the stove, storing milk in the well to keep cool, stuffing bedding with hay to use as mattresses, and breaking ice that formed on a nearby lake to store meat and hunted opossum. Mr. Campbell walked over a mile to attend a one-room school, where the teacher was also his preacher.

His father took care of the farm to pay his debts to the property owner and left the farm after the debt was paid. A few years later, Mr. Campbell also left the farm at 16 years old to begin a new life in Washington, DC.

Mr. Campbell joined the Army and served seven years in the Army National Guard. During his time of service, he participated in the Korean War Conflict. After leaving the military, he followed his childhood dream of becoming an automobile mechanic. He was the favorite amongst his co-workers, always teaching them the "tricks of the trade." His intelligence, mechanical skills and his ethics were so impres-

sive that his boss rewarded him with \$100.00 when the business closed. His love for cars secured him an auto-mechanic job with the District of Columbia Government for 45 years. Upon retiring from the DC government, Mr. Campbell went on to operate a successful lawn service business for 16 years.

Mr. Campbell credits his longevity to his faith in Jesus Christ and love of life. He enjoys fishing, tinkering with cars, eating the three C's (cabbage, collard greens and cornbread), and enjoyed travels with his late wife to various destinations such as Africa, Acapulco, Aruba, Germany and Hawaii. His greatest loves now are his son, daughter, six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and Jesus Christ.

Mr. Alfonson L. Campbell turned 100 years old on April 20, 2018. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our warmest birthday greetings to him and wishing him many more healthy and happy years.

HONORING GERI SHAPIRO

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize a dear friend, a dedicated public servant, a tireless advocate, and one of the nicest people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing, Ms. Geri Shapiro. Geri is receiving the "Legacy Award" at this year's "Volunteers Spirit Awards" in Westchester, hosted by Volunteer New York. I cannot think of a more deserving or impressive honoree.

A Senior Advisor to Senator KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND, Geri is a longtime Westchester resident who is intimately involved with a wide array of important issues that impact our community and its residents. She is a staunch advocate for the county, working with leadership from all levels of government, nonprofits and the business community. Geri understands finer details of the "big picture" of any issue—seniors, people with disabilities, access to social services, nuclear power, healthcare—but her primary focus is always on the person or family whose life is directly impacted.

The story of how Geri got into public service is an inspiring one. Her first career was as a stay-at-home mom who devoted much of her time volunteering at her daughter's school and caring for her aging parents. She was active in the Edgemont PTA and served as PTA president. In 2000, she began volunteering for Hillary Clinton's U.S. Senate campaign. Known by her family as the "expeditor," her skills and experiences were quickly recognized and, at age 59, she was asked to serve as Westchester County Regional Director for Senator Clinton. In 2009 she transitioned to Regional Director for Senator KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND, and currently serves as a Senior Advisor.

Though Geri is not always in the spotlight, you can be certain she is always working to make Westchester County a better place, all while inspiring and empowering others. Throughout her career, she has mentored staff, volunteers, and members of the community, particularly women. Geri has been honored with the National Association for Female Executives 2012 Women of Excellence Award

for Service to New York for her "vision, courage, compassion, proven success and generosity as demonstrated by how they help other women succeed."

Volunteering, and a bit of tenacity, opened a new door in Geri's life. I'm certainly glad it did. Geri has done some amazing work on behalf of Westchester County and its residents, and we are all grateful for her advocacy. As Volunteer New York honors her with their Legacy Award, I too would like to send my appreciation to Geri, and my personal thanks. She has been a great partner to me in the community for many years, but more importantly, she has been a wonderful friend. Congratulations to Geri on this great honor.

TRIBUTE TO MARIEL BAILEY, MELISSA BUSS, JOHN ENGEL AND
ETHAN KOZAK

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mariel Bailey, Melissa Buss, John Engel, and Ethan Kozak for their hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Sixth District as interns in my Washington, D.C. office for the spring of the 115th Congress, Second Session.

The work of these young professionals has been nothing short of exemplary. During their time in my office, Mariel, Melissa, John, and Ethan served as tour guides, interacted with constituents, conducted legislative research and learned a great deal about the United States Congress. I know they all have especially bright futures ahead of them and I look forward to seeing them build their prospective careers.

Mariel, Melissa, John, and Ethan have made plans to continue their education and professional occupations in Washington, D.C. and throughout the United States. I am certain they will succeed in their new roles and wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mariel Bailey, Melissa Buss, John Engel, and Ethan Kozak for their service this spring.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2018

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded for roll call votes on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 and Wednesday, April 18, 2018 because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on final passage for the following bills:

H.R. 2905, H.R. 4403, H.R. 5440, H.R. 5446, H.R. 5438, H.R. 5437, H.R. 5439, H.R. 5443, H.R. 2901, H.R. 1512, H.R. 5192, H.R. 5444, and H.R. 5445

Together, these bills offer long overdue reforms to the Internal Revenue Service that would strengthen taxpayer protections as well as reduce compliance and administrative burdens on small businesses.