

COMMENDING LOCAL 2018 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FOR THEIR DECISION TO ENLIST IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA FOR HOSTING THE SEVENTH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ENLISTEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2018*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 90 Frederick, Virginia area high school seniors who plan to enlist in the United States Marine Corps after graduation. These students have excelled in their academic and extracurricular activities, and I offer my sincere congratulations upon their high school graduation.

I commend these student leaders for their selflessness and courageous decision to serve their country as members of the United States Marine Corps.

James Adkins; Duane Albertsen; Nicholas Aleman; Godfrey Ampong; Daniel Amurrio; Nathaniel Anthony; Miguel Apolinario; Ryan Barnes; Paul Belmonte; Benjamin Broyles; Jakob Burggraf; Edward Carrasco; Jacob Chance; Michael Chandler; Zachary Claypoole; Howard Cokkoelscher; Rashaiya Coleman; Mark Colongonzalez; Gavin Cornell; Jonathan Crowder; Joshua Cruz; Laura Cruz; David Dejesus; Connor Delery; Nathaniel Diogo; Kelly Doyle; James Edwards; Diego Esparza; Brandon Friend; Sean Gaddy; Andrew Gagnon; James George; Joshua Gilber; Issiaah Green; Alexander Grissom; Rafael Guia; Dennis Guillen; Carrington Haggerty; Kohl Hammer; James Hartzell; Brandon Herzog; Rodney Hill; William Hofferek; Joshua Jackson; Dalton Jewell; Sebastian John; Andrew Johnson; Trevor Johnson; Tyler Johnson; Shaqwaun Johnson; Jonell Kaiwood; Peter Kelley; Dustin Keys; Benjamin King; Maverick Maroney; Giavante Mathieu; Cameron Mazhari; Keivon McIntosh; William McLeod; Carson Merkel; Renee Nicholson; Jackson Nordberg; Roman Orellana; Evelyn Ovandoflores; Dominic Pantovich; Daniel Pfender; Ryan Pickham; Joseph Poe; Jaime Quezadarios; Jonathan Ramirezcruz; Cain Reese; Dione Reeves; Abigail Reidysolorio; Allansy Rodriguezmediavilla; Justin Rouse; Thomas Rutigliano; Raymundo Salinas; Austin Sheets; Andrew Sigl; Christian Smith; Eric Standage; Hunter Stoner; Devin Sweeney; Joseph Thompson; Katrin Thompson; Adam Vanderhoof; Devon Vernon; Joshua Weiler; Benny Weng; Caden White.

These students will be honored by the Greater Fredericksburg Chapter of Our Community Salutes at their 7th Annual Military Enlistee Recognition Ceremony on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA.

Mr. Speaker, I ask colleagues to join me in thanking these young men and women and their families for their dedication to serving this great Nation. We owe them and the many Americans who have served and will serve a debt of gratitude.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2018*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th Anniversary of the University of California, Berkeley. Considered one of the top public universities in the world, Cal provides a quality higher education to more than 40,000 students each year. In addition to providing a world-renowned education for students, UC Berkeley supports cutting-edge research programs facilitated by distinguished academic faculty.

The University of California, Berkeley was the first campus of the UC system and continues to set the standard for public universities nationwide. Established in 1868, the University of California, Berkeley formed as a merger between the private College of California and the state-run Agricultural, Mining, and Mechanical Arts College. In 1873, UC Berkeley chose blue and gold as their school colors—blue for California's sky and ocean and gold to honor the "Golden State." In 1895, Cal chose the golden bear as their mascot after a 12-student track team represented the school with banners depicting California's state emblem.

To date, UC Berkeley alumni, researchers and faculty have earned 94 Nobel Prizes, 45 MacArthur Fellowships, and 14 Pulitzer Prizes. UC Berkeley's notable alumni include Nobel Laureate and former Secretary of Energy Steven Chu, Governor Jerry Brown, co-founder of Apple Steve Wozniak and yours truly. I am particularly proud that the university has sent more alumni to the Peace Corps than any other university in the nation.

In 1964, during the Free Speech Movement, UC Berkeley developed a strong reputation for student activism. Student leaders opposed the Vietnam War, fought for civil rights, and defended their right to participate in political activity on campus. Facing great odds, the students' actions promoted change and established a legacy of political activism that continues to this day.

I commend UC Berkeley for its integral role in developing generations of academic, business, cultural, and political leaders. Cal has been at the forefront of some of the most important scientific discoveries and defining social movements of the modern era.

As a proud alumna of UC Berkeley, I am honored to represent my alma mater in Congress, and work on the many issues that are critical to the students and faculty.

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, I extend my congratulations on this important milestone to the Regents of the University of California, the Chancellor and staff, the distinguished faculty past and present, and most importantly the students who embrace Cal's rich history, and continue to push the campus forward with their passion and talent. I look forward to a bright future for UC Berkeley and continued success in the years to come.

Go Bears.

RECOGNIZING MOLLY McLAUGHLIN SALMI

### HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2018*

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize—and say farewell—to a member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce staff who is retiring after more than 29 years of public service to the People's House.

Molly McLaughlin Salmi began her congressional career on the Committee as a Staff Assistant in the 100th Congress. With hard work and unparalleled policy expertise, she rose through the ranks, serving as the Deputy Director of Workforce Policy for the last 16 years.

Eight Committee Chairs—Republicans and Democrats—have had the benefit of Molly's guidance, direction, and honest feedback. Her tireless dedication to sound policy and extensive knowledge has resulted in a better workplace for every working American.

Molly has relentlessly worked to modernize wage and hour laws—clarifying requirements that would otherwise have a detrimental effect on working Americans, preserving volunteer opportunities, enhancing employment opportunities for America's youth, and, in particular, increasing workplace flexibility.

Molly has navigated us through countless hearings, markups, floor debates, field hearings, member briefings, roundtable discussions, and stakeholder meetings, and through it all, she has been a trusted adviser, dedicated public servant, distinguished colleague, and an invaluable member of our Committee family.

While Molly's policy achievements over the years are immeasurable, she is equally regarded for her mentorship and grace. Countless young staffers have been blessed to receive Molly's advice and guidance, much to their great appreciation and benefit.

Molly Salmi, on behalf of my colleagues, we are deeply grateful for your many years of service to the American people and the U.S. House of Representatives, and we wish you all the best in the years ahead.

### AMERICAN SPACE COMMERCE FREE ENTERPRISE ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 24, 2018*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2809, American Space Commerce Free Enterprise Act. This legislation grants the Office of Space Commerce (OSC) in the Department of Commerce the power to allow U.S. nationals and NGOs to operate objects manufactured or assembled in outer space, with or without human occupants, and all items used on these objects. To obtain an operation certification in outer space, all activities must include a clean-up plan for any debris that may result from their activities. This legislation will also establish an advisory committee within the OSC that will evaluate space activities and provide guidance on the U.S.

private industry in outer space. Additionally, this bill abolishes the Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and establishes the Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing to advise U.S. commercial space-based remote sensing industries.

I believe that protecting our environment and natural habitats is critical, and outer space is no exception. As we venture further into the cosmos, making sure that the U.S. creates legislation to limit our space debris should be a priority for Congress. We are already facing the consequences of pollution on our planet and we must do better in this new frontier than we have done on earth. This legislation will provide the proper support and oversight that the space industrialization will need to ensure we are exploring the universe responsibly. We must build a solid framework for future space activities in order to create a proper path for exploration.

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OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2018*

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I commend these student leaders for their selflessness and courageous decision to serve their country as members of the United States Air Force.

Jacob Aguilar; Jared Bouches; Victoria Brown; Reynaldo Campos; Kelly Freeman; Aaron Frimpong; Elyssa Galindo; Steven Gilbert; Samantha Guerrero; Sydni Jenkins; Trent Nicholas; Caitlin Odonnell; Edwin Ordonez; Bryan Perez Palacios; Dallas Pratt; Asiah Richardson; Skyler Steward; James Taylor; Jadon Unger.

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PRATT AND WHITNEY COLUMBUS NAMED GEORGIA LARGE MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR

### HON. A. DREW FERGUSON IV

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2018*

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pratt & Whitney in Columbus, Georgia for being named the Large Manufacturer of the Year by Georgia Governor Nathan Deal, the Georgia Department of Economic Development, and the Technical College System of Georgia. With a longstanding presence in Muscogee County, Pratt & Whitney employs nearly 2,000 workers engaged in overhauling aircraft engines and forging jet engine parts and is currently investing more than \$450 million to grow its facility and create 500 new jobs in Columbus.

Additionally, the company has partnered with Columbus Technical College and Georgia Quick Start to provide world-class advanced training to meet the growing needs of the Geared Turbofan and F-135 production lines. As a corporate citizen, Pratt & Whitney has actively engaged in supporting the community by donating over \$500,000 annually to support STEM labs for local schools and build scholarship and internship programs. I commend Pratt & Whitney for this distinguished honor and ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their success.

### GENOCIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

### HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2018*

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Genocide Prevention and Awareness Month to honor and remember the countless lives lost in unforgivable genocides and tragedies across the world.

Just yesterday we commemorated the 103rd anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, and earlier this month we recognized Holocaust Remembrance Day. While these are somber occasions marking some of the darkest times in our world's history, we must commemorate them because we cannot allow the world to forget what happened.

Millions have died and suffered at the hand of cruelty and injustice. I am deeply saddened that today there are still those who refuse to acknowledge the Armenian Genocide and the atrocities that occurred in 1915. Their denial is disrespectful to the 1.5 million Armenian—men, women and children—who died and the millions more who risked their lives to escape the violence.

We can't undo what happened. But we must learn from history and make sure this never happens again. This month we honor those who had their lives stolen at the hands of evil and hate. We can do better, and we must do better.

IN RECOGNITION OF EASTHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL'S 'WE THE PEOPLE' TEAM

### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2018*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the students and advisors of Easthampton High School's 'We The People' team for their hard work, dedication, and outstanding achievement. These individuals prevailed over a number of highly skilled competitors to earn first-place honors in the 2018 Massachusetts 'We The People' academic contest at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate in Boston. They have accordingly earned the distinction of representing the Commonwealth in the national 'We The People' competition this week in Washington, DC.

The annual 'We The People' competition is an extraordinary opportunity that brings young minds together to discuss and learn about issues of vital importance to today's world and our nation. Not only did the students of Easthampton High School's team display exemplary commitment, ability, and character in preparing for and winning the statewide competition in January, but since then they have worked even harder as they eagerly anticipate competing in the national competition. They have been preparing to testify at mock congressional hearings and demonstrate their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, issue statements on a variety of topics related to our country's political and historical heritage, and field complex questions from a number of expert judges. I am confident that they will find their experience valuable for years to come—whether that be as a result of the fundamental knowledge that they have learned or the vital skills that they have built.

The students have been led by their teacher Kelley Brown who has provided crucial guidance and instrumental mentorship. The outstanding work performed by her class is a testament to the value of quality teachers in the Massachusetts public school system. The victorious students include Charlotte Banigan-White, Tierney Boyle, Ryan-James Bragg, David Brakey, Vincent Catalano, Aidan Chappuis, Carly Detmers, Victoria Drejsa, Chantel Duda, Shane Gravel, Kristin Hartley, Quinn LaFountain, Ambra Mutevelic, Shane O'Donnell, Devon Owens-Heywood, Lucas Patton, David Hunter Pelkey, Carlie Raucher, Nicolas Soucy, Fernando Tenesaca, and Dillan Wilson. Additional advisors of the team include Timothy Wood, Stephen Linsky, Nancy Sykes, and Anuraj Shah.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to once again acknowledge Easthampton High School's 'We The People' academic team for their superb dedication and accomplishments. Strong civic education is the foundation of our democracy and these inspiring students have exemplified the finest qualities of informed citizenship. I am proud of this group and I wish them all the best in their upcoming national competition as well as all their other future endeavors.