

helped to advance the university's goal to become one of the nation's preeminent research institutions. He served in several senior-level positions, including executive assistant to President Edward T. Foote II and as vice president for government relations during one of the most dynamic growth periods in the university's history. Russ was so well regarded that his influence stretched across political divides, enabling him to successfully lobby lawmakers for funding. His advocacy helped secure millions of dollars for the university when he represented the institution in Tallahassee and in Washington, D.C.

Russ's tenure at the University of Miami was followed by various executive roles at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida, where he spearheaded efforts to bestow a generous gift to the university's School of Nursing and Health Studies to provide scholarships for minority nursing students.

Russ was a genuine advocate for African-American children, women, and men. He supported minority education and training to advance diversity in health science, specifically nursing schools and cancer centers throughout the country. He was especially supportive of the nation's historically black, Hispanic, and minority-serving colleges, including Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Florida International University, Morehouse College, and Spelman College.

Russ's contribution to higher-education extended far beyond the University of Miami. He worked with many of Florida's schools, colleges and universities, including Florida State University, University of Florida, University of North Florida, Jacksonville University, Eckerd College, Barry University, and St. Thomas University, to improve the students' learning experiences. Russ also served as the director of Florida Enterprise, helped establish the Florida Education Fund, and chaired the National Council for the Advancement of Secondary Education and the Southern Governors' Education Board, to name a few.

Russ also had a successful academic career. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration at Long Island University's C.W. Post campus and a Master of Business Administration in management from Long Island University. He also holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Miami School of Law.

Russ has served many roles in his lifetime, but the one that he cherished the most was friend. Friendship was a special gift that Russ shared with so many, and those who've had the privilege of knowing him understand exactly what I mean.

As a graduate of the University of Miami, I am honored to recognize Russ for his dedication to education, academic excellence and creating access and opportunity where it did not previously exist. Russ was an exemplary public servant and will be missed by many. He leaves to cherish his memory one daughter, Lynn Jollivette Johns, and two grandchildren; his sisters, Regina Jollivette Frazier and Cleo L. Jollivette; and countless family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues and all Americans to please join me in paying homage to the life of a great man, a great leader, a great father, and a great American, Cyrus M. Jollivette.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PAKISTAN WOMEN ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Pakistan Women Association of Michigan (PWAM) as they are recognized by the American Human Rights Council (AHRC). The organization has been critical in protecting and advancing women's rights in our state and internationally.

Founded in 2014, the AHRC brings together community leaders and civil rights activists to promote and defend human rights defined in the United States' Constitution and by the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights. Initially focused on protecting and preserving the rights of prisoners, the AHRC has expanded its advocacy efforts to address pressing humanitarian issues in the United States and abroad. The AHRC has been able to draw attention to human rights issues through its work with local and state partners, including the Pakistan Women Association of Michigan.

Since its founding in 2009, PWAM has promoted and strengthened the unity between Michigan's diverse population and various ethnic groups. The organization is an active part of our southeastern Michigan community and partners with a variety of social, civic and educational initiatives to further their message and reach more women. Events held by the organization include an International Women's Day celebration each year where women gather to discuss the progress made throughout the year and goals for the year ahead. PWAM's advocacy for women of all ethnicities, religions and backgrounds has bettered our Michigan community, and I look forward to their continued contributions in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Pakistan Women Association of Michigan for their service to southeastern Michigan. Their work continues to inspire us to celebrate our differences and shows the community what strong women can accomplish when we come together.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted on YEA Roll Call No. 169, YEA on Roll Call No. 170, YEA on Roll Call No. 171, and YEA on Roll Call No. 172.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, as a cosponsor and automobile dealer myself, I would have

proudly supported S.J. Res. 57. I am pleased to see this bipartisan legislation pass the House and head to the President's desk.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 169; YEA on Roll Call No. 170; YEA on Roll Call No. 171; and YEA on Roll Call No. 172.

IN HONOR OF THE 2018 DENTON COUNTY CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE FLY-IN

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Denton County, Texas and members of the Denton County Chambers of Commerce leadership delegation who have traveled here to Washington, D.C. These local officials and business leaders understand that policy made in Washington impacts our local communities at home.

During this productive visit, the group is meeting with members of leadership here in Congress, Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson, as well as Senator TED CRUZ and Representatives from Texas and across the country. Additionally, these leaders are meeting with members of the U.S. Chamber of Congress and other national business leaders. They also have had the opportunity to visit the White House and the Federal Bureau of Investigations Headquarters.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the Record the following names of the Denton County delegation:

Rachel Bagley, Barry Bonds, Kevin Bryant, Fred Busche, Kevin Cruser, Andrew Eads, Lori Fickling, Barbara Fleming, Monica Glenn, Ken Heerman, Gary Henderson, Donna Hernandez, Kelly Heslep.

Cindi Howard, Dan Irvin, Roy Jackson, Dan Jaworski, Brandon Jones, James Kunke, Sunny Lindsey, Mike Lombardo, Jana Onstead, Nate Prevost, Ryan Schroer, Lori Walker, Neal Walker, Charlotte Wilcox.

### JAMES AVERY—THE TEXAS JEWELRY ICON

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, ask any Texan, the name James Avery rings a bell. On April 30th, the founder of one of Texas' most beloved jewelry brands, died at the age of 96. This family owned company designs timeless jewelry pieces reflecting on the things that are important in life. Whether it's a first communion cross, a wedding band, or a commemorative charm, each piece has a story. When asked about the idea behind his design, James Avery once said "I strive to keep designs from being contrived, cluttered, or cute. The challenge is to keep things simple."

Despite the craftsmanship of his jewelry, James Avery was no simple man. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and raised in Chicago, the first time he saw the beautiful Texas hill country was by way of the United States Army Air

Corps. Basic Trainee Avery was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas (Lackland Air Force Base was also where I did basic training in the United States Air Force). It was here that James Avery completed pilot training and commanded a B-26 Bomber, flying 44 dangerous and hostile missions over Germany in World War II. After the war, he attended the University of Illinois for Industrial Design, and then went on to teach at the University of Colorado. In 1954, while visiting his in-laws in Kerrville, Texas, James Avery decided to go into the jewelry making business. His business started with a two-car garage, a small workbench, a few hand tools, and some scraps of silver and copper.

James Avery Artisan Jewelry is now operating 80 stores in 5 states with the headquarters remaining in Kerrville, Texas. This original one-man operation has grown to over 3,500 employees. After running the business for over 50 years, James Avery handed the reins to his son in 2007.

James Avery was a bold, innovative, and generous man who touched the lives of many people during his lifetime through his work, his art, and his giving spirit. The 64-year success of James Avery Artisan Jewelry reflects as a testament to his early leadership. The company's mission statement is to "celebrate life through the beauty of design," and the life of James Avery should be forever celebrated through his artistic legacy.

And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF DETROIT JEWISH NEWS' 75 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR MICHIGAN COMMUNITY

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Detroit Jewish News as they celebrate 75 years of service to our Michigan community. Their journalism enriches the lives of countless Michigan residents.

Founded in 1942, the Detroit Jewish News was established to give voice to southeast Michigan's growing Jewish population. The paper was founded with the mission of providing diverse viewpoints while advocating for Jewish unity and representing issues that affect both the local and international Jewish American community. After it was purchased by Charles Buerger, owner of the Baltimore Jewish Times in the 1980s, the paper was transformed into what would become a national voice for Jewish Americans. Today, the Detroit Jewish News is published by Jewish Renaissance News and headquartered in Southfield, Michigan where it serves the same population that it set out to more than 70 years ago.

Years after its founding, the Detroit Jewish News remains in weekly circulation, reaching over 40,000 Michigan residents each week through its paper route and website. It is considered the largest, most comprehensive Jewish newspaper in North America and seeks to represent varied voices in its publication. Its main journalistic focus includes local news, the arts, spirituality and religion as well as an esteemed opinion page that represents Jewish Americans from all walks of life. The paper

has won numerous honors from the Michigan Press Association, including Design, Editorial Writing and Local Columnists. These accolades underscore the paper's commitment to honest and accessible news coverage, and we look forward to the Detroit Jewish News' continued service in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Detroit Jewish News as they celebrate 75 years of service to our Michigan community. Their hard work is vital to the fabric of southeast Michigan's vibrant Jewish community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SUSAN WU RATHBONE

**HON. GRACE MENG**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Susan Wu Rathbone also known as "Auntie Wu," for her tireless efforts supporting the Chinese American community.

Susan is widely recognized for her long record of helping Chinese immigrants transition to life in the United States. In our community, she has been hailed as a "very special lady" and "one of the unsung heroes" of Queens.

She comes from Anhui Province in China. She met and married her husband in China, and immigrated to the United States in 1946.

In 1947, Susan established "Auntie Wu's Hotline" which aided many Chinese immigrants as they settled in America.

Susan embodied the spirit of empathy and worked to make sure Chinese immigrants had the tools to succeed. After creating Auntie Wu's Hotline, she went on to establish Chinese Immigrant Services which offers education programs for Chinese immigrants.

Susan has also been a strong supporter of women's rights. She founded the Queens Chinese Women's Association which has helped the careers of many Asian American women leaders. She also became the first Chinese woman to receive the Susan B. Anthony award from the National Organization for Women—New York City in 1987, the Emigrant Award from the Emigrant Savings Bank in 2001, and was honored by the Queen's Borough President for her service to Queens in 2003.

Her work made Queens, New York a better place. I urge all of my colleagues to rise with me as we celebrate the amazing life of Susan Wu Rathbone.

IN HONOR OF HEIDI WELCH

**HON. ANN M. KUSTER**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Heidi Welch who will retire this spring after serving for 20 years as music director at Hillsboro-Deering High School.

Heidi's dedication and enthusiasm for music and the arts has inspired generations of students in the Hillsboro-Deering community. In

2013, she was recognized as New Hampshire's Teacher of the Year and served as the Granite State's representative as a finalist for the National Teacher of the Year. Through Heidi's leadership, the Hillsboro-Deering band and chorus consistently wins accolades at national competitions. Heidi is also civically engaged as music director for "HillCat Summer Theatre", as an adjunct professor at Keene State College, and soon will be receiving a Ph.D. in her field of music education. Heidi was once even selected as a guest conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Heidi for her many years of service and being a part of what makes the Granite State's public schools so special. Her legacy of teaching will continue through the countless students she has inspired. I am honored to recognize and congratulate Heidi on her retirement and wish her the best of luck in the years ahead.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. CYRUS MARTIN "RUSS" JOLLIVETTE

**HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Cyrus Martin "Russ" Jollivette, a civic leader and former executive at Florida's Blue Cross and Blue Shield, who died on May 7, 2018 at the age of 71.

Mr. Jollivette was born on August 5, 1946, in Miami, Florida, the son of Mr. Cyrus Martin and Mrs. Frances Edna (Reeves) Jollivette Chambers. Mr. Jollivette earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration in Management from C.W. Post College of Long Island University, a Master of Business Administration from Long Island University, and Juris Doctor from the University of Miami School of Law.

Mr. Jollivette served in multiple senior-level positions at the University of Miami for 24 years, from 1977 to 2001, including as executive assistant to former University of Miami President Edward "Tad" Foote. Prior to working at the University of Miami, Mr. Jollivette was managing editor from 1971 to 1977 of the Miami Times, a black-owned newspaper founded in 1923. In 2011, the National Newspaper Publishers Association recognized the paper as the top black newspaper in the country.

After leaving the University of Miami, Mr. Jollivette served in several high-level capacities at insurance giant Blue Cross Blue Shield Florida, including as vice president, before opening his own public relations firm in 2014. While there, Mr. Jollivette developed a generous gift to University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies for scholarships for minority nursing students.

Mr. Jollivette also served as a trustee at St. Thomas University and Jacksonville University, a board member of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami, a member of the Orange Bowl Committee, was on the Jacksonville Host Committee for the 2005 Super Bowl, chairman of the United Way of Northeast Florida and Jackson Aviation Authority.