

Republican friends to cut taxes for millionaires and multinational corporations, explode the deficit, and punish working families will avail us of nothing but 'the tinkling of cymbals and the sounding of brass.'

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF
STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Sterling Heights, Michigan, as it celebrates the 50th Anniversary of its founding. It is a privilege to represent the city, and I am honored to be attending the anniversary celebration on June 28th.

During the mid-1950s, the booming auto industry in Michigan led the Big 3 automakers to build new auto plants outside of the City of Detroit. The Ford Motor Company and the Chrysler Corporation settled into what was then Sterling Township. Following this tremendous growth, auto workers relocated with their families to the township.

After an initial effort to create a city charter fell short in 1966, a new charter commission favoring a City Management government was formed in 1968. On May 25, 1968, voters overwhelmingly passed the new city management charter, and the City of Sterling Heights was officially incorporated as a municipality on July 1, 1968.

Today, Sterling Heights is the fourth largest city in Michigan, and has much to offer for both its residents and the surrounding communities. Sterling Heights is home to vibrant parks, including the newly renovated Dodge Park, where the anniversary celebration will be held, strong public schools, and a quality of life which has helped lead to its impressive population growth over the last several decades.

Sterling Heights has long been a leader in celebrating diversity and inclusion. The City was one of the first "Welcoming Cities" in Macomb County, and has welcomed immigrants and refugees since its founding. The city hosts the American Polish Festival, to celebrate Sterling Heights rich Polish-American history. Sterling Heights is also home to rapidly-growing population of Iraqi Christians, known as Chaldeans, leading to the recent opening of a major Chaldean Community Center in the city. Over the years I have had the privilege of attending the Sterling Heights Cultural Exchange dinner and numerous other events celebrating the diversity of the City.

Economic opportunity in Sterling Heights has been driven by a wide variety of industries, including auto, manufacturing, and defense. Fiat-Chrysler Sterling Heights Assembly Plant, the Fiat-Chrysler Stamping Plant, the Ford Van Dyke Transmission Plant, and the Ford Axle Plant employ thousands of skilled workers and help to anchor a strong manufacturing sector in the City. The Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry has become a leading business organization in Macomb County with more than 1,600 members. I am also proud to have been able to assist in appropriating more than 700,000 dollars in federal funding for the Macomb-Oakland University Incubator. The Macomb-OU In-

cubator in Sterling Heights supports economic development in the city, and more broadly in Southeast Michigan, by accelerating high-tech businesses and by encouraging innovation and research and development.

On June 28, 2018, residents and leaders will gather to celebrate the past, present, and future of this great community, which was founded 50 years ago. As the City of Sterling Heights commemorates this milestone, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the leaders, residents, churches, businesses, and organizations that make this city so great. And I especially want to thank the residents of Sterling Heights who have provided me with the honor of representing them in Congress.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. RICHARD
HARRISON AND HIS SERVICE TO
THE UNITED STATES

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Richard Harrison, the patriarch of the History Channel reality show "Pawn Stars."

Richard grew up in Lexington, North Carolina and joined the U.S. Navy shortly after graduating high school. He married, had four children, and eventually opened a small pawn shop in Las Vegas after 20 years in the Navy.

At Gold and Silver Pawn Shop, Richard proudly operated the only family-owned pawn shop in Las Vegas. The store was not just a way to run a business, but also a way for Richard to influence those he worked with. He taught many folks the value of hard work, the importance of family, and the gift of humor.

I admire the contributions Richard made to this great nation of ours and honor this Davidson County native. His knack for hard work has clearly resonated with his son, Rick, and grandson, Corey.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring the life of Richard Harrison.

MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDED TO
FIRST LIEUTENANT GARLIN M.
CONNER OF CLINTON COUNTY,
KENTUCKY

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, today is a momentous occasion for the family of a beloved Clinton County, Kentucky native and American hero, First Lieutenant Garlin Murl Conner.

First Lieutenant Conner enlisted in the Army on March 1, 1941 and was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. He served on the front lines of ten campaigns, was injured seven times, and received a battlefield commission. While recovering from a serious hip wound at a field hospital in France, First Lieutenant Conner voluntarily left the hospital to rejoin his unit as Germany launched the brutal Operation Northwind to challenge the advancing Allied forces in the final months of World War II.

On January 24, 1945, First Lieutenant Conner ran ahead of the defending force—in the face of intense enemy fire—to attain a better position to call in artillery strikes on six hundred advancing enemy soldiers during a three-hour onslaught. At times, he even called in artillery on his own position. His bravery that day not only distinguished him as an intrepid, selfless patriot, but also saved the lives of his unit.

In acknowledgment of First Lieutenant Conner's exceptional valor, President Donald J. Trump presented a posthumous Medal of Honor, our nation's highest military distinction, to his wife, Pauline Conner, in a ceremony at the White House today.

The Medal of Honor commemorates the extraordinary sacrifice and bravery of American heroes like First Lieutenant Conner. Today, I join this Clinton County native's family and friends in celebrating his legacy and honoring his noble service to our nation.

HONORING LOUIS AND JUDITH
COSTA

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Louis and Judith Costa on fifty years of marriage. The Costas were married on July 27, 1968 and built a life together in Providence, Rhode Island.

Lou served his country proudly as an original member of U.S. Navy SEAL Team 2. He is a decorated combat veteran who served honorably in Vietnam, as well as serving as a Navy submariner. After his military service, Lou had a career as an electrician.

Judy graduated from the University of Rhode Island, and later earned her Master's degree at Brown. She went on to become a high school chemistry teacher. Over the years, Judy has remained very active in her church. Her time as a lector, volunteer, and her service to the unborn is a testament to her faith.

Family has been the central, unwavering pillar to Louis and Judith's marriage. Together, they raised seven children: Louis, Jason, Jennifer, Aaron, Michael, Timothy, and Jessica. They are the proud grandparents of eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, strong families build strong communities. I am proud to rise today and recognize Louis and Judith Costa for their commitment to their faith, country, and family. They have set a wonderful example for our communities across the country, and I extend my most sincere congratulations on their fifty years of marriage.

THE CREDIT ACCESS AND
INCLUSION ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 435, the Credit Access and Inclusion Act of 2017.

This bill expands credit access to millions of Americans by amending the Fair Credit Reporting Act with respect to reporting positive consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies.

H.R. 435 will help millions more low-income and minority households access credit by changing how Americans' financial information is reported to credit rating agencies.

This means that millions of Americans who previously could not access a lower-cost loan, cheaper car payments, or better rent for their apartment will be able to do so.

The passage of the Credit Access and Inclusion Act has the potential to bring a substantial number of people into the credit mainstream, particularly low-income families and households of color.

Many families in this country will benefit from the opportunity to build strong credit, a cornerstone of financial security, that this bill makes possible.

The absence of a credit history remains a significant barrier for households seeking safe and affordable credit products, rental housing, and jobs.

This bill begins to level the playing field.

Although the positive payments from non-traditional credit sources do not show up on their credit reports, derogatory data does so through the collections process.

Without the ability to build a credit history with those positive payments, millions of Americans continue to lose opportunities to get and stay ahead in our economy today.

This bill removes a major barrier to credit reporting proven payment data.

When reported to nationwide credit bureaus, this data will ultimately help working Americans, younger and elderly Americans, and immigrants build or restore a good credit history in order to build assets and wealth, as well as enable financial security.

The Credit Access and Inclusion Act, a bipartisan bill, will allow utility and telecom companies and landlords to report on-time payment data to credit reporting agencies, helping those with little to no credit build their credit scores based on a full picture of their payment history.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for H.R. 435, the Credit Access and Inclusion Act of 2017, to ensure credit access to millions of new low-income and minority households.

HONORING MERCED COUNTY ALL DADS MATTER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor All Dads Matter of Merced County. Administered through the Merced County Human Services Agency, All Dads Matter takes a proactive approach to social services by encouraging fathers to be active in the lives of their children through support programs and educational efforts. Since its inception 13 years ago, All Dads Matter has provided resources to new fathers to create healthy and cohesive families.

Research shows that children with engaged fathers or father figures have higher chances of positive developmental, social, and aca-

demic outcomes. All Dads Matter partners with stakeholders in education, healthcare, and other social services to create programs to meet specific family needs. Through its boot camp for new dads, men's support groups, and various workshops, All Dads Matter gives men the tools to act as positive role models for their children. It also helps dads overcome challenges, such as understanding the relational needs and socialization processes of fatherhood, and seeks to give men the confidence to advocate for their families.

All Dads Matter has received accolades for its efforts to support fathers and is an outstanding example of how to serve families in America's rural communities. It has received awards and recognitions from Harvard University's School for Human Services, the California Association of Counties, and the California State Department of Child Support. Such honors highlight the vital role that All Dads Matter plays in building stronger family units.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring All Dads Matter by recognizing the positive work they do for Merced County fathers. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor them on the eve of the Fatherhood Summit in Merced. I wish them, as well as the Merced County Human Services Agency, the best as they continue to strengthen our community through building strong families.

COMMENDATION OF COL. JAMES G. PANGELINAN

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**

OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, one of the reasons I have worked to increase the number of young people from the Mariana Islands who can attend the U.S. military academies is because I believe the Marianas offers a wealth of talent that can add to the strength of our military.

A case in point is West Point graduate James G. Pangelinan, who just hit 22 years of active duty service on June 1 and who graduated from the Army War College on June 8 with a master of arts in strategic studies and distinguished graduate honors. At the same time Pangelinan was promoted to the rank of colonel, the first person from the Marianas to achieve that rank in the U.S. Army. In fact, he is also the first person from the Marianas to graduate from West Point and, I understand, the first from our islands to graduate from the Army War College.

I would like to review COL Pangelinan's distinguished career to date. Upon graduation from West Point with a bachelor of science degree in English literature and philosophy, he received his commission and began service. According to information from the U.S. Army, Pangelinan first was assigned as a rifle platoon leader and company executive officer in the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment at Fort Lewis, Washington from 1997 to 99. He next served as an assistant operations officer with the Ranger Training Brigade at Fort Benning, Georgia from 2000 to 02. While assigned to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii from 2002 to 06, he served as a brigade and bat-

talion assistant operations officer, commanded a rifle company in the 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

From 2006 to 08, Pangelinan was an Opposition Forces commander with the Battle Command Training Program at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He deployed to Afghanistan, serving as a strategist in the NATO Training Mission Afghanistan in Kabul. From 2011 to 13, he served as the battalion executive officer of the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colorado and deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

From 2013 to 14, Pangelinan served as the Brigade Rear Detachment commander of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division. He commanded the 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment at Fort Benning from 2014 to 16. Following battalion command, COL Pangelinan served on the Army Staff in the G-3/5/7 where he was responsible for the publication and execution of the Army Campaign Plan 2017.

Throughout this time Pangelinan continued his academic pursuits, earning a master of military art and science from the School of Advanced Military Studies and a Master of Arts in Security Studies from Kansas State University both in 2010.

Pangelinan's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Expert Infantryman Badge.

He is the son of Dulce Pangelinan and Edward D.L.G. Pangelinan, who was the lead negotiator of the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America and who was the first person elected to represent the Marianas here in Washington.

COL Pangelinan begins a two-year stint in the Republic of Korea on the staff of US Forces Korea in July to continue a career his family and the Mariana Islands can all be proud of.

I salute COL James G. Pangelinan for his many achievements and thank him for his service.

RECOGNIZING GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in acknowledgement of Gun Violence Awareness Month. The rising tide of gun violence continues to claim far too many lives. On an average day in America, 96 people are killed with guns, and over 180 are injured. Too many Americans no longer feel safe in their schools, places of business, and homes. From Santa Fe to Parkland, to Huffman High School in my home district in Birmingham, children are losing their lives due to gun violence. No parent should have to worry about the safety of their child while in school.

I would like to take this time to remember those who lost their lives due to gun violence