

Randy Corbin, “the Mayor of Madison Street,” may he rest in peace.

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BIPARTISAN BUDGET ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 25, 2019*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, last week the Democrats helped secure a strong bipartisan budget agreement that includes suspending the debt limit until July 31, 2021.

The measure ensures that we will avoid a default on the full faith and credit of the United States and can follow through on our financial obligations.

All of us were elected to help America’s working-class families. This agreement is another tool to help them. In particular, it sets the stage for responsible budgeting and ends sequestration. It also includes funding for an accurate census, veterans, Child Care Development Block Grants, tools to address the opioid epidemic, and increases in NIH funding.

Extending the debt limit keeps our nation’s finances on stable ground—unlike what the Republicans did in 2011, 2013 and 2015. I applaud the Speaker and all our colleagues involved in crafting this measure, and I encourage everyone to support it. A ‘yes’ vote is responsible, provides certainty to our nation’s markets, and delivers stability to Americans’ retirement savings as well as our nation’s economy.

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RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF KEN BEHRING

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of long-time Danville resident, Mr. Ken Behring.

Mr. Behring was born June 13, 1928 in Freeport, Illinois. He spent his youth on his family’s farm during the Great Depression. By twenty-one Ken had opened the doors to his first business, Behring Motors, a used car dealership in Monroe, Illinois. Six years later, Mr. Behring had grown his small dealership to have \$1 million dollars in assets.

After relocating to Florida, Ken began work developing communities. By the early 1970s having cemented himself as one of the nation’s most successful developers, he moved to California and purchased a four-thousand-acre tract of land near Danville. After donating almost half of the land to the Mount Diablo State Park, Ken molded the remaining 2,500 acres into the nationally renowned Blackhawk housing development. Ken’s design for Blackhawk helped establish the standard for upscale development design nationwide. Eventually, Ken created additional developments resulting in over seven thousand new homes and contributing to the growth of East Contra Costa County.

In addition to Ken’s housing development career, he was an active philanthropist. Millions of Mr. Behring’s earnings have been do-

nated to universities, museums and charities across the country, including the largest single donation ever to the Smithsonian Museums. In 2000, Mr. Behring founded The Wheelchair Foundation as a branch of the Behring Global Health and Education Foundation. In its first six years, the foundation provided wheelchairs to individuals in 144 countries and reached one million wheelchairs donated in 2015.

Ken Behring was a cherished member of the Contra Costa Community and he will be missed.

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HONORING SANTA ANA ELKS LODGE NO. 794

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 117th anniversary of the Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 and the grand opening of their third Lodge.

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge was formed in 1902 by William L. Tubbs and several businessmen from the city. Mr. Tubbs was previously a member of the Lodge in Council Bluffs, Iowa before to moving to Santa Ana.

On June 2, 1902, the Santa Ana chapter was granted dispensation by the Grand Lodge to form the Lodge. When he was installed as the first Exalted Ruler on July 14, 1902, Mr. Tubbs became the “Father” of the Santa Ana Elks Lodge. The Lodge was issued its Charter on August 14, 1902. The Lodge was first located in McFadden Hall until October 20, 1902, when they moved to the Odd Fellows Hall. The Lodge relocated to the Hervey Building at Fourth and Spurgeon Street on May 18, 1903. This is also where the first Flag Day observance was held on June 14, 1907. In September 1907, in need of room to expand, the Lodge bought a fifty-foot lot. On March 14, 1911 they moved to this location at Sycamore and Sixth Street. The Lodge remained there until April 2, 1961, when they opened a brand-new Lodge at 212 Elk Lane. The Lodge celebrated their 100th anniversary at this location in 2002.

Finally, in April of 2018, the Elks Lodge temporarily moved to downtown Santa Ana until the completion of their current location at 1751 S. Lyon Street. Exalted Ruler Dan Breece, his wife and First Lady, Sharon Breece, and his Officers held their first Elks event on June 15, 2019. The Inaugural Ball was attended by 730 members and guests including the incoming Grand Exalted Ruler.

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge is known as the “Mother Lodge” for all of Orange County and has a rich and unique history. Santa Ana Elks No. 794 are active members of the community. They host a school supply drive for Santa Ana and Tustin schools and fund raising for special needs students with their “Purple Pig” program.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 for their contributions to our community and I congratulate them on the opening of their new Lodge.

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TRIBUTE TO STAFF SERGEANT ODON S. CARDENAS

**HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of WWII Veteran, Retired Army Staff Sergeant Odon S. Cardenas. July 30, 2019 marks SSgt. Cardenas 100th birthday and I am proud to represent an individual who has dedicated his life to family, community, and country.

SSgt. Odon Cardenas was born on July 30, 1919 in Devine, Texas to Donaciano and Cecilia Cardenas. One of six siblings, his early life was spent as a Sugar Beet Farmer in Shakopee, Minnesota. On March 29, 1941 he enlisted in the United States Army in Ft. Snelling, Minnesota as Private First Class. After becoming Squad Leader, SSG Odon Cardenas was assigned to the 172nd Battalion, Company C in California. Shortly after reassignment, the battalion deployed in November 1944 to the Mediterranean Theater of Operations of World War II in Germany.

While on the front lines of defense, Cardenas and his unit were attacked by German opposition. During the ambush, his company received heavy artillery fire. Approximately 24 hours into battle, he and a few others attempted to escape by crawling through the snow at night. However, he and several company members were captured by opposition forces and held in captivity at a Prisoner-of-War camp near Dusseldorf, Germany. After being detained for two weeks, SSgt. Cardenas and his fellow service members were liberated by the Americans and allied forces. Odon departed soon after in April 1945, receiving an honorable discharge in October 1945.

After the war, SSgt. Cardenas became a barber and auto mechanic. With his wife of 60 years, Maria Inez Valadez Cardenas, they raised 10 children along with 18 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren. Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent SSgt. Odon Cardenas and look forward to his 100th birthday. His lifelong dedication to our country can only be met with celebration.

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INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BRIDGES HOME RULE ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Bridges Home Rule Act. This bill would repeal a redundant 1997 federal law that makes it a crime for a person in the District of Columbia to obstruct any bridge connecting D.C. and Virginia. The District already had, and continues to have, its own local law prohibiting obstructing a bridge in the District. There is no federal law that prohibits a person in Virginia from obstructing such a bridge or a person in any state from obstructing a bridge connecting two states, and, fortunately, D.C. does not need a federal law to keep our bridges clear either.

This law is as offensive as it is redundant. It harks back to a time when a private group in D.C. attempted to block the 14th Street Bridge into Virginia, although there is no evidence that D.C. authorities failed to act. The District's local criminal law prohibiting obstructing a bridge takes care of any obstruction occurring here.

Under the 1997 federal law, "whoever in the District of Columbia knowingly and willfully obstructs any bridge connecting the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia . . . shall be fined not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$5,000, and in addition may be imprisoned not more than 30 days. . . ." Under D.C. law, a person may be subject to imprisonment and/or fines for "crowd[ing], obstruct[ing], or incommod[ing] . . . [t]he use of any street, avenue, alley, road, highway, or sidewalk."

The courts have long held that D.C. may repeal federal laws that predate the 1973 Home Rule Act (HRA) and apply exclusively in or to the District, but have not ruled on whether D.C. may repeal post-HRA federal laws that apply exclusively in or to the District. My bill would avoid any court challenge the District could face if it tries to repeal this 1997 federal law.

This is an important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND L.S.  
WILSON

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Reverend L.S. Wilson of the East Saint Paul Baptist Church, an important member of our community in Fort Worth, Texas.

Born on March 2, 1936, Pastor Wilson impacted our community in unique and profound ways. Pastor Wilson grew up attending Fort Worth public schools where he graduated from I.M. Terrell High School in 1955. He later went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Dallas Baptist University and a Master of Education Degree in Administration from Texas A&M University at Commerce.

Pastor Wilson began his ministry in 1971 and led several congregations in North Texas for over forty years. From Elam Grove Baptist Church in Mabank, Texas to Bethlehem Baptist Church in Bonham, Texas, Reverend Wilson was eventually called to become the Pastor of East St. Paul Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas in 2001 where he served until his death in 2019. Pastor Wilson took on many leadership roles in churches across the North Texas community where his legacy will never be forgotten.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my thoughts and prayers to the Pastor Wilson's family and community. He was a man who always put, God, family, and community first. He did so much for our Fort Worth community, and I want to give a special thanks to him for making our community a better place.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CARBON COUNTY FAIR

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Carbon County Fair.

Since its reestablishment in 1999, the Carbon County Fair has celebrated the best of our communities and our rich agricultural tradition. We owe a great deal of gratitude to the local Lion and Lionesse Clubs for supporting this annual community event. For five days in August, the fair welcomes community members to a variety of exhibitions showcasing the area's agricultural and industrial achievements. The fair brings neighbors together for exhibitions, fireworks, races, and the annual tractor pull. The Carbon County Fair plays an outstanding role in celebrating the importance of agriculture and industry in our communities.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Carbon County Fair on twenty incredible years celebrating our communities. May this tradition continue for many years to come.

U.S. SENATOR JOSEPH D. TYDINGS  
MEMORIAL PREVENT ALL  
SORING TACTICS ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 693, the U.S. Senator Joseph D. Tydings Memorial Prevent All Soring Tactics Act of 2019 or the "PAST" Act.

Put simply, soring is the cruel practice of intentionally inflicting pain on a horse's legs or hooves to alter the horse's gait. This is done by applying caustic chemicals such as diesel fuel, and mustard oil to the skin, and inserting sharp painful objects into horses' hooves to achieve an artificial high-stepping gait. It is all too commonly inflicted on horses that participate in Tennessee Walking Horse competitions.

As a former horse owner myself, I am deeply disturbed about the pain and suffering these majestic animals are put through. Soring is already prohibited by the laws of the United States. Congress passed the Horse Protection Act in 1970 to address the problem. What we are doing today is identifying gaps in the original law and fixing them.

No other category of horse show has federal oversight because no other group of trainers and horse show enthusiasts intentionally injure horses as a way to enhance performance. This practice belongs in the same category as dogfighting and cockfighting in that people hurt animals in severe ways just for entertainment. Ending this despicable practice is long overdue.

Since the PAST Act was first introduced in the 113th Congress it has never had fewer

than 272 cosponsors and has always been a firmly bipartisan bill with co-sponsors representing districts across the country. The PAST Act is also supported by hundreds of veterinary and equine groups—including the veterinary medical associations from all 50 states. I would like to recognize the hard work of the individuals within these outside animal rights advocates—particularly Marty Irby, Executive Director of Animal Wellness Action, who has dedicated so many years to this purpose.

As the chair of the subcommittee where this bill is assigned, I am proud to stand in favor of this anti-cruelty legislation. Let's send the bill to the Senate with a strong vote that shows how Americans will not stand for animal abuse.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION  
ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I would like to add that there are several provisions contained in H.R. 3409 to ensure that the Coast Guard stays on the cutting edge of readiness. I appreciated the inclusion of the Coast Guard Shore Infrastructure Improvement Act, which I introduced with my colleague, Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL of Florida. This legislation will ensure that the \$2.6 billion backlog of shore infrastructure needs are prioritized strategically so that our Coasties have the high-quality on-shore facilities to support their numerous missions.

I also want to thank Mr. DEFAZIO and Mr. MALONEY for working with my staff to include in H.R. 3409 a provision to prepare a demonstration program for the use of wing-in-ground vessels in the Outer Continental Shelf. Mr. Speaker, this provision emphasizes the dramatic advancements in new transportation technologies over the past few years and urges the Coast Guard to begin preparing to oversee their use. A demonstration program will support the Coast Guard in conceptualizing how these new technologies will be used to support commerce in U.S. waters and how such vessels will be regulated. We cannot wait for these technologies to be fully matured before we contemplate their safe application in our waters or airspace. Again, I appreciate the inclusion of these provisions in the underlying authorization and support its adoption.

AMERICAN MANUFACTURING  
LEADERSHIP ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I am a proud original cosponsor of Research and Technology Subcommittee Chairwoman Haley Stevens' bill, the American Manufacturing Leadership Act because our nation's economy relies on the manufacturing industry and must