

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in applauding the County Veteran Service Officers and Tribal Veteran Service Officers of Wisconsin and those of Wisconsin's 8th Congressional District for their unceasing service to veterans.

HONORING JERRY ZREMSKI, BUFFALO NEWS WASHINGTON BUREAU CHIEF, UPON RECEIVING THE 2018 REGIONAL REPORTING AWARD

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jerry Zremski, The Buffalo News' Washington Bureau Chief, for winning the National Press Club's Washington Regional Reporting Award for 2018.

Zremski was recognized for this award due to his hard work and diligence in the reporting field. He has produced thorough, well-written work that gives the people of Buffalo and beyond the information they need from a trusted voice they know and love. He has reported on breaking news regarding federal issues, several presidential elections and political conventions. Zremski was embedded as a correspondent during the Iraq War, has reported on events in France, and also spent time in Asia as part of his "From Burma to Buffalo" series.

Zremski has been with The Buffalo News, starting out as a business reporter, since 1984. In 1989, he began his work in Washington on behalf of the beloved Buffalo paper, and has served as the Washington Bureau Chief since 2007. Previously, Zremski was a National Press Club president and the Nieman fellow at Harvard University. He is not a stranger to awards such as this, as he won the 2016 Professional Journalists award and last year received the Washington Press Club Foundation's David Lynch Memorial Reporting Award.

Reporters are often present in places the general public cannot be, due either to restrictions or because they simply are not able to be. Jerry Zremski has done a wonderful job conveying the facts and figures of any given story to allow his readers a glimpse into what has happened. We salute and honor your work here today, Mr. Zremski. We know we can plan to see even more great things from you in the future.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor Jerry Zremski for receiving this award and his body of work.

RECOGNIZING MT. JOY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN EDWARDSVILLE

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mt. Joy Missionary Baptist Church in Edwardsville, which

is celebrating 150 years as a church congregation this year.

Mt. Joy was founded in Edwardsville in 1869 by ex-slaves who conducted church services in their homes. Early members and founders dedicated their efforts and time into selling barbecue and wild game dinners to fund the construction of a log cabin in 1871 to hold church services for their community. After overcoming many obstacles over the years, including a fire that destroyed the original cabin in 1909, the church still stands strong on its mission to spread God's word in the Metro East.

There have been countless leaders in the church's 150-year history, but I want to congratulate Pastor Steve Jackson and Chairman Donnie Howard for leading this church at this historic time. Mt. Joy Missionary Baptist Church is an important piece of Edwardsville's history, and I'm proud to honor the church and its legacy.

**COMMEMORATING THE HON. MARGIE GARRETT**

**HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, we lost a pillar of the Compton community and a dedicated champion for our students, Hon. Margie Garrett. Although she will be greatly missed by her friends, family, and our community, we take comfort in knowing that her accomplishments in her mission for educational excellence has forever left a mark on the life of every child in the Compton Unified School District. Let us honor her legacy by providing everyone with the highest quality of education they deserve.

**TRIBUTE TO VICE ADMIRAL C. FORREST FAISON, III, UNITED STATES NAVY**

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and achievements of an esteemed and valued member of our Armed Forces, Vice Admiral C. Forrest Faison, III, United States Navy, on his retirement after 39 years of honorable and dedicated service to our country. His unwavering commitment to those entrusted in his care will remain his legacy long after his departure.

For the past two years, I had the opportunity to work directly with Vice Admiral Faison in his position as the Navy Surgeon General. Throughout his tenure, he provided invaluable support to Congress, particularly its Members and committee staff as he presented the mission, vision, and execution of Navy Medicine for our country's sailors, marines, and their families. As a fellow Northern Ohioan, I would like to share with you some highlights of his distinguished career.

For 39 years, Vice Admiral Faison excelled in his leadership and the training of medical professionals in America's Navy at home, sea,

and abroad. He served as the Deputy Surgeon General of the Navy and Deputy Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, from 2013 to 2015, and as our 38th Surgeon General of the Navy.

As Commander of Navy Medicine West and Naval Medical Center San Diego, he was responsible for medical care and support to over 850,000 eligible beneficiaries with a staff of 16,000 at 10 hospitals and over 30 clinics from the West Coast to the Indian Ocean. He served as Deputy Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery for Current and Future Health-care Operations; Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton; Commanding Officer, U.S. Expeditionary Medical Facility; and U.S. Medical Task Force, Kuwait, where he led a tri-service task force of subordinate commands and was responsible for all healthcare operations in Kuwait, Qatar, and Southern Iraq, including all medical logistics support throughout U.S. Central Command.

Additional assignments included Deputy Commander, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Portsmouth, Virginia; Group Surgeon, 3d Force Service Support Group, Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific; Director of Department of Defense Telemedicine, Washington, D.C.; Chief Information Officer, Navy Medicine; Director, Clinical Services, U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka, Japan; Naval Hospital Lemoore; USS Texas (CGN 39); and Amphibious Group 3.

As Vice Admiral Faison closes this chapter of his life to embark on new adventures, I urge my colleagues to join me in extending our congratulations to him on his retirement. We wish him, his wife Michelle, and family, "Fair Winds and Following Seas."

**RECOGNIZING PEORIA ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER ON THEIR 130TH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Illinois American Water from Peoria, IL, for achieving the milestone of 130 years of continued water quality service to 1.3 million citizens in the State of Illinois.

Illinois American Water has represented exemplary values since its founding in 1890. With a dedicated and skilled work force, members of Illinois American Water ensure the safety of the Peoria area's water supply. They offer an abundance of water services and provide education to the public about our world's most precious resource. They are invested in new technologies and renewable energy methods that continue to set the standard for their industry. Their 130 years of integrity and environmental stewardship displayed in the community is to be celebrated.

Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Illinois American Water on 130 years of service, and I join the rest of the community in wishing them every success in the future.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2615, THE UNITED STATES—NORTHERN TRIANGLE ENHANCEMENT ENGAGEMENT ACT

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2615, the “United States—Northern Triangle Enhancement Engagement Act.”

H.R. 2615 supports the people of Central America and strengthens United States national security by addressing the root causes of migration from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

H.R. 2615 will provide reports on drivers of migration from the Northern Triangle to the United States and will identify methods for the United States to strengthen fragile democracies in the region.

Thousands of immigrants flee the Northern Triangle to seek asylum and refuge in the United States of America.

The number of asylum seekers worldwide originating from the Northern Triangle reached 110,000 in 2015, a five-fold increase from 2012.

Poverty, corrupt police forces, gang violence, political corruption, and economic instability exacerbate living conditions in the Northern Triangle.

Homicide rates are extremely high for Central American countries; El Salvador is leading the way with a rate of 82.84 per 100,000 persons.

Salvadorans, Hondurans, and Guatemalans leave their homes in search of physical security, democracy, freedom, and civil liberties.

They look toward the U.S. as a beacon of hope and prosperity, often traveling miles while battling hardships and risks to pursue the American Dream.

This bill seeks to combat corruption among political institutions in the region to reinforce security and lead to the development of civil society.

We must address the origins and the structural causes of migration to address the issues that lead to mass migration to our southern borders.

Our agencies are unequipped and are incapable of meeting the demand of sheltering and processing immigrants who arrive at our ports of entry.

Our nation's security depends on the stability of the Northern Triangle.

We must act to ensure that the countries in this region return to a functioning democracy, free of corruption and violence.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 2615 to assist in re-establishing democratic and peaceful societies in the countries of the Northern Triangle.

RECOGNIZING THE VETERANS MENTOR GROUP OF OUTAGAMIE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work, dedication,

and outstanding service of Veterans’ Mentor Group in Outagamie County, Wisconsin.

Since its creation in 2015, Veterans’ Mentor Group has assisted countless veterans in Northeast Wisconsin navigate the struggles of transitioning to civilian life. The group’s success is evident as three graduates of the program are now members of the group’s leadership team. Along with founding members Bill and Beverly, Thomas Barrett, Scott Hutchings, Michael Gawel, and Rodney Schreiber work to ensure Outagamie County Veterans feel supported and connected. I am confident its members will continue to help many more veterans as the program grows.

Veterans’ Mentor Group consists of volunteer veterans and partners within Outagamie County who share and understand the experiences of military service. The group assists veterans with their basic needs, as well as engaging in socialization and reintegration back into their communities. I am proud to have a veteran-run organization in my district that strives to help fellow veterans. The volunteers of Veterans’ Mentor Group truly demonstrate what it means to engage in selfless service.

The Veterans’ Mentor Group also assists the Veteran Treatment Court in Outagamie County and increasing veterans’ awareness of resources and benefit programs. Bill Trombley, along with Beverly Weber, Todd Raley, and Jason Laber, worked hard to ensure this support program for veterans in Outagamie County became a success. Their efforts and commitment are integral in creating this successful program.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in applauding Veterans’ Mentor Group, its board, and its veteran volunteer mentors for their service to veterans in Northeast Wisconsin.

THE EMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT INCLUDED IN S. 47, THE JOHN D. DINGELL, JR. CONSERVATION, MANAGEMENT, AND RECREATION ACT

**HON. JOHN R. CURTIS**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. CURTIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding the Emery County Public Land Management Act, that was included in S. 47, the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act. This became Public Law 116–9 on March 12th, 2019.

Throughout 2018 and early 2019, Senator Hatch, Senator ROMNEY, and myself heavily engaged with the Emery County Commissioners and Emery County Public Lands Council to draft this important piece of legislation. After Senator Hatch’s retirement, Senator ROMNEY helped to carry the ball across the finish line.

This law is the result of countless hours of deliberation, and thus I find it important to highlight some areas of congressional intent of particular interest. While these should generally be clear in the text and corresponding map, the historical context of how we arrived at some of these decisions may be of benefit to the Department of the Interior, future members of the Utah delegation, or those in Utah.

The Utah delegation, and particularly myself, look forward to the implementation of this new law.

Of note, Jake Bornstein (my Legislative Director), Romel Nicholas (Senator Hatch’s public lands staffer), and Kelsey Berg (Senator ROMNEY’s Deputy Chief of Staff) were the main staff points of contact in our respective offices for the bill. Jake and Romel have extensive correspondence with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that further demonstrates the accurate characterization of the congressional intent I outline here.

Most important to this process, our founding principle was to never take any action that would end a current ongoing use. For example, we were immensely careful to not close a road, trail, air strip, or other existing use in the legislative text or corresponding map with a wilderness designation. Further, we worked extensively to avoid more restrictive designations, such as wilderness, to areas it would limit ongoing activity. We worked to draw designation boundaries along geographic and physical features, or just outside a cherry stem, to ensure management made sense for the area.

Any designation boundary that does not follow these trends, particularly any designation that puts at risk an existing use due to a poorly drawn boundary, was a clerical error and should be resolved under the authority clearly provided in Sec. 1221. Given the pure scale of this bill and legislative map, we realized this authority would be a vital tool to resolve these errors.

I’d also like to point out the clear intent within Sec. 1232. Section (e), which clearly states that non-wilderness activities or uses that can be seen or heard from areas within wilderness are to be left uninterrupted by this legislation.

On the topic of roads, we worked closely with BLM to ensure all roads in the 2008 RMP were not put into a wilderness designation, often referred to as “cherry stemmed”. Our intent was to preserve these roads and for them to stay open. These cherry stems are of various sizes and were intended to ensure an adequate corridor is there to facilitate necessary maintenance. In the Recreation Area, we included language in Sec. 1222 to ensure the necessary maintenance to existing routes may continue and allow rerouting of roads or trails to protect the resources of the Recreation Area.

Finally, I would like to explain that the driving force for this compromise bill was certainty, and thus preventing the designation of a national monument using the authority granted to the President under the Antiquities Act. As so many know, national monument designations in my home state of Utah have been the source of extensive controversy. In my view, land management is most effective when it is driven by local voices, compromise, and well-reasoned planning. Sweeping designations via national monument are often politically-inspired and they erode the quality of management for the areas they intend to protect. With the passage of the Emery County legislation, the need for a national monument is forfeited because a clear plan has been laid out for the long-term management of the San Rafael Swell. To be clear, this is a view that was shared by the many parties, including locally elected officials, conservationists, and recreationists, that were intimately involved in the forging of this compromise legislation. Any