

sixteen congresses and forty-five presidents later—through many challenges, our Constitution has withstood the test of time. We must continue to guard these blessings earnestly and never take them for granted.

This is precisely the mission of the DAR Corpus Christi Chapter. Since its conception in 1927, the DAR Corpus Christi Chapter has promoted citizen education and the preservation of American history. They have worked to connect the past with the present by digitizing genealogical records and helping others identify their patriot ancestors for the betterment and education for our children. I know our community joins me in thanking DAR Corpus Christi Chapter, for their volunteer efforts to preserve American history, promote patriotism, and secure the values of our Constitution.

I ask my colleagues to join me, and the Corpus Christi Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter, in observing Constitution Week, and the God-given, blessings of liberty it established.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICERS AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE REACHED 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HOUSE AND THE RECIPIENTS OF THE HOUSE EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD AND THE OFFICERS' AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S TEAM PLAYER AWARD

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, Ranking Member RODNEY DAVIS and I wish to recognize today a special group of dedicated and exceptional employees of the Officers (Clerk of the House, Sergeant at Arms, and Chief Administrative Officer) and of the Inspector General of the U.S. House of Representatives, and congratulate those who have reached the milestone of 25 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the recipients of the House Employee Excellence Award and the Officers' and Inspector General's Team Player Award.

The House's most important asset is its remarkable and steadfast employees, whose work is essential to keeping the operations and services of the House running efficiently and effectively. The employees we acknowledge today are distinguished by their hard work, dedication, professionalism, and teamwork; support of House Members, their staffs and constituents, and for their daily contributions to the overall operations of the House. These employees, whose work is often performed behind the scenes, possess an extensive range of responsibilities and skills that support the legislative process, ensure the security of this great institution, maintain our technology and service infrastructure, and contribute to more efficient and productive House support operations. These devoted employees have accomplished many important things across a diverse range of activities, and the House of Representatives, its Members, staff, and the American public is better served because of them.

We recognize and honor the individuals named below for 25 years of loyal service to the House. Collectively, the employees listed below represent 200 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Teresa Austin, Office of the Clerk; Donald Berger, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Susan Cole, Office of the Clerk; Andrew Elias, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Joe Novotny, Office of the Clerk; Melissa Oulahyane, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Michael Thames, Office of the Sergeant at Arms; Kenneth Wenzel, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

We also recognize and congratulate the House employees receiving the House Employee Excellence Award. This is a merit-based award, given to one employee from each of the House Officers' and Inspector General's organizations. Selected employees exhibited outstanding overall job performance and displayed a willingness to go above and beyond the requirements of their job for their organization throughout the last year. We honor the individuals named below for receiving this prestigious award.

Jyothi Katikanani, Office of the Clerk; Susan Kozubski, Office of Inspector General; Ryan Moran, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Brandon Spriggs, Office of the Sergeant at Arms.

And finally, we recognize and congratulate the House employees being presented the Team Player Award. This award recognizes the value the House Officers and Inspector General place on working collaboratively across all House organizations to strengthen and protect the institution of the U.S. House of Representatives. On a rotating basis, the Officers and Inspector General take turns nominating a member of another organization's staff who has exhibited the characteristics of a Team Player. These awardees have demonstrated a collaborative attitude, commitment to achieving team objectives, respect and support of their teammates, and dedication to the betterment of House operations. We honor the individuals named below for receiving this distinguished award.

Omar Awan, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Kevin McCumber, Office of the Clerk; Saad Patel, Office of Inspector General; Emily Scanlon, Office of the Sergeant at Arms.

On behalf of the entire House community, I want to once again congratulate, acknowledge, and thank these employees for their professionalism and commitment to the U.S. House of Representatives as a whole, and in particular to their respective House Officer, the Inspector General, and collaboratively across these organizations. Their long hours, hard work, diverse skills, and team spirit are invaluable, and their years of unwavering service and dedication to the House set an example for their colleagues and raises the bar for the employees who will follow in their footsteps. I applaud all our honorees, and I am proud to stand before you and our great nation on their behalf to recognize the importance of their public service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on September 17, 2019 for Roll Call Vote 531. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: “nay” on Roll Call Vote 531.

INTRODUCTION OF AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE OUTSOURCING DISCLOSURE ACT OF 2019

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I reintroduce the Aircraft Maintenance Outsourcing Disclosure Act. I want to thank Congressmen LEE M. ZELDIN (R-NY) and GILBERT RAY CISNEROS, Jr. (D-CA) for their support as original cosponsors.

Our bipartisan legislation would require airlines to disclose the maintenance history for their aircraft fleets, specifically the location and date an aircraft underwent heavy maintenance. Airlines would be required to post this information online, distribute it with tickets, and communicate it to passengers upon request.

Airlines would also be required to report to a new Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) database that tracks the maintenance history of their aircraft fleets. This public database will also indicate whether maintenance was conducted in the United States or abroad; by FAA-certified mechanics or not; or by airline employees or third-party contractors.

Recent airline incidents raise serious concerns about the increasing trend of maintenance being outsourced, particularly to countries in Central America and Southeast Asia. Foreign outsourcers do not have to be FAA-certified and are not subject to the drug and alcohol testing required in the United States for mechanics. Outsourcing has eliminated thousands of middle-class jobs in the United States and created significant safety concerns for passengers.

Airline passengers have the right to know if planes are serviced by qualified mechanics in the United States, or whether maintenance is outsourced to foreign countries with lower safety standards. Our bipartisan bill prioritizes transparency for passengers and supports the creation of new middle-class jobs in the United States.

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to join us in cosponsoring the Aircraft Maintenance Outsourcing Disclosure Act.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS IN SYRACUSE AND NEW YORK

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th Anniversary of the League of

Women Voters in Syracuse and New York on September 19, 2019. For 100 years, the League of Women Voters has successfully engaged and educated millions of women, promoted female participation in government, and advocated for significant public policy change.

Tracing its origins to the National American Woman Suffrage Association, the League of Women Voters in Syracuse and New York was created after New York State gave women the right to vote in 1917. Since its founding, the League has operated as a non-partisan organization, dedicated to educating and empowering women voters. In the spirit of this mission, the League of Women Voters today puts out periodic legislative newsletters to inform members on major public policy issues. Additionally, the League of Women Voters works to improve female participation in elections by hosting voter registration events and Get-Out-The Vote drives.

Along with improving civic education and participation in government, the League of Women Voters in Syracuse and New York undertakes advocacy efforts at the national, state, and local levels. As part of a national effort, the League's first historic legislative success came with the passage of the Sheppard-Tower Act, which provided federal aid to maternal and child programs. Later, the League advocated for the Social Security and Food and Drugs Act, which passed in 1938 to remove hundreds of federal jobs from the spoils system and place them under the Civil Service. Most notably, they also lead efforts to form the United Nations and encourage American participation in the organization. In recognition of the League of Women Voters' contributions to help create the United Nations, it became the first American organization to receive a United Nations designation as a non-governmental organization.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters in Syracuse and New York. Since its formation, the League has made great contributions to empower women voters and has played a significant role in positively shaping public policy in our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF HELAL FARHAT'S APPOINTMENT TO THE WAYNE COUNTY THIRD CIRCUIT COURT

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Helal Farhat on his appointment to the Wayne County Third Circuit Bench.

Since receiving his Juris Doctor from Wayne State University Law School in 2002, Farhat has been an active member of the legal community. For the past 16 years, Farhat served as the principal attorney at Farhat & Associates, a firm he established that specializes in commercial and business litigation, criminal law, family law, and immigration, and formerly served as partner at Salamey & Farhat. In addition to his work as an attorney, Farhat served as a magistrate judge on the 19th District Court in Dearborn. He held this position

from 2009 to 2012, and then again from 2016 until his appointment to the Wayne County Circuit Court by Governor Whitmer on March 28, 2019.

Helal Farhat has established himself as a pillar of the Dearborn community, earning his impeccable reputation amongst his peers, the legal community at large, and the judiciary through his accomplished legal background. Aside from serving southeast Michigan in a professional capacity, Farhat also dedicates a significant amount of time to charity work and involvement with advocacy organizations. Notably, Farhat is the President of the Leaders Advancing and Helping Communities, a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering Michigan families by supporting their social, health, educational, and economic well-being. Throughout all his work, Farhat displays an overwhelming commitment to protecting the fundamental rights of all Americans, and his efforts have received widespread acclaim, evidenced through his designation as a Super Lawyer and President of the Dearborn Bar Association.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Helal Farhat for his appointment to the Wayne County Circuit Court. His legal expertise, character, and public service experience will make him an excellent judge who will dutifully serve the people of Michigan.

HONORING CWD CHUCKY AND CWD MAKO

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise today in recognition of two of our country's Military heroes, Contract Working Dogs Chuck and Mako, who are being honored for their service with a celebration hosted by Mission K9 Rescue and its founders: Kristen Maurer, Louise Kastner and Bob Bryant. This special event has been underwritten by former magazine publisher and charity organizer, Mindi Rudan and attorney Debra Rochlin.

Both CWD Chuck and CWD Mako are retired explosive detonation dogs who served our country with honor and saved countless lives throughout their service. Around the world, our military is dependent on the valuable, selfless, and heroic contributions of our highly trained working dogs. These dogs faithfully serve right alongside our service men and women and, after a lifetime of service, many never make it home to spend their senior years knowing the safety and love they so deserve after giving so much.

Winner of Petco Foundation's "Helping Heroes" Award and ASPCA's Henry Bergh Founders Award in 2017, Mission K9 Rescue is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to rescue retiring and retired Military Working Dogs, Contract Working Dogs and other Dogs who've given so much to our country. Mission K9 Rescue provides money, transportation, adoption, veterinary care and professional assistance for these retired hero dogs. In addition, Mission K9 Rescue helps re-home them and whenever possible reunites them with their military handlers, many who

owe their own lives to these dogs and want to provide that love and home.

Once again, I would like to recognize our military heroes CWD Chucky and CWD Mako for their service, Mission K9 Rescue for their unbelievable service to our often forgotten servicemembers, and to Mindi Rudan and Debra Rochlin for their support of this event. May they go from strength to strength.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been present for roll call vote number 527, On agreeing to the Amendment of Mr. GOSAR of Arizona, Part D Amendment No. 2 for H.R. 1146—The Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 528, On agreeing to the Amendment of Mr. GOSAR of Arizona, Part D Amendment No. 3 as modified 2 for H.R. 1146—The Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 529, On the Motion to Re-commit with Instructions for, H.R. 1146—The Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 530, On final passage for, H.R. 1146—The Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act, I would have voted "nay."

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM McVEY

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize William McVey of Jackson, Michigan as he is posthumously presented the Bronze Star Medal.

McVey, and his entire M4A1 Sherman tank crew, are receiving this high honor because of their heroism during World War II.

The crew's story of battling enemy forces outside Cologne, Germany was the subject of the recent book, "Spearhead," by author Adam Makos.

Outgunned by German tanks, and facing harrowing odds, McVey and his band of brothers pushed eastward across Europe after D-Day, gaining critical ground for Allied forces.

Our nation is forever grateful to the Greatest Generation and soldiers like William McVey who fought for freedom around the world. Their actions, which came at great personal cost, changed the course of history.

While William McVey is now gone, may this long overdue Bronze Star serve as a reminder for generations to come of his incredible valor and service to the country he loved.