

during roll call no. 536, On Ordering the Previous Question, H. Res. 564, Providing for consideration of H.R. 4378, Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.” I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 537, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 564, Providing for consideration of H.R. 4378, Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.” I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 538, On Passage, H.R. 4378, Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

CELEBRATING LIUNA LOCAL 500'S
100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARCY KAPTUR
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a century of service of the Laborers' Local 500 union in Toledo, Ohio. Next week members will come together to celebrate this significant milestone, both reminiscing and looking toward the future.

The International Hod Carriers' and Building Laborers' Union (which would become today's Laborers' International Union of North America, or LIUNA) Local No. 500 was chartered on October 20, 1919 to represent laborers who were in demand to build roads, bridges and other infrastructure in Toledo and Northwest Ohio. The union has since provided skills training to thousands of laborers and secured living wages, health insurance and retirement pension benefits for thousands of its members who live and work in Northwest Ohio, allowing them to live decent, productive lives; provide for their families; and retire with dignity and security. Local 500 has produced many community leaders and has been a beacon in our community.

Local 500 helped protect its hundreds of members during the Great Depression of the 1930s while working to build landmark Toledo structures under the federal New Deal program, including University Stadium at the University of Toledo and the Toledo Main Public Library. Members also contributed mightily on the home front during World War II, helping to build many of the Northwest Ohio factories that supplied and eventually helped win the war effort.

Over the years, Local 500 members have helped build many of the vital highways, roads, bridges and infrastructure of Northwest Ohio, including the Toledo Municipal Airport, the Ohio Turnpike, the Davis Besse Nuclear Power Station, Veterans' Glass City Skyway, Interstate 280 and Interstate 475. Members have helped build and rebuild downtown Toledo, including the Fiberglas Tower, Promenade Park, One Seagate Tower, Owens Corning World Headquarters and the Fifth Third Field baseball stadium.

At the same time as the members of Local 500 helped to build and shape our region, they have remained eager and important contributors to our community. The union participates in charitable initiatives such as repairing the City of Toledo's Wilson and Farr pools and

sponsoring the Kings Kids Academy and Family House Homeless Shelter.

Today, as Local 500 turns 100 years old, it continues to serve and protect its membership and its six-county jurisdiction of Lucas, Wood, Fulton, Henry, Defiance, and Williams counties while providing the region with a skilled workforce involved in the placement and removal of concrete, demolition, asbestos removal, grade checking, flagging, carpenters tenders, brick mason tenders, hazardous waste removal, tunneling and more.

President Barack Obama noted, “Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.” As the membership of LIUNA Local 500 looks back on a century of progress and changing both lives and community for the better, we pause to remember those on whose shoulders we stand. We look forward to the next century with promise. Onward.

INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON
WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
ACT OF 2019

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise to bring attention to the critical need to support women-owned businesses. Women-owned businesses are driving economic growth in our nation.

Since 1972, the number of women-owned businesses increased nearly 3,000 percent. Between 2018 and 2019, U.S. women of all backgrounds started an average of 1,817 new businesses per day, representing 42 percent of all businesses. These businesses generate \$1.9 trillion and employs 9.4 million workers. As of 2019, women of color account for 50 percent of all women-owned businesses, and these businesses in particular are growing at a significantly faster rate than women in general and all businesses. The social and economic benefits of encouraging and supporting women entrepreneurs are undeniable and enormous.

Despite the incredible ingenuity of women entrepreneurs, women still face significant barriers to business ownership due to unmanageable expectations for work-life balance, implicit biases against women in STEM, and limited access to capital.

That is why I am introducing the Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise Act of 2019—a bill to reauthorize a federal agency (of the same name) that would help coordinate federal resources and grow women-owned businesses. Better coordination is critical to making sure women business owners and entrepreneurs receive the assistance they need to help start, grow, and sustain their business enterprises. The Interagency Committee's responsibility will be to look at the behavior of the federal agencies in how they support, expand, and strengthen resources and programs for women-owned businesses—ultimately making sure our federal government is doing all that it must to support women entrepreneurs.

First established in 1979, the ICWBE led several federal agencies in the development of

policies to assist women business owners. While the Interagency Committee was initially maintained through both Democratic and Republican administrations, it has been inactive since 2000 with no chairperson at the helm. My bill would amend Title IV of the Women's Business Ownership Act to reauthorize the Interagency Committee by making sure a Chairperson is at the helm. Getting the Interagency Committee back to functioning status would help increase the ability of the federal government to provide targeted assistance to women entrepreneurs so they can achieve their business goals, while ensuring this entity carries out its mission to support and reinvigorate women-owned businesses.

Madam Speaker, women entrepreneurs are the key to engineering new and better innovations in today's global economy—and I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, my votes were not recorded on September 26, 2019. I am not recorded because I had to attend to a family matter. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on Roll Call No. 549; “yea” on Roll Call No. 550; “nay” on Roll Call No. 551; and “yea” on Roll Call No. 552.

TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on October 10, 2019, Taiwan will celebrate its 108th National Day—also known as Double Ten Day. I am grateful for the opportunity to offer my best wishes to the people of Taiwan in advance of this occasion.

Taiwan is a friend, an ally, and an important economic and security partner of the United States. Trade ties between the U.S. and Taiwan have grown rapidly over the years, and Taiwan is now the United States' 11th largest trading partner and South Carolina's 10th largest trading partner worldwide. We appreciate the enormous investment of Nan Ya Plastics Corporation in Lake City as a subsidiary of Formosa Plastics Group, creating jobs.

The U.S.-Taiwan relations are broader than just trade. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act. In the years since the Act's adoption, Taiwan has blossomed into a thriving full-fledged democracy. With its respect for the rule of law, human rights, open market economy and a robust civil society, Taiwan has served as a beacon of freedom and an indispensable strategic partner of the United States in the Indo-Pacific. My lifelong appreciation of the people of Chinese heritage was inspired by my father, 1st Lt. Hugh deV. Wilson, U.S. Army Air Corps, 14th Air Force, with the Flying Tigers. He developed an affection for the people of China as he served in 1944 in Chengdu, Xi'an, and Kunming to protect Chinese citizens from aggressors.

I am pleased that the United States and Taiwan remain close allies, and I would like to again wish the people of Taiwan a Happy Double Ten Day.

TRIBUTE TO COURTNEY COX COLE

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Courtney Cox Cole. An accomplished athlete, Ms. Cole was known throughout the state of Indiana as both a successful businesswoman and a dedicated member of her community. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for her contributions to the City of Noblesville, the Hamilton County Community, and the State of Indiana.

Growing up in Hamilton County, Indiana, Courtney first displayed her immense athletic talents on both the basketball court and the golf course. While attending Noblesville High School, Courtney's excellence in both sports helped push her teams to multiple state championships. On the golf course, Courtney was not only a dynamic team leader for the Noblesville High School Girls Golf team, she was also an integral part of back to back championship teams; leading them to the state championships in both 1987 and 1988. On the basketball court Courtney amassed a school record 1,896 points, the 4th highest point total in women's high school basketball for the State of Indiana. With three straight trips to the state finals from 1987 to 1989 and a state championship in 1987, Courtney and her fellow Noblesville Millers teammates cemented their place as legends of Hoosier Hysteria.

State and National honors such as being named a 1989 Indiana All-Star, a USA Today & Parade Magazine 1st Team All-American, the Gatorade Player of the Year, and the Dial Award for National High School Scholar Athlete of the Year solidified Courtney's place as an Indiana high school basketball legend. Her incredible high school academic and athletic career set a solid example to many young women for generations. Together, these accolades led to Courtney being added to Seventeen Magazine's list of "Most Likely to Succeed".

Courtney continued her outstanding academic and athletic achievement while attending Indiana University. As a member of the Indiana's Women's Golf team, she twice qualified for the N.C.A.A. Tournament, was a three-time All-Big Ten and Academic All-Big Ten performer. Courtney was also honored as a two-time National Golf Coaches Association Scholar Athlete. On the Indiana University basketball court, Courtney was a valued leader on the Indiana Women's Basketball team, helping to lead them to a runner-up finish in the 1991 National Invitational Tournament. Upon completion of her athletic and academic careers at Indiana University, Courtney was honored with Indiana University's Leanne Grotke Award for her outstanding contributions to Women's Athletics. This is one of the highest awards of its kind given by the institution to trailblazers in women's athletics.

In addition to her amateur athletic pursuits after college, Courtney joined the family busi-

ness at Hare Chevrolet in Noblesville, Indiana. Working for their father Dave Cox, Courtney and her sister Monica Peck, continued the family legacy. Courtney and Monica learned the dedication to customer-service that built Hare Chevrolet's footprint in Central Indiana. In 2008, Courtney and her sister Monica purchased the family business from their parents. The sisters were sixth-generation owners of the 172-year-old company which was founded in 1847 as a buggy and wagon maker business. Under their leadership, Hare Chevrolet quickly became the number one volume General Motors dealership in Indiana. Throughout the community Courtney and Monica were well known for their successful business acumen, philanthropic and community involvement, and their famous "Sisters of Savings" radio advertisements.

Courtney will be forever missed by her family, friends, colleagues, and the entire Indiana community. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Courtney's children Cayla and Blake Cole, parents Dave and Jackie Cox, her fiance Tom New, sister Monica Peck and her family and to Courtney's entire family and friends who mourn her loss.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support the goals and ideals of the International Day of Non-Violence by introducing legislation in the same name. This resolution calls on Congress to officially recognize October 2nd as the International Day of Non-Violence in the United States and encourages Americans to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities.

Mohandas "Mahatma" Gandhi once said, "I object to violence because when it appears to do good, the good is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent." This pioneer of non-violence political protest fought for India's independence from colonial rule through education, tolerance, and other means. He believed that one must use peace, respect, and community activism in order to create social change. Mahatma Gandhi's philosophies inspired Martin Luther King, Jr. and led the United Nations General Assembly to choose his birthday, October 2nd, as the International Day of Non-Violence.

I urge my colleagues to join me in commemorating Gandhi's birthday by celebrating and redoubling our efforts to strive for non-violent solutions to address the world's injustices.

HONORING SPECIALIST FOURTH CLASS JOHN WESLEY DAHR

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Tenth District of Pennsylvania

and a grateful Nation to honor the memory of Specialist Fourth Class John Wesley Dahr of Dillsburgh, Pennsylvania who earned the Distinguished Service Cross for his exceptional bravery in combat during the Vietnam War. Specialist Dahr made the ultimate sacrifice for the United States of America and for his fellow soldiers.

On January 8, 1967, Specialist Dahr was participating in search and destroy missions near Cu Chi with elements of the 25th Infantry Division when his company was pinned down by Viet Cong and received heavy incoming fire. He willingly exposed himself to enemy fire and waded through waist-deep water to aid a wounded comrade. After carrying that soldier one hundred meters to safety, he repeated his heroic actions, rescuing two more soldiers before returning to the center of the battlefield to combat the enemy.

As he fired upon the Viet Cong, he saw another wounded soldier and ran to his aid. Despite extreme risk to his own life, he stood up in the open to hold the injured man above water while he sought assistance to carry him to safety. Dahr was mortally wounded during his attempt to rescue a fourth soldier.

Specialist Dahr has America's undying gratitude for his extraordinary heroism. His courage and sacrifice demonstrate the best of our military's tradition of service to our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on September 20, 2019 during roll call no. 539, On Agreeing to the Amendment, Jordan of Ohio Part B Amendment No. 1, H.R. 1423, Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 540, On Passage, H.R. 1423, Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

RETIREMENT OF CAPT. VINCENT L. TISEO, UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. LAUREN UNDERWOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Captain Vincent Tiseo, a resident of my hometown of Naperville, Illinois, on his retirement from the United States Navy and for a lifetime of service to our nation.

Upon receiving his ROTC commission from the University of Michigan in 1988, Captain Tiseo served as a surface warfare officer and completed tours aboard USS *Meyerkord*, where he earned his Surface Warfare Officer designation, and at Fleet Deception Group Atlantic in Norfolk, VA. He transitioned from active duty in 1993, but his service did not end.

Capt. Tiseo remained in the U.S. Navy Reserve for 26 years, serving seven further tours of duty including four command tours. In these roles, he continued to deploy with units around