

stands today. The facility was rebuilt in 1948 and around that time, a separate building was constructed, consisting of a dining room and two restrooms accessed from the outside.

The church was remodeled in 1968 under the pastorate of Elder Walter E. Rodgers. Later in 1986, under the pastorate of Elder Hewitt C. Sawyers, the building was expanded to include a baptistry and indoor restrooms. In 1998, a major renovation was done which included the construction of a new sanctuary, offices, and classrooms. Throughout the church's 150 years, there have been only six pastors.

The church is hosting the 150th Church Anniversary Celebration on October 27, 2019 at 3 p.m., where they will dedicate a historical marker.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate West Harpeth Primitive Baptist Church and their congregants on the historic occasion of their 150th Anniversary, and I know there will be many more years in kingdom building for Christ and service to their community.

RECOGNIZING THE EZIBU MUNTU AFRICAN DANCE COMPANY AND THE “REMEMBER THEM” AFRICAN HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Ezibu Muntu African Dance Company and all of the attendees of the “Remember Them” convocation on October 1, 2019, which commemorated the 400-year anniversary of the African Holocaust. The Ezibu Muntu African Dance Company has helped increase awareness about the transatlantic slave trade, and I am grateful for their efforts in organizing this important commemoration.

The 400-year African Holocaust commemoration is an opportunity to mourn and reflect on the enduring impacts of the transatlantic slave trade, and to celebrate all that our community has overcome and achieved since 1619. We must always remember those who were affected by this horrific and painful chapter of history, and learn from our shared past. As we reflect, let us honor the resilience of our community, and reinvigorate our commitment to justice. Together, I know we can create an equitable and fair future for all generations.

Madam Speaker, please join me in expressing my gratitude to the Ezibu Muntu African Dance Company and all of the attendees of the “Remember Them” convocation for their work to better our community. As we look toward our next chapter, let us never forget where we have come from, nor the experiences of those who came before us. I wish them the best for a successful and healing event.

RECOGNIZING DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the millions that fight each day against Dysautonomia, a group of debilitating medical conditions that result in a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system. This system is responsible for “automatic” bodily functions such as respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, temperature control and more; the things that many of us have the luxury of taking for granted.

Dysautonomia impacts more than 70 million people around the world including Diabetic Autonomic Neuropathy, Vasovagal Syncope, Pure Autonomic Failure, and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome. This devastating diagnosis significantly impacts the lives of people of any age, gender, race or background across the United States and Western New York.

As is, dysautonomia can be extremely incapacitating, but an often-unseen symptom of this disability is the social isolation that accompanies it. The financial stress on the families of those impacted by this disease warrant our acknowledgement and recognition. Increased awareness about dysautonomia will help patients get treated sooner, save lives and foster support for individuals and families coping with this diagnosis. I am proud to once again affirm that the outstanding character and strong moral fiber of those in the Western New York Community continue to provide the much-needed support for the victims suffering from dysautonomia. Looking ahead, it will be crucial for the community to remain steadfast as they rally around these victims in their ongoing hard fought battle against this disease.

Dysautonomia awareness is a critical component in the early detection of the disease because most patients take years to be properly diagnosed. Dysautonomia International, a non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with dysautonomia, encourages communities to deepen their understanding of this challenging condition; especially during Dysautonomia Awareness Month each October. The tireless efforts of the Dysautonomia community for research and accessible services will be recognized on Saturday, October 5 in my Congressional District; the color turquoise will bathe Niagara Falls and Buffalo City Hall in solidarity of care and concern.

Dysautonomia International continues to raise awareness and funds for this debilitating disease in hopes that one day successful treatments and a cure will be found. Their efforts should be recognized across our nation throughout and beyond the month of October.

Madam Speaker, I recognize Dysautonomia International and Dysautonomia Awareness Month. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the contributions of the professional medical community, patients and family members who are working to educate our citizenry about dysautonomia throughout Western New York. They are deserving of greater understanding, recognition and respect.

HONORING THE CITY OF FORT BRAGG

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Fort Bragg, California on the 130th anniversary of its incorporation. One of only four cities in Mendocino County, it is the largest coastal city on California's North Coast between San Francisco and Eureka.

Prior to its incorporation as a city on August 5, 1889, the area now known as Fort Bragg was inhabited by Native Americans of the Pomo tribes for more than 10,000 years. It was first encountered by a Bureau of Indian Affairs exploration party in 1855, which led to the establishment of the Mendocino Indian Reservation and Fort Bragg military post in 1857. The military post and reservation were abandoned by 1865, after the majority of the indigenous population was forced to relocate to the Round Valley Reservation in inland Mendocino County.

Fort Bragg's first Mayor, C.R. Johnson, was president of the Fort Bragg Redwood Company. Much of the City's infrastructure was laid out and developed by the timber industry, particularly the Union Lumber Company which formed through the consolidation of smaller companies and established Fort Bragg as a company town. Additionally, Noyo Harbor was a thriving commercial fishing port as well as the only source of outside goods until the California Western Railroad was developed in 1905, creating reliable rail transportation between Fort Bragg and San Francisco.

Today, Fort Bragg has transitioned from timber extraction and commercial fishing to an economy oriented toward tourism and services. With a population of approximately 8,000, it is the largest city on the North Coast and serves as a retail and service hub for more than 20,000 residents as well as hundreds of thousands of visitors who come each year to experience the scenic coastline and temperate climate. Fort Bragg is governed by a City Council comprised of 5 members and has a thriving and diverse population that is dedicated to making the City a warm, inviting, and family-friendly place to live and work.

Madam Speaker, the City of Fort Bragg continues to be a special place with a thriving local economy and inviting atmosphere. Despite the challenges inherent in transitioning into a tourism-focused economy, the City has succeeded in carrying on the values and traditions that epitomize this unique coastal community. Please join me in congratulating the City of Fort Bragg on the occasion of its 130th anniversary, and in wishing it and its residents many more years of vibrance and prosperity.

HONORING THE TOWN OF LEWIS ON THE DEDICATION OF THEIR NEW VETERANS PARK

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Town of Lewis, the Veterans Park Committee, American Legion Post

1319 and the many volunteers who coordinated to make this new veteran's park a reality.

The park was proposed in 2014 and since then, many groups have come together to help accomplish this project. The American Legion Post 1319 helped compile the list of veterans from Lewis that participated in each war that the United States has been involved in since the Revolution. Those names were then etched into brass plaques that will be the focal point of the park. The entire community came together to assist with the construction, fundraising and planning, with local businesses also contributing to the effort.

This is a perfect example of the community spirit that makes the North Country so special. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to thank all those who contributed to this amazing effort to honor our veterans. I look forward to this park being a place where future generations can come and reflect on the service and sacrifice that has kept our nation safe.

GREAT PLAINS HONOR FLIGHT 2019

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, in honor of America's heroic veterans, the Honor Flight Network conducts annual trips to Washington, D.C. This is the first ever High Plains Honor Flight, following the conclusion of the Northern Colorado Honor Flight which had taken more than 3,000 of our nation's heroes to visit and reflect at their war memorials over the past decade. On September 15, 2019, High Plains Honor Flight Northern held an Honor Flight that gave many of our courageous veterans this extraordinary opportunity. I am pleased to recognize the September 15, 2019 Honor Flight honoring World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans of Colorado.

Madam Speaker, those who participated in this flight are as follows:

World War II: Charles Assmus, Clarence Carlson, John Dutton, Gordon Norton, Willis Sibley.

Korean War: Michael Abramovich, George Edinger, James Forrest, Alan Gates, Charles Hall, Jason Laguna, Richard Lindemann, Richard McCown, James McWilliams, Gerald Mitchell, Erlis Morse, John Oliver, Bernard Pisciola, Donald Price, Earle Ridgeway, Richard Stoltzfus, Wayne Tobey, Johnny West, Benjamin Zimmerman.

Korean War & Vietnam War: Robert Davison, Gerald McDuffee, Jed Pancoast.

Vietnam War: Ronald Adams, Ronald Albers, Leon Bartholomay, Richard Belt, Hal Bennett, Kenneth Blum, Clyde Bullard, Jr., Kenneth Butcher, Jan Carlson, Allan Cazer, Terry Chandler, Spencer Chapin, Daniel Crego, James Crowell, James Davies, Robert Delva, William Dowling, Gerald Ecker, Carl England, Thomas Evans, Ricky Farrier, Markton Gadbury, Roy George, Don Gooding, Jack Hall, Calvin Hamilton, Robert Jacobson, Charles Jett, Larry Johnson, Daniel Katze, James Keeler, Gene Keys, Daniel King, Raymond Kirchner, Jr., Damian Kisner, Richard Knight, Terrence Kullbom, Dale Langhoff, Noel LaRose II, Harvey Lawson, Richard Lawson,

Robert Loner, Jerald Lucas, Antonio Luna, Thomas Mason, Tony Mathias, Bobby Matthews, Charles McConnell, Timothy McGinnis, Allen Meyer, Blythe Miley, Richard Miller, Thomas Mitchell, Robert Montgomery, James Morgan, Richard Morris, Paul Niebel, Larry Odegard, Carol Jean Padilla, Theron Parlin, David Patterson, Mark Patterson, Robert Pennington, Randall Peonio, Arturo Perez, Floyd Peterson, Christopher Petroff, Linda Pickett, Gary Pitt, Donald Posselt, Richard Ranabargar, John Rasmussen, Robert Righi, Gary Schuler, Curtis Shaffer, John Shaffner, Lee Sherbenou, Donald Simmons, Jerry Skelton, Richard Smith, Richard Smith Jr., Jimmy Spence, Donald Spotanski, Roger Stocker, Thomas Tedesco, Virgil Treadway, Ted Turner, Thomas Wartella, Arthur Weidner, Mark Williamson, Garry Wilson, William Woolman, Darel Zimbelman.

It is my distinct pleasure as the U.S. Representative of the 4th District of Colorado to recognize the honor, courage, and sacrifice of these heroes, along with all members of America's Armed Forces. I thank them for their dedication and service to this nation.

PAM FEELY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Pam Feely for receiving the 2019 Board Member of the Year Award from the West Metro Fire Protection District.

Pam has served on the Board of Directors of the West Metro Fire Protection District for 10 years. During her tenure, she has provided strong leadership through a number of significant changes, including a transition in Fire Chiefs.

During the District's merger with the Wheat Ridge Fire Protection District in 2016, Pam served as the lead negotiator and initiated the idea of including former Wheat Ridge Board members on the Board for West Metro. Pam was key to ensuring a smooth transition and successful merger of the two districts for the benefit of the local community. In addition, Pam was instrumental in her foresight of the impact of the Gallagher Amendment on the financial sustainability of the District. She worked to identify a solution to a major challenge facing the District and, in 2018, helped lead the District's efforts in a successful campaign to stabilize the District's budget.

From understanding the importance of the District and its board members within the community to working to ensure all District staff feels appreciated and valued, Pam's excellent leadership and ongoing dedication is invaluable to the District and the community it serves. I extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Pam Feely for her service to the West Metro Fire Protection District and to our local community. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

HONORING SERGEANT FIRST CLASS ELIS A. BARRETO ORTIZ

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of Sergeant 1st Class Elis A. Barreto Ortiz, who was killed in the line of duty earlier this month.

Sergeant Barreto Ortiz grew up in Morovis, Puerto Rico. Following in the footsteps of his father, he joined the Army in 2010 and was assigned to the 259th Transportation Battalion. In 2013, Sergeant Barreto Ortiz was deployed to Afghanistan for a nine-month stint. Four years later, he graduated from the U.S. Army Airborne School and was assigned to the 82nd Brigade Support Battalion of the 82 Airborne Division based out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

This past June, Sergeant Barreto Ortiz left for his third deployment to Kabul, Afghanistan. His mission was to support and operate alongside a contingent of special operations forces.

On Thursday, September 5th, Sergeant Barreto Ortiz was killed in action when his vehicle was hit by a suicide car bomber. Sergeant Barreto Ortiz was 34 years old and is survived by his wife, two sons, and a daughter.

He is described by those who knew him as a kind and compassionate leader who was proud to serve his country.

During his distinguished and decorated career Sergeant Barreto Ortiz was awarded the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Good Conduct Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Combat Action Badge, the Basic Parachutist Badge, the Army Driver and Mechanic Badge.

Sergeant Barreto Ortiz's death is a painful reminder of the enormous sacrifices our service members and their families make to protect the freedoms we all enjoy.

While Sergeant Barreto Ortiz will be dearly missed, he will not be forgotten. May he rest in peace, with the humble thanks of a grateful Nation.

HONORING HIGH PERFORMING BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS IN CALIFORNIA'S 39TH DISTRICT

HON. GILBERT RAY CISNEROS, Jr.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. CISNEROS. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to congratulate two schools in California's 39th Congressional District. Acacia Elementary School and Robert C. Fisler Elementary School have been recognized as Exemplary High Performing Schools by the Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Schools program. This honor is a direct reflection of the culture of academic excellence built from the combined efforts of students, faculty, parents, volunteers, and local communities.

Acacia Elementary School of Orange County's Fullerton School District owes its distinction to a myriad of innovative teaching and