

complete its transuranic debris waste treatment mission.

But none of this would have been possible without the men and women of the AMWTP. Each and every one of them made sacrifices to support this mission. They sacrificed quality time with family members to commute to the facility in the early hours of the morning, often leaving at night—never seeing the light of day. They knew they were effectively working themselves out of a job, just as all employees of the Idaho Cleanup Project are doing.

The employees of the AMWTP should be the models for the entire workforce of the DOE Complex. When they encountered challenging waste types and containers, they developed the procedures and processes to safely and compliantly address them. When the specialized equipment didn't exist, they fabricated it, tested it, and put it to work. They adapted and found solutions to the most complex challenges they encountered.

Several more years will be needed to ship out the balance of the 65,000 cubic meters of waste to WIPP. For those who stay with the project, the Idaho Congressional Delegation wishes them the best of luck in safely carrying out the remainder of the shipping mission.

For those who retire, take other jobs in Idaho, or leave to pursue opportunities elsewhere, we wish them the best of luck and again sincerely say thank you. AMWTP and the impact of its workforce to the State of Idaho and the nation will be remembered for generations to come.

DEDICATION OF ONU'S JAMES LEHR KENNEDY ENGINEERING BUILDING

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the dedication of Ohio Northern University's James Lehr Kennedy Engineering Building. The 105,000 square foot building is already fostering a community of technological growth, innovation, and collaboration at the university. The additional room and lighting make it easier for students to work with faculty in an environment conducive to learning.

Ohio's 5th Congressional District is home to more than 60,000 manufacturing jobs, and facilities like this state-of-the-art engineering building will help prepare students for the jobs of tomorrow.

The construction of this building would not have been possible without countless people that provided financial support. Special recognition is reserved for James Lehr Kennedy, who has given his continuous support and dedication to the university.

This new facility will provide students with excellent new learning opportunities and will help them to reach their maximum potential. The dedication of this new building is great for students, great for the university, and great for the region. Congratulations to Ohio Northern University!

HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF POWER HOPE & GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Power Hope and Grace Bible Church, a house of worship in Detroit, Michigan.

Founded in 1959, Power Hope and Grace Bible Church has persisted and prevailed despite the many changes in the City of Detroit. The church and its congregation have continued to thrive because of their incredible commitment to community service and generosity to those in need. The Power Hope and Grace community has regularly provided assistance and supplies to local shelters for the homeless, runs an annual back to school fair, offering free school supplies, hair cuts, and more, and assists in annual holiday toy drives. Beyond its charitable works, the congregation has been a training site for the Michigan Alliance for Families and participated in the Career Works summer program. In addition to this milestone anniversary, Power Hope and Grace Bible Church recently celebrated the paying off of its mortgage, further cementing this institution as an asset in the community.

Please join me in recognizing Power Hope and Grace Bible Church in honor of their sixtieth anniversary.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIG SUR HEALTH CENTER

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the Big Sur Health Center. Big Sur Health Center opened in 1979 with a mission to bring quality medical care to the rural community of Big Sur and continues to serve as the only medical facility in the immediate area. The non-profit center provides affordable, culturally sensitive healthcare centering on diverse patient needs to both residents and visitors alike. When it opened, Big Sur Health Center offered services one day a week and facilitated 850 patient visits a year. Recognizing the need in the area and with community-wide fundraising support, the center quickly expanded to a 2,100 square-foot medical facility providing services five days a week. To date, they have administered more than 73,000 patient visits.

In its 40 years of service to the central coast of California, Big Sur Health Center has grown to meet the needs of our local community. Their team has developed vital programs and services, including a pharmaceutical service for urgent care medications and supplies, a fully-equipped dental suite to provide full-service oral healthcare, chiropractic care, acupuncture care, and a multicultural outreach program. Their bilingual staff aims to provide personalized, comprehensive, and holistic care to the diverse cultures and communities in Big Sur.

With unpredictable coastal hazards and frequent geographic and climate challenges, the Big Sur community faces unique medical needs. Big Sur Health Center has responded to these needs by offering 24-hour-on-call service and home visits and coordinates with local emergency teams during extreme weather conditions and natural disasters. In recent years, the center has offered healthcare services to thousands of firefighters during six large-scale fires. They have remained innovative in their response to local needs, working in partnership with medical facilities on the Monterey Peninsula to limit the need for residents to commute 30-miles for laboratory testing and other immediate medical services.

I am honored to recognize Big Sur Health Center and its important contributions to the health of residents on the Central Coast over the past 40 years. They have made incredible progress from their small clinic in 1979 and will undoubtedly continue to evolve with the needs of the community to provide quality, affordable healthcare services to our rural coastline. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating and thanking Big Sur Health Center for 40 years of service to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PATRICIA "TRISH" B. (PAINTER) ANDRE

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Patricia B. "Trish" Andre of Wauseon, Ohio, who left this world for a higher grace-filled existence on Friday, August 2, 2019.

As we remember Trish, we are reminded of a life dedicated to our earth's fabric in agriculture. A graduate of Purdue University, her academic studies were based in science where she received a degree in Agronomy. Serving as a Certified Crop Advisor, a 4-H Advisor, a member of the Ohio Jersey Breeder's Association, and a member of the Farm Bureau, Trish led an extraordinary life dedicated to agriculture.

I can still see her stooping in the fields picking off tiny creatures on plants, studying their meaning, marveling at nature and its infinite connection to a higher cosmos. Her work raising the next generation of her own family and the larger 4-H youth family is legendary. She was a prophetess in her own time.

Trish's deep dedication to agriculture was shared with her loving husband of 34 years, Nathan (Nate) L. Andre who survives her. Nate and Trish formed a strong bond in marriage and as agricultural stewards. He is a proud organic and fanning consultant for Andre Farms, a family-owned business that has served Ohio and Michigan communities for over 60 years. I know Nate will honor his wife's memory by upholding the Andre Farms' mission of integrity driven land stewardship.

As a parishioner of the North Clinton Church in Wauseon, Ohio, Trish was a devout woman of faith. As a member of Gideon International Auxiliary, a Christian nonprofit, and a Bible Quiz Coach, her service to community was firmly rooted in faith.

Trish will be profoundly missed by her friends, family, and the community she served.

My thoughts and prayers are with Nate, their children Perry, Kira, and Ross, and her granddaughter Esther. Although their beloved Trish was taken well before her time, may they find peace in knowing she is peacefully at rest in the earth she faithfully tended. Now her power for betterment of life on earth assumes new dimension and one that is eternal. May God provide her angelic spirit soft clouds and rising suns so her goodness showers upon humankind in unending waves.

HONORING PUBLIC SERVANT
DAVID HIGGERSON

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor David P. Higgerson on his retirement from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Laredo Field Office.

As Director of Field Operations (DFO) at the Laredo office, Director Higgerson was responsible for enforcement activities at eight international Ports of Entry (POEs), extending from Brownsville to Del Rio, and the Machinery Center for Excellence and Expertise. The eight POEs include 21 vehicle crossings, eight airports, three rail crossings, and one seaport. These crossings are some of the nation's busiest, and Mr. Higgerson's organization safely processed nearly 59.4 million people, more than 21 million vehicles, over 3.5 million commercial trucks, and an excess of \$194 billion in international trade in Fiscal Year 2018. He also served in the Joint Task Force-West, which disrupts transnational criminal organizations from operating in South Texas.

Director Higgerson is a proven leader in the community who leads by example. In 2018, he was awarded the Secretary's Meritorious Service Silver Medal for his leadership and service to the Department of Homeland Security. He also earned the Commissioner's Strategic Problem Solving Award for the South Texas

Railroad Strategic Problem Solving Initiative, and Assistant Commissioner recognition for his outstanding contribution to the Land Border Directive Working Group.

Mr. Higgerson is a graduate of the St. John Military Academy and holds an Associate's Degree in Accounting. After honorably serving in the U.S. Army, he was Customs Inspector at the Panama Canal Zone and was then transferred to Laredo, Texas in 1978. He was also Port Director in Hidalgo-Pharr, Texas, and DFO in El Paso, Texas and Tucson, Arizona.

It has been an honor to work with Director Higgerson for the past seven years. I thank him for his service in keeping our borders safe, while also taking care of our officers on the front line. As we celebrate David P. Higgerson's retirement, I ask my colleagues to join his family, our community, and me in recognizing his legacy and wishing him a happy retirement.