

families receive housing and supportive services. I commend the sponsor of the legislation and hope that it can swiftly be enacted.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 557.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mrs. TRAHAN. Madam Speaker, on October 15, 2019, I was unable to participate in the vote series. I would like the record to reflect how I would have voted if I were present; YEA on Roll Call No. 556, and YEA on Roll Call No. 557.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House Chamber on October 15, 2019, to attend important events in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on Roll Call No. 556 and yes on Roll Call No. 557.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARTIN C. PENETAR, D.O. FAAFP, RECIPIENT OF THE ITALIAN AMERICAN MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Martin C. Penetar, who received the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County's Italian American Man of the Year Award along with his brother, Attorney Daniel L. Penetar. The brothers continue the legacy of their father, the late Judge Daniel L. Penetar, Sr., who was president of the association in 1959 and Man of the Year in 1976. Martin and Daniel were honored on Sunday, October 13, 2019 during the organization's annual dinner honoring the voyage of Christopher Columbus.

Martin received his bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Scranton, and he then went on to the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine to complete his medical education. He started his medical career in 1988 as the chief intern at the Shenango Valley Medical Center in Hermitage, Pennsylvania. He then served as chief resident from 1989 to 1991 at the Wyoming Valley Family Practice and as an emergency room physician from 1990 to 1993 at the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital and Mercy Hospital Scranton. Currently, he operates a family practice in Clarks Summit with partners Dr. Philip Boccagno and Dr. Dominic Ruggiero. Martin is also the team doctor for the AAA baseball Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders.

As a preceptor, Martin has given personal instruction, training, and supervision to nurse

practitioner students, medical students, and young physicians from the University of Scranton, Allied Medical Tech, and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is also on the clinical faculty of the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine.

Martin is a member of the American Board of Family Practice, American Academy of Family Practice, Lackawanna County Medical Society, Pennsylvania Medical Society, American Medical Association, and American Academy of Family Physicians. His community involvement includes the Columbus Day Association, UNICO Scranton Chapter, Victor Alfieri Club, and volunteering for the pizza fritta stand at the St. Joseph's Festival for 30 years.

Martin is married to Dr. Barbara Penetar, and they have three children, Julianna, Elisa, and Christopher.

It is an honor to recognize Martin as he is named the Italian American Man of the Year by the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County. May he continue to honorably represent and support the Italian American community for many years to come.

HONORING CITY YEAR/SILICON VALLEY

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 25th Anniversary of City Year San Jose/Silicon Valley and acknowledge its work and accomplishments.

City Year San Jose/Silicon Valley ("City Year") was founded in 1993. Susan Hammer, the Mayor of San Jose during City Year's early years, supported City Year's mission. She played a key role in connecting City Year to important partners in our San Jose community. Today, City Year prepares 138 AmeriCorps Members who help in over a dozen elementary, middle, and high schools. Its programs reach over 7,000 students each year through partnerships with public schools in our most challenged communities.

City Year's diverse AmeriCorps teams serve as tutors, mentors, and role models, helping to provide research-based student, in classrooms and city wide. City Year strives to help students stay in school and on track to graduate from high school with a solid foundation for college and future careers. A recent study showed that students from schools that partnered with City Year were likely to demonstrate improvement on mathematics and English language arts assessments.

Madam Speaker, I hereby recognize and commend City Year for its dedicated work to improve educational access for all students, regardless of background. Today, we honor City Year San Jose/Silicon Valley for 25 years of service in our Santa Clara County community and for helping our students strive for a better future.

IN RECOGNITION OF TIFFANY JOHNSON COLE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the Tiffany Johnson Cole. Tiffany is an attorney with the Law Offices of Robert Simms Thompson, PC in Tuskegee, Alabama.

She handles cases in the areas of automobile products liability, negligence, wrongful death, trucking litigation, fraud and breach of contract. Tiffany made history when she became the first female to be appointed as Municipal Court Judge in the City of Tuskegee.

Tiffany received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Spelman College and her Juris Doctorate from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University. She is licensed to practice law in Alabama and Georgia.

Tiffany is a member of the North Florida Child Development Center Board and the Alabama A&M Board of Trustees. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc where she serves as the Alabama Social Action Coordinator. Tiffany is a member of the Alabama State Bar Association, Alabama Association for Justice, Macon County Bar Association, the Links Incorporated and Jack and Jill of America. Tiffany was recognized as one of the most influential persons in Macon County and most recently named as one of the Women of Shape the State of Alabama.

Tiffany is married to Jermaine and together they share five children.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Tiffany and congratulating her on appointment as the first female Municipal Court Judge in the City of Tuskegee.

HONORING DR. ANNE FRIESEN AS MOORE COUNTY WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Anne Friesen as the recipient of the Moore County Woman of the Year Award.

The Woman of the Year Award is a prestigious honor presented annually by the Moore County Community Foundation to individuals that have impacted Moore County through charitable works and community service. Dr. Friesen has more than 20 years of professional experience in human services and serves as Executive Director of Friend to Friend, a Moore County non-profit whose mission is to help survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking rebuild their lives. During her tenure at Friend to Friend, she quickly responded to a devastating fire and oversaw the creation of a new, state-of-the-art shelter within one year.

In addition to this important work, Dr. Friesen serves on the boards of The North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and The North Carolina Coalition Against Human Trafficking. In 2018, she earned her

Doctorate of Education in Leadership and Professional Practices from Trevecca University and holds graduate and undergraduate degrees from the University of Kansas.

Dr. Friesen has made an immeasurable impact on our community and is deserving of this distinction. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish her success as she continues to serve our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Dr. Anne Friesen for her service to our community and being named the Moore County Woman of the Year.

HONORING LYNDEL “JOE”
WISHCAMPER

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Lyndel “Joe” Wishcamper on his outstanding advocacy for and production of affordable housing. I was thrilled to learn that Joe will receive this year’s Affordable Housing Vision Award from the National Housing & Rehabilitation Association. I cannot think of a more deserving recipient.

In his nearly 50 years as a community developer Joe has owned, developed, or redeveloped over 15,000 affordable housing units throughout the country. These include many units throughout Maine including ones in Portland, Eastport, Camden, Freeport, Bath, Rockland, and Wiscasset. He became an early practitioner of historic rehabilitation when he converted a vacant school building in downtown Portland to senior affordable housing. He later reduced their energy costs as well as reduced global warming by investing in a solar farm.

Beyond his work in affordable housing, Joe has also been an asset to the Maine community serving on the boards of countless businesses and nonprofits, including Maine Medical Center, the Nature Conservancy, and the University of Maine System. In recognition of his contributions to the community he has been awarded both the Spurwink Humanitarian of the Year and the Colby College Philanthropy Award.

While we are very proud of Joe and his contributions to his home state, this is a national award and many states have benefitted from his work and his philanthropy. His life’s work has earned him many honors. This is a particularly significant one that merits special note.

Congratulations to Joe Wishcamper for this award. I look forward to his continued efforts to create safe, decent, and affordable housing and to his many philanthropic endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF JACK VAN LOAN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, America and South Carolina have

lost a True Hero and Patriot in the passing of Col. Jack Van Loan. Roxanne and I offer our deepest sympathies to his wife Linda and his family. The fitting tribute is from The State of Columbia, South Carolina:

Jack Van Loan, an Oregon native and fighter pilot who spent six years in the infamous Hanoi Hilton as a prisoner of war in Vietnam and then served for 20 years as executive director of the Five Points Association in Columbia, has died. He was 87.

“He was a mentor, a colleague, a co-chair and a friend to me,” former Five Points Association executive director Merritt McNeely posted on Facebook. “More than that, he was a true American hero and he loved and fought for Five Points like no one else. Rest In Peace my friend, Jack.”

Mayor Steve Benjamin said city flags will be flown at half-staff this week in Van Loan’s honor.

“He was a gentleman, stern, loving and a leader,” the mayor said. “These men served our country in some of the most challenging situations, never lost their spirit and continued to serve. Jack led the charge in Five Points. When Jack calls you come. He was unique. He was special.”

Van Loan received his undergraduate degree from Oregon State in 1954. He spent 30 years in the Air Force. He was a POW for six years, held in the same prison as the late Sen. John McCain.

Van Loan was shot down over North Vietnam on May 20, 1967. He injured his knee when he parachuted, and his captors made the injury worse through torture.

The torture, which became more horrifying, continued for most of his six years of captivity.

Van Loan published a book about his experience in captivity, “Chained Eagles, The Story of Col. Jack Van Loan and the Vietnam POWs in North Vietnam.”

He wrote the book because he thought what the POWs experienced needed to be remembered.

“I kept being asked questions about it and realized I needed to write it up,” he told The State. “It was a very difficult thing for me to do, to write it out.”

Van Loan quickly learned his captors had no intention of adhering to the Geneva Convention, a treaty adopted to protect prisoners of war from the atrocities he suffered. The North Vietnamese torturers unsuccessfully tried to beat information from him.

He wrote in his book, “I wasn’t going to tell them about those targets, but I was going to have to come up with something. I tried to knock myself out by beating my head on the floor but that didn’t work out. All I was doing was bloodying up my forehead and getting blood in my eyes.

“I just was a total mess. . . . I had just never, ever experienced any pain like that. I just didn’t think that it was possible.”

Van Loan was released on March 4, 1973, with the second large group of POWs to be freed after the Paris Peace Accords ended America’s involvement in the war. He had been held for 70 months.

Van Loan, a colonel, settled in Columbia after retiring from duty at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter. He served for 20 years as executive director of the Five Points Association, and is credited with being the force behind the success of the urban village’s annual St. Patrick’s Day celebration.

He is honored with a statue in Five Points that portrays him emerging from captivity.

At the time the statue was dedicated, Van Loan was honored by the like of U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-SC.

“Jack sacrificed for his country in a way few have ever done,” Graham said at the time. “As a POW he stayed true to the traditions of an American fighting man held in captivity. He’s an inspiration, a role model, and a credit to South Carolina in every way.”

BENJAMIN MOORE

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great American company with a steadfast commitment to American manufacturing and job creation headquartered in my District, the Fifth Congressional District of New Jersey.

Benjamin Moore currently employs approximately 1,000 individuals and is headquartered in Montvale, New Jersey. Since its founding in 1883, in Brooklyn, Benjamin Moore has maintained an unwavering commitment to selling only through authorized, independent, locally-owned and operated paint and decorating retailers.

From Benjamin’s Moore’s humble beginnings in 1883 with one product—Moore’s Prepared Calsom Finish—to now, one of America’s leading manufacturers of paints, stains and finishes, is truly a great American story.

In the Fifth District of New Jersey, Benjamin Moore has maintained a commitment to creating jobs and manufacturing their paints and stains in America.

Benjamin Moore has also made sustainable manufacturing practices a major component of their company practice, leading to receiving the “Green” Good Housekeeping Seal and the Edison “Best New Product Award for Sustainability.” In 2015, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America announced that Benjamin Moore’s most environmentally friendly paint, Natura, has been certified Asthma and Allergy Friendly.

As the Representative for the Fifth Congressional District of New Jersey, I am proud to recognize Benjamin Moore for their commitment to American jobs and manufacturing, sustainability, and all that the company has accomplished.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Benjamin Moore for the company’s commitment to the Fifth Congressional District of New Jersey and to the country and look forward to many great years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on October 15, 2019 for Roll Call Vote 556 and Roll Call Vote 557. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 556 and yea on Roll Call Vote 557.