

GEORGIA SUPPORT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 598, the Georgia Support Act. This bill helps strengthen the vital U.S.—Georgia partnership, a strategically important relationship in a critical part of the world. In 2008, Georgia was invaded by Russia and the Kremlin continues to attack Georgia through subversive disinformation campaigns and cyberattacks. This bill provides Georgia with assistance to combat this threat and support its democratic institutions.

The Georgian government has long made closer integration with the EU and NATO a priority. According to recent polls, almost 80 percent of the Georgian population supports membership in the EU and over 70 percent supports membership in NATO. As a member of the U.S. delegation to NATO Parliamentary Assembly, I am pleased that the bill recognizes that Georgia has been a longstanding NATO-aspirant country.

I urge all of my colleagues to support the Georgia Support Act. Passing this bill shows our support for Georgia's sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity, as well as for its democratic development, Euro-Atlantic integration, and peaceful conflict resolution in Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

GEORGIANA VINES

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, today I recognize longtime East Tennessee journalist Georgiana Vines as she celebrates her 80th birthday this week.

Over the last five decades, Georgiana has had a successful career as a reporter and editor. She retired from full-time work in 2005 but continues to cover East Tennessee news and politics as a newspaper freelancer. In addition to working in the news industry, Georgiana has spent a great deal of time teaching and sharing her experience with future journalists at the University of Tennessee's College of Communications and Information.

I am honored to call her my friend, and I know I speak for many in East Tennessee when I say Happy Birthday, Georgiana.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of the Society for Neuroscience, an organization at the forefront of medical research and positively affecting the lives of people across America and all over the world. The Society for Neuroscience

is the world's largest organization of scientists and physicians devoted to understanding the brain and nervous system.

Over the past few days, more than 30,000 scientists from more than 70 countries have gathered at the Society's Neuroscience 2019 Conference in Chicago to present emerging science, learn from experts, forge collaborations with peers, and explore new tools and technologies. Some of the research being presented includes the latest projects and discoveries surrounding Alzheimer's and opioid addiction research, both of which are issues I care deeply about and have advocated for here in Congress.

At the annual conference, the state of Illinois is represented by nearly 1,400 attendees who are sharing cutting-edge research conducted by Illinois' research institutions and academic centers. One of these institutions taking part in the gathering of minds is Northern Illinois University (NIU), which I proudly represent in Illinois's 16th Congressional District. NIU had 10 researchers showcasing their dedicated work to the Society, representing their passion to better the sciences and find answers to questions we all hope to uncover.

In Fiscal Year 2019, the state of Illinois received over \$485 million in funding through grants from the National Institute of Health (NIH). Of that funding, \$424,000 went to IL-16 and included funding to conduct research aimed at better understanding the nervous system and to improve the treatment and prevention of brain and nervous system disorders. I want to commend the institutions in my district and state, as well as the Society for Neuroscience, for being leaders in neuroscience research and highlighting the importance of scientific research to advance our understanding of the nervous system to ultimately improve the health of people across the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT MICHAEL GRISSEY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Michael Grissom and congratulate him on receiving The Washtenaw 100 Firefighter of the Year Award. Lieutenant Grissom's selfless dedication to protecting the Washtenaw County community is worthy of commendation.

The Washtenaw 100 is a non-profit organization committed to supporting our hometown heroes. The organization's mission is to provide immediate financial funding to families of law enforcement and firefighting personnel in Washtenaw County who have died in the line of duty, helping them through their grief. In addition, the organization strives to serve active duty law enforcement officers and firefighters by providing grants to local departments and offering annual scholarships to their children to bolster their educational opportunities.

The Washtenaw 100's Annual Dinner exemplifies the organization's continued commitment to supporting our community's firefighters and law enforcement officers and serves as a great way to recognize their outstanding efforts. This year, The Washtenaw

100 is proud to recognize Lieutenant Michael Grissom as the 2019 Firefighter of the Year.

Lieutenant Michael Grissom is an experienced and valuable member of the Dexter Area Fire Department. Nominated by Chief Robert Smith, Lieutenant Grissom is known as a leader who consistently goes above and beyond what is expected of him in his position. Lieutenant Grissom has a host of remarkable accomplishments that make him deserving of the Firefighter of the Year Award, but some of his most noteworthy achievements include his involvement with Active 911, a mobile app that enables responders to easily access pertinent information and communicate effectively with one another, and his leadership in repurposing old radios.

When asked about his impressive work, Lieutenant Grissom responded, "It's not about me." Lieutenant Grissom truly embodies all the qualities of a dedicated firefighter—he humbly strives for excellence without seeking praise or recognition for any of his significant accomplishments.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lieutenant Michael Grissom. His bravery, dedication, and service to the citizens of Washtenaw County is deeply appreciated and truly makes a difference in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE COTTONDALE HIGH SCHOOL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA CHAPTER

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cottontdale High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter for winning the 2019 state championship for both Agriculture Communication and Parliamentary Procedure.

Cottontdale FFA Chapter members Josh Scurlock, Addison Griffin, Taylor Dumas, Lillie Livingston, Blayton See, Carl Young, Joey Jackson and their Advisor Stan Scurlock did an outstanding job preparing and practicing for this competition.

Agriculture will always be vital to the sustainability of this great nation and we are fortunate to have FFA Chapters across the country that instill its importance in our youth.

The Cottontdale FFA members will compete at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana for the national title.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Cottontdale FFA chapter and wishing them luck at the National FFA Convention next week.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF MICHAEL SCHNEIDER

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of my good friend, and true leader of labor, Mike Schneider of Rochelle Park, New Jersey. After thirty-

five years with the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local No. 32, Mike leaves his indelible legacy.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Mike is a third generation Insulator, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, father, uncle and brother, and he is rightly proud of this legacy. Since joining as an apprentice member in 1984, Mike worked his way up to foreman, earning leadership positions as Vice President, President, and Fund Trustee. Mike's story is emblematic of the great American story, and he has always pushed himself and those around him to be the best they could be. It is precisely these values that make me proud to call Mike a dear friend.

I would especially like to commend Mike for his work to help New Jersey workers succeed in the 21st Century economy. As President of the Bergen County Central Trades and Labor Council and President of the United Labor Agency of Northern NJ, Mike worked tirelessly to secure his members the benefits they deserve. The hard-working brothers and sisters of labor, including Local No. 32, helped build our great country, and our towering economy, and have continued to contribute to the most competitive workforce in the world.

As dedicated as Mike has been to his craft and his career, his commitment to his family and community has been even stronger. Mike is a devoted husband to Josette and dedicated father to Brian and Kelly. Despite working long days, he never missed a wrestling match or cheerleading competition. The same drive that makes Mike such a community and labor leader has also made him a successful wrestling coach for the Hackensack Junior Wrestling Program and for the workers he trains every day.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mike for his tireless efforts on behalf of working men and women in North Jersey. As Mike departs Local No. 32, I hope he can enjoy more time with his loving family and pursue his passions of cycling and golf. I am elated he is keeping a leadership role on the Council, so we can continue to work together. I thank Mike, a true public servant, and wish him all the best.

IN MEMORY OF ALBERT R.
PERAZA

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Albert R. Peraza. Mr. Peraza was my constituent and a prominent member of the community, whose passion in life service to the Anaheim community. His work in education impacted countless lives. On behalf of the community, I wish to thank him for his contributions.

Mr. Peraza was born in 1933 in Jerome, Arizona. He began his professional career by receiving his Bachelor of Arts in Education at Northern Arizona University. After college, he moved to Anaheim, California and spent 19 years as an elementary school teacher. Furthering his own education, he received a master's degree in education from the California State University, Fullerton, and completed his post graduate work both in psychometry at

California State University, Fullerton and in administration at Chapman University. He was subsequently hired by the La Habra City School District, where he served as an elementary school principle and Director of the Head Start Program for 15 years.

Mr. Peraza served as the Anaheim Planning Commissioner for nine years and on the Utility Board Commission for eight years. Mr. Peraza also dedicated himself to the Anaheim City School District, serving as a Member of School Board of Education for 13 years. Furthermore, he was also an active Member of Board of Directors of the Anaheim YMCA.

Mr. Peraza was loved by his family, friends and community. He is preceded in death by his loving wife, Rachel. He leaves behind his daughters, Patricia Peraza and Kathleen Garcia, his son-in-law, Valentin Garcia, grandchildren Michelle (David) Scharfe, Andrew (Jessica) Garcia, Matthew Garcia, Amanda Garcia, and his great-grandchildren, Eli, Evangeline, Ezekiel, Ephraim Scharfe, and Benjamin Garcia.

I ask my colleagues to join me, in celebrating the successful life of Albert R. Peraza and honoring his decades of hard work for our community. May he rest in peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 21, 2019 during roll call no. 568, On Motion to Table, H.Res. 647, Raising a question of the privileges of the House. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 569, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 4406, Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 570, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 4407, SCORE for Small Business Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MUSLIM
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF
ANN ARBOR AND VICINITY
MOSQUE OPEN HOUSE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Muslim Community Association of Ann Arbor and Vicinity's Mosque Open House.

The Muslim community is an important component of Michigan's identity. Since the community's humble beginnings in the state over 100 years ago, the Muslim community in Michigan has grown significantly and today represents one of the most diverse groups in the nation. In 1972, the Muslim Community Association of Ann Arbor and Vicinity (MCA) was founded by a dedicated group of Muslims to better serve the needs of Michigan's Muslim

community. The purpose of this association was to practice, propagate, and preserve Islam and Islamic heritage. Today, the association tirelessly works to serve the religious needs of Muslims, but also strives to meet the social, cultural, and educational needs of the community, as well. In addition, the association provides opportunities for people to learn more about the teachings of the Holy Qur'an and Sunnah through classes and prayer and aspires to enhance friendly relations between Muslims and non-Muslims throughout the state.

MCA's Mosque Open House exemplifies the association's continued commitment to unifying our community. By opening the mosque's doors and encouraging community members to visit, countless people will be introduced to—or gain a better understanding of—Islam. Moreover, the open house presents a new opportunity for visitors to meet and speak with more of their Muslim neighbors. Thanks to the open house, MCA will advance its mission to facilitate greater unification for all members of our community, and importantly will create a welcoming space for both Muslims and non-Muslims of Ann Arbor to come together to learn more about one another.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Muslim Community Association of Ann Arbor and Vicinity and thank them for hosting their Mosque Open House. We are grateful for the association's dedicated efforts to serve the Muslims of Ann Arbor and promote friendly relations communitywide.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, I was not present for roll call vote 568, the Motion to Table on H. Res. 647, which took place on October 21, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

INTRODUCTION OF THE VISION
ZERO ACT OF 2019

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Vision Zero Act of 2019. This bipartisan legislation makes the development and implementation of Vision Zero plans eligible for federal transportation funding under the Surface Transportation Block Grant program, the Highway Safety Improvement Program, and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program.

Traffic fatalities in the United States claim more than 36,000 lives every year, that is one life approximately every 14 minutes. Fatal crashes are especially common for the most vulnerable road users, that is, pedestrians, cyclists, older Americans, and children. Just yesterday, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released their annual traffic fatalities report which found a decrease