

in total traffic fatalities but an increase for vulnerable road users like pedestrians and cyclists. We need a new approach. The only acceptable number of traffic fatalities is zero.

In more than 40 urban, rural, and suburban communities across America, residents, activists, and elected officials have come together to adopt and implement Vision Zero plans. The goal of Vision Zero is the elimination of all transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries. This includes pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, and passengers. Vision Zero is an innovative, multifaceted approach to improve transportation safety across all transportation modes by using data, new partnerships, safe planning, and community-focused solutions toward zero traffic fatalities.

The Vision Zero Act of 2019 integrates Vision Zero into federal transportation policy so that safety, equity, and proper planning are finally prioritized.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes between October 15 and 23 due to a long standing family commitment. While this would not have changed the outcome, below is how I would have voted on each rollcall. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 556; "yea" on rollcall No. 557; "nay" on rollcall No. 558; "nay" on rollcall No. 559; "nay" on rollcall No. 560; "yea" on rollcall No. 561; "nay" on rollcall No. 562; "yea" on rollcall No. 563; "nay" on rollcall No. 564; "yea" on rollcall No. 565; "yea" on rollcall No. 566; "nay" on rollcall No. 567; "nay" on rollcall No. 568; "yea" on rollcall No. 569; "yea" on rollcall No. 570; "nay" on rollcall No. 571; "nay" on rollcall No. 572; "yea" on rollcall No. 573; "nay" on rollcall No. 574; and "yea" on rollcall No. 575.

IN RECOGNITION OF FAYROUZ BAZZI FOR HER HEROISM

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fayrouz Bazzi for her heroism. Her courageous response to a vehicle fire saved the lives of six people and greatly deserves commendation.

On August 14, 2019, Fayrouz Bazzi's vehicle overheated and was engulfed in flames on Interstate 275 as she and her family drove to buy school supplies at Oak Park Mall. Through her remarkable efforts and heroism, Ms. Bazzi was able to stay calm and quickly maneuver the car through three lanes of traffic without harming any other motorists. As she directed the car into safety, her sons recall watching flames shoot from the hood while she provided escape instructions to ensure everyone had a clear exit route once the vehicle stopped. As the car burned, all six of Ms. Bazzi's children were able to escape without

serious injury. Ms. Bazzi left the vehicle only after she confirmed all six family members were safe.

I am proud that a strong, brave, and courageous woman like Fayrouz Bazzi is a part of our Dearborn community. As a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, an ICU nurse, a business-woman, and a mother, Ms. Bazzi is not a stranger to adversity and has consistently displayed a tremendous amount of motivation to tackling and solving every problem she encounters. Her quick-thinking and levelheaded actions in the face of crisis saved the lives of six children. Undoubtedly, Ms. Bazzi's commitment to helping others makes the community a better place.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dearborn resident, Fayrouz Bazzi. Her outstanding efforts in a time of panic ensured the safety of her family and other motorists in the community. I am deeply appreciative of her selfless actions and heroism.

CONGRATULATING BRIAN MORIGUCHI ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brian Moriguchi on his retirement from a remarkable career in public service and law enforcement.

For the past 34 years, Brian has served in multiple capacities with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. From the start of his career, Brian fought tirelessly for systemic change within law enforcement, devoting his professional and personal life to fighting for justice and fairness. While working as a Sergeant, Brian helped develop the Sheriff's Department's hate crime policy. He then became the chairperson for the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission's Network Against Hate Crimes, which develops programs to combat racism and prejudice in the county.

In 2008, Brian was elected president of the Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association (PPOA), which represents over 9,000 active and retired law enforcement officials. He held this position for more than 10 years, becoming the longest serving president in PPOA's 68-year history. As president, Brian successfully undertook a variety of initiatives. He improved communications with PPOA's members, modernized its digital presence, and improved its outreach. Brian also increased funding for the organization's Star & Shield Foundation, enabling PPOA to better assist the families of fallen officers. Moreover, Brian is also lauded for protecting the members' pensions, negotiating better contracts, and providing support for numerous local charities.

Outside of his career, Brian has engaged in a variety of civic activities to continuously improve the communities around him. He served as president of the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the oldest national Asian-Pacific American civil rights organization in the country. As president, Brian helped organize protests, educational programs, field trips, and other activities to cultivate awareness of

Asian-Pacific American history and the ongoing fight to combat injustice and bigotry. Brian also devoted time to other significant community organizations, serving as a board member for the McKinley Children's Center and A Safer California Foundation.

Brian's lifetime of service is a testament to the tremendous impact one person can have on a community. I thank him for his 34 years of contributions to Los Angeles and wish him nothing but the best in retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS LUDWIG JOHN D'ALESSANDRO III TRANSFORMATIONAL MAYOR OF BALTIMORE, CHAMPION OF CIVIL RIGHTS FOR ALL, AND SCION OF GREAT AMERICAN FAMILY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Thomas Ludwig John D'Alesandro III, the Mayor of Baltimore from 1967 to 1971, a champion of civil rights and equal treatment for all persons, the son of a former Member of Congress and Mayor of Baltimore, and the older brother of House Speaker NANCY PELOSI, the first and only woman to ascend to the height of national legislative power.

Thomas Ludwig John D'Alesandro III died October 20, 2019 at his home in North Baltimore at the age of 90.

Thomas Ludwig John D'Alesandro III was elected president of the Baltimore City Council in 1963 before winning election as Mayor of Baltimore in 1967 and served until 1971 and whose patience and care ushered Baltimore through a very difficult period.

Thomas Ludwig John D'Alesandro III was born on July 24, 1929, in Baltimore, the first of seven children of Thomas Jr. and Annunziata (Lombardi) D'Alesandro.

Thomas Ludwig John D'Alesandro III graduated from Loyola High School and Loyola College, and the University of Maryland School of Law, before serving in the United States Army from 1952 to 1955.

When Thomas Ludwig John D'Alesandro III was elected mayor, Baltimore's public housing was in a state of terrible disrepair, crime was rising, and the middle class was retreating to the suburbs.

Under the mayoral leadership of Thomas Ludwig John D'Alesandro III, things changed as civil rights laws were enacted in the city, neighborhood centers were opened, and a housing and community development department was created. He stood for justice and he wasn't afraid to fight for equal rights. He was privileged to meet Dr. Martin Luther King. He wanted all to live the American dream.

During his first four months in office, Thomas Ludwig John D'Alesandro III appointed more African American persons to governmental offices than any predecessor did over an entire term.

Once, at a neighborhood meeting with a conservative civic group in northeast Baltimore in 1967 and right before becoming mayor, "was the only person in the room to speak in favor of equal housing."

According to his sister and House Speaker NANCY PELOSI, "Tommy dedicated his life to

our city” and was a “champion for civil rights,” who “worked tirelessly for all who called Baltimore home.”

Thomas Ludwig John D’Alessandro III leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Margaret; his children, Thomas, Dominic, Nicholas, Patricia and Gregory; a brother, Nicholas; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and countless neighbors and friends who will always remember this family man and transformational mayor who opened up the City of Baltimore politically. My deepest sympathy to his entire family.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF REVEREND GREG JACKSON

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of my good friend, and a great leader in New Jersey, Pastor Greg Jackson. For the last thirty-five years, after growing up in South Carolina, Reverend Jackson has shared his warmth, integrity, and compassion with our blessed community in Hackensack, New Jersey.

Reverend Jackson is the longest-serving pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church in the congregation’s remarkable 130 years. Under the Pastor’s leadership, Mount Olive has continued to flourish; it serves not only as a vibrant spiritual center, but also as a community dedicated to serving others, especially for those in need. Among other accomplishments, during his tenure, Mount Olive Church built the Logan Family Life Center, providing emergency assistance, social services and educational programs, and advancing the church’s goal of serving humanity. Without question Mount Olive’s success is reflective of the compassion and selflessness of its spiritual leader. We are truly lucky to have Reverend Jackson in North Jersey, and I am especially lucky to call him a friend. He has, more than once, invited me to speak from his pulpit. I have often joked that I spent more time praying with Pastor Jackson than my own Rabbi.

Reverend Jackson’s efforts to improve the lives of others extends beyond his work as pastor at Mount Olive. He founded the Interfaith Brotherhood and Sisterhood breakfast, has served on Hackensack City committees, and the Bergen County Council of Churches. Even in retirement, Reverend Jackson’s service will endure as President of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missions Convention.

Over the course of his incredible career, Reverend Jackson has traveled across the world to preach, including in South Africa, China, India, Brazil, Cuba, and right here on the floor of the House of Representatives, where he offered the opening prayer as the Guest Chaplain. He has also welcomed transformational leaders to his church, including JOHN LEWIS and so many other civil rights leaders. I only wish my colleagues had the opportunity to experience the passion, smarts, warmth, wisdom, and conviction of Reverend Jackson for themselves.

I am proud to recognize Reverend Jackson on his remarkable career and wish him many years of happiness alongside his wife Barbara

and their children, Michael, Monique and Aashon, and their grandchildren Jordan, Kennedy and Madison. In the years to come, I know he will remain a pillar of our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GROUNDBREAKING OF MICHIGAN MEDICINE’S ‘HOSPITAL OF THE FUTURE’

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the groundbreaking of Michigan Medicine’s new “Hospital of the Future.” The construction of Michigan Medicine’s new adult hospital on its main medical campus will transform patients’ medical and surgical care, improving the lives of many within our community. This endeavor is worthy of commendation.

Since the opening of the University of Michigan Medical School in 1850, Michigan Medicine has been the site of many transformative medical and technological advancements. Since its humble beginnings, Michigan Medicine has grown to become one of the largest health care complexes in the state of Michigan. Today, the institution continues to advance the future of healthcare and lead the nation in health care reform, education, and biomedical innovation.

The groundbreaking of Michigan Medicine’s new hospital exemplifies the institution’s lasting commitment to meeting the increasingly complex health care demands of communities across Michigan. The new 12-story facility will include a revolutionary neurological and neurosurgical center, specialty care services for cardiovascular and thoracic patients, and 264 private rooms equipped with universal intensive care. Measuring around 690,000 square feet, the hospital will expand Michigan Medicine’s breadth of services and significantly heighten access to medical care community-wide.

Notably, the new facility aligns with the University of Michigan’s commitment to enhancing environmental sustainability and continued efforts to reduce the institution’s carbon footprint. Working alongside a team of expert architects and engineers, Michigan Medicine hopes the new hospital will be a highly efficient “green” facility and achieve LEED gold status.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the groundbreaking of Michigan Medicine’s new hospital. It is critical that healthcare providers adapt to meet the changing medical needs of communities nationwide. I am grateful for Michigan’s support in this endeavor. Their revolutionary vision propels our country forward and truly makes them part of our nation’s leaders and best.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

SPEECH OF

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with affection in memoriam of Congressman Elijah E. Cummings of Baltimore, Maryland. He was a man for our time.

Today, I join a grateful nation in honoring the life, as well as, mourning the death of an exceptional American, a man of deep faith in his creator and fellow human beings. As I learned of Elijah’s passing, I was deeply saddened by the loss of such a magnanimous human being, a devoted patriot, and a man whose heart for others never stopped beating. During my tenure in the House of Representatives, I had the honor to serve alongside Elijah for over 23 years, but it is the greatest privilege of all to call him my friend. All Members who served with him know this similar affinity. The word great is often overused, but Elijah was truly a great man. He served his district in a way that made clear to everyone his unshakable love for the City of Baltimore and its people. His love was enduring. His service and passion touched those of us serving in any capacity.

A graduate of Howard University in 1973, Elijah received his bachelor’s in political science and served as the student government president. Following the completion of his undergraduate degree, he attended the University of Maryland where he studied law, which led to two-decades of legal practice in the private sector. Elijah also served as the Chief Judge on the Maryland Moot Court, where he aided law students in their studies on appellate casework.

Prior to winning his election to the House of Representatives in 1996, in 1982, at only 31 years old, Elijah became the youngest chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus in the Maryland House of Delegates. With not only an impressive 16 years to show for this service, he successfully climbed the ranks to become the first African American to serve as Speaker pro tem—one of the many groundbreaking milestones in his illustrious career. As a trailblazer, Elijah advocated for economic and racial justice, and human rights. He was constantly working to improve the condition of his community that had been devastated by the loss of over 30,000 steel jobs, which brought about great despair. Elijah persevered for his people and community using every opportunity to revitalize and to improve his hometown.

Joining the House of Representatives in 1996, Elijah became the Representative for the seventh district in Maryland, serving and dedicated to Baltimore and its suburbs. He was truly a crusader, as he tirelessly fought as an advocate against drug abuse, gun violence, and a visionary for home ownership for all and labor unions—issues that so deeply impact our nation and his district. Amid racial conflict in his home city, Elijah was able to stand above the fray in such a riot-torn landscape and bring peace and reason. As a man who lived by example, his mantra of standing up for one’s beliefs was reflected through his years of diligent service and his grace under fire.