

healthcare option to control costs. Additionally, Representative Conyers also championed the issue of reparations by introducing a bill to establish a commission to study the effect of slavery and race relations in America, which he fought for consideration every year.

His fight for justice also extended to international issues, as well. Mr. Conyers was an early leader in the anti-Vietnam War movement, in addition to the anti-Iraq War movement. He was also a vocal opponent of South Africa's apartheid policies. Congressman Conyers joined Congressman Ron Dellums and other CBC Members in confronting President Nixon about imposing sanctions against South Africa. When it became clear he would not act, Congressman Conyers joined Congressman Dellums in introducing legislation to that end and was even arrested at a protest in front of the South African embassy.

He impacted so many people in his district and throughout the country. America is a better country today because of the legislative and advocacy work of Representative John Conyers, Jr.

CONGRATULATING THE BREESE
MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL BOYS'
GOLF TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of the Breese Mater Dei High School boys' golf team, which recently brought home the Illinois Class 1A state championship.

It was a very closely contested tournament October 19 to 20 at Prairie Vista Golf Course in Bloomington. At the end of the first round, the Mater Dei Knights found themselves trailing Carmi-White County's 320 score at the top of the leaderboard by a single stroke, with Belleville Althoff Catholic one shot behind them in third place.

In the second—and final—round, Mater Dei and Althoff both shot 322, while Carmi-White County carded a 347 total to fall out of contention. The Knights' 643 gave them a one-stroke victory over their rivals from Althoff and the school's second state golf title. Long-time Coach Dennis Trame also led Mater Dei to the Class A championship in 1993.

My hearty congratulations go to Coach Trame and team members Carter Goebel, Grant Goebel, Nathan Rivera, Ian Berndsen, Blake Kloeckner, and Tanner Gerdes, as well as to Athletic Director Ron Schadegg and Principal Dennis Litteken.

Madam Speaker, these student-athletes have represented themselves, their school, and their community in the best tradition of high school athletics. I wish them all continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 23, 2019 dur-

ing roll call no. 579, On Ordering the Previous Question, H. Res. 650, Providing for consideration of H.R. 4617, the Stopping Harmful Interference in Elections for a Lasting Democracy Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 580, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 650, Providing for consideration of H.R. 4617, the Stopping Harmful Interference in Elections for a Lasting Democracy Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 581, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 4617, Lesko of Arizona Part B Amendment No. 2. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 582, On Motion to Recommend with Instructions, H.R. 4617, SHIELD Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 583, On Passage, H.R. 4617, SHIELD Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 584, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 777, Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act of 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM R. TIMMONS, IV

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Mr. TIMMONS. Madam Speaker, I missed votes last week (10/21 to 10/23) due to full-time military duties with the South Carolina Air National Guard. Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 568; YEA on Roll Call No. 569; YEA on Roll Call No. 570; NAY on Roll Call No. 571; NAY on Roll Call No. 572; YEA on Roll Call No. 573; NAY on Roll Call No. 574; YEA on Roll Call No. 575; YEA on Roll Call No. 576; NAY on Roll Call No. 577; YEA on Roll Call No. 578; NAY on Roll Call No. 579; NAY on Roll Call No. 580; YEA on Roll Call No. 581; YEA on Roll Call No. 582; NAY on Roll Call No. 583; and YEA on Roll Call No. 584.

CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF
MINOCK-WHITLOCK PARK

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Minock-Whitlock Park as the residents of Detroit celebrate its opening.

The residents of Detroit's Warrendale neighborhood have worked tirelessly to open a community park. We owe special thanks to the Matney family for their leadership in this project. The goal of creating a community gathering space that can be enjoyed by all community members has been realized. Minock-Whitlock Park will be an asset to the neighborhood and the community at-large, emphasizing the importance of coming together as a community.

Please join me in tribute to the Detroit residents who made this park possible in honor of the grand opening of Minock-Whitlock Park.

FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE
COORDINATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1306, the "Federal Disaster Assistance Coordination Act."

H.R. 1306 amends the Disaster Recovery Reform Act to help federal agencies streamline and consolidate information collection and Preliminary Damage Assessments following disasters.

H.R. 1306 also establishes a federal working group to identify areas of overlap in performing the assessments used to administer disaster assistance for individuals, households, states, tribes, and territories.

It is critical for the United States Congress to stand with the women and men who have been affected by disasters across the United States.

In 2017, Hurricane Harvey dumped a record 275 trillion pounds of rain on the Houston area.

An estimated 13 million people were affected, nearly 135,000 homes damaged or destroyed in the historic flooding, and up to a million cars were wrecked.

This year, Tropical Storm Imelda has dumped 10 inches of rain in Houston, and at least 40 inches of rain in other parts of southeast Texas, making it one of the wettest storms in history.

These natural disasters represent the importance of H.R. 1306 to properly mitigate disaster relief services and provide appropriate assistance to impacted communities.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 1306 to help federal agencies streamline information collection and damage assessments following disasters.

HUNTERDON HELPLINE'S 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM MALINOWSKI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hunterdon Helpline's 50th Anniversary, a valuable and important organization serving Hunterdon County, Somerset County and beyond.

Hunterdon Helpline offers a wide array of services, including Literacy Services for adult learners, Workconnectivity to connect employees to employers, senior and disability programs for socialization and well-being, the Community Translation Center to assist those whose first language is other than English, 24-Hour Homeless Response in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties; compassionate listening; suicide prevention; and First Assist, a comprehensive information and referral service offered 24-7, 365 days of the year.

Special commendations are extended to a host of volunteers who continue to give generously of their time, energy and resources to Hunterdon Helpline through their invaluable efforts as members of the Board of Trustees,

fundraisers, senior callers and visitors, literacy instructors, office assistance, and as outreach speakers and presenters.

I am proud of the tireless work Hunterdon Helpline does for the people of New Jersey's 7th Congressional District.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST INTERNET MESSAGE

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, today I rise to mark the 50th anniversary of the first message sent over the early internet and the important role played by the University of California, Los Angeles.

On this day in 1969, the team working on the Advanced Research Projects Agency Network, or ARPANET, led by Professor Leonard Kleinrock, attempted to send a login command to the Stanford Research Institute in Menlo Park, California. After sending and confirming receipt of the first two letters, "l" and "o", the attempt to send a "g" crashed Stanford's computer.

And so, the first message sent over a computer network turned out to be unintentionally meaningful: "LO" as in "Lo and behold." As Kleinrock said, "We didn't plan it, but we couldn't have come up with a better message: short and prophetic."

Kleinrock developed the mathematical theory that would facilitate packet switching as a graduate student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The ability of a network to transmit signals in discrete bundles of information instead of through a single burst underpinned much of the way the world communicates today. One erratic connection from one end of California to the other gave way to trillions of bytes of data flowing around the world every second.

As one of four Members of Congress who majored in computer science, I would like to recognize the contributions of Dr. Kleinrock and the UCLA Samueli School of Engineering for laying the foundations for information sharing and communication in the 21st century and the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, regrettably, I was unable to attend the vote series for October 28, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 585, H.R. 2440 Full Utilization of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Act, and YEA on Roll Call No. 586, H.R. 2115 Public Disclosure of Drug Discounts Act.

HONORING THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church, a house of worship in Detroit, Michigan, as its members celebrate the church's one hundred fortieth anniversary, as well as Pastor Reverend Richard E. Robinson's twenty-five years in ministry.

Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church was founded in 1879 under the leadership of Dr. Theol Emil Hardrat. The church and congregation quickly turned their focus to providing schooling for children. Throughout changes in leadership and building changes, the church and its school have persevered. Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church has created a lasting legacy of prayer, praise, fellowship, and mutual aid that continues today under the leadership of pastor Reverend Richard E. Robinson. His twenty-five year career in ministry brought him to serve the Saint John congregation, where he has touched the lives of many. Whether praying for a good harvest, celebrating love in marriage, or marking the passing of a dear friend and loved one from this world, the members of Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church have drawn strength from each other.

Please join me in tribute to Reverend Richard E. Robinson and the members of Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church on this important milestone.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 due to a family matter. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 4617. As a cosponsor of this legislation, I believe it would create critical safeguards to protect our elections. I would also have voted in favor of H.R. 777, which would reauthorize a key DNA backlog grant program.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL DANE W. POWELL

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today I recognize Colonel Dane W. Powell of the Mississippi Army National Guard for his extraordinary dedication and service to our Nation. Colonel Powell will soon retire from an impressive 33-year career.

Colonel Powell, a lifelong Mississippian, joined the Mississippi Army National Guard in 1986 after his graduation from the University

of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He is currently serving as the State Army Aviation Officer at Joint Force Headquarters for the Mississippi Army National Guard. His military service took him all around the world to areas including South Korea, Japan, St. Croix, Columbia, Barbados, and Uzbekistan. He was deployed to Iraq in 2004 to serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom II. During his career, Colonel Powell received many accolades for his outstanding service, including the Bronze Star Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

After retirement, Colonel Powell will continue his passion for flying as a pilot for PHI Air Medical and will fly for AirCare through the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. He will wed his fiancée Lea Pentecost and looks forward to spending time with his children, London Addison Powell, Dane Whitney Powell II, Douglas Alexander Pentecost, and Carson Reese Pentecost.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service and sacrifice of a fellow Mississippian, Colonel Dane W. Powell. I wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING MR. EGON J. SALMON

HON. MAX ROSE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Mr. ROSE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary courage and sacrifice of Egon J. Salmon, a veteran of World War II, on the 80th anniversary of his first attempt to flee Nazi Germany to the United States.

Egon J. Salmon was born on June 4, 1924, in Rheydt, Germany, near the borders of Holland and Belgium. When Egon was nine years old, Adolf Hitler became Chancellor of Germany, leading Egon to face mounting anti-Semitism throughout his schooling, particularly with the passage of the 1935 Nuremberg Laws. On Nov. 9, 1938, Egon was an eyewitness to Kristallnacht, the night of broken glass, when more than 250 synagogues in Germany were destroyed.

Egon's father Paul, who fought in the cavalry for the Kaiser in World War I and owned a major textile firm, was rounded up and arrested along with 30,000 Jewish men. He was taken by the Nazi SS to Dachau, the first Nazi concentration camp, and was released four weeks later on the condition that he immediately leave Germany. Paul entered the United States on a visitor's visa but was placed on a waiting list for a permanent visa. He then left for Cuba to await the arrival of his wife and two children in hopes of returning to the United States.

While Paul waited in Cuba for the family's U.S. quota number to be called, Egon, his mother Erna and 9-year-old sister, Edith, booked passage on the SS *St. Louis* to Havana on May 13, 1939. They were not permitted to disembark and on June 4th, Egon spent his 15th birthday watching the lights of Miami while the ship was sent back to Nazi Germany. No country, including the United States, would accept the Jewish refugees. They were finally given haven in Brussels,