

in the community, to enable more students to borrow books from the library and to collaborate with class room teachers on how to improve literacy among their students.

She has already established new reading programs at Ricks Library such as preschool reading times in the morning, and story times and other children's activities in the afternoon. She is also planning to make visits to many child care centers and schools to promote literacy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Harriet Smith for her passion and dedication to serving our great Country, desiring to make a difference in the community and preparing children for the future.

HONORING THE REMARKABLE
LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF
MS. SHIRLEY CAYLOR

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration and respect that I stand before you today to honor Ms. Shirley Caylor and to wish her well upon her retirement. For her lifetime of inspiring service to those most in need, she is worthy of the highest praise. Throughout her noteworthy and important career, Shirley's compassionate work has been a beacon of hope for the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond.

In 1971, Shirley Caylor and her late husband, Reverend Capp, founded the Youth Crisis Center, which later became "Crisis Center, Inc., a Youth Service Bureau." The organization began as a youth-based crisis and suicide hotline and remains active today, operating as part of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. This hotline has helped thousands of people during its forty-five years of operation and was where Shirley began her lifetime of service.

Under the outstanding leadership of Shirley and Reverend Capp, the Crisis Center continued to grow and expand its services and programs. In 1974, they added a community counseling center, and in 1976, Alternative House, a short-term shelter for homeless, abused, or neglected youth was established. The Crisis Center also added the Teen Court program to its growing list of services in 1989. This innovative intervention program works to assist teenagers who have been brought into the juvenile detention system by allowing them to serve as jurors. Later, in 2016, Ms. Caylor opened Promises, the Crisis Center's first long-term care residential program for teenagers. Additionally, Ms. Caylor and Reverend Capp worked tirelessly to ensure that the National Safe Place program was available to Lake and Porter County residents through the Crisis Center, as well as to the Hoosiers statewide through the Indiana Youth Services Association. This program provides easy access to emergency shelter, counseling, and other types of assistance. Today, the Crisis Center's Safe Place program includes three hundred and seventy-six safe place locations.

I respect Shirley Caylor with all my heart. In the truest sense of the word, she is a servant of all, but especially of the most vulnerable.

When one reads Isaiah 58:10, one is compelled to think of Shirley Caylor: "And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." Her light has illuminated our way. Her life is one we should emulate.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other colleagues join me in honoring Shirley Caylor for her extraordinary career and service to the youth of Northwest Indiana and to wish her well upon her retirement. Shirley's impact on the region will be witnessed by generations to come, and for her many contributions, she is worthy of our utmost gratitude and appreciation.

HONORING BRONX BETHANY
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 55TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I want to take the opportunity to recognize a special religious institution in my district which is celebrating its 55th Anniversary this year, the Bronx Bethany Church of the Nazarene.

Bronx Bethany Church has a storied history. In the early 1960's, a small group of Jamaican nationals migrated to the United States and settled in the Bronx. They searched for a church where they could worship and have a sense of belonging. They attempted to become members of a church in York City but were rejected because of their ethnicity. Despite their disappointments, and instead of cursing the dark, they lit a candle deciding to gather together for worship in their homes. The decision was made within the group to start a church. Rev. V. Seymour Cole was introduced to the group by a mutual friend. The small group subsequently asked Rev. Cole to shepherd them. Having studied in the Midwest, he was familiar with the Church of the Nazarene and recommended affiliation with the denomination.

In 1964, with 21 charter members, Bronx Bethany Church was formally organized and became affiliated with the Church of the Nazarene. In the first 13 years of the church, Rev. Cole commuted from Connecticut—approximately 60 miles each way—in order to ensure the establishment of the fledgling church. Rev. Cole tirelessly and effectively pastored this congregation for 36 years before retiring and turning over the pulpit in 2000 to Rev. Dr. Samuel Vassel. Dr. Vassel was installed as Pastor in September 2000 and has continued the legacy of rich Bible preaching. The Church continues to grow spiritually and numerically, and God has gifted our community with an abundance of gifts.

Madam Speaker, on this special occasion, I want to congratulate Dr. Vassel and the entire congregation of Bronx Bethany Church on 55 amazing years in the Bronx.

RECOGNIZING DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In my home state of Texas, we are unfortunately deeply familiar with the tragedies involved in domestic violence. Families have been broken apart, and people have lost their lives to the scourge of domestic violence. We have the duty to do more to protect the most vulnerable members of our communities.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 1 in 5 adult women and about 1 in 7 adult men are reported to have experienced severe physical violence from an intimate partner. In the state of Texas, one in three adult Texans have experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime, according to a study by the Institute of Domestic and Sexual Assault at the University of Texas at Austin.

As representatives of Americans from all corners of our country, we know that domestic violence is not unique to any one part of our nation. It is widespread and engrossing, and our response to it must also measure up to the significance of the challenge. Americans today need protections and assistance to recover from domestic violence, so that they may achieve full and prosperous lives.

Congress must uphold our sacred obligation to protect the millions of victims and survivors who need and deserve our whole-hearted and full support. Therefore, I am proud to support Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPLARY
CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE FILI-
PINO PEOPLE TO THE COMMU-
NITY OF GUAM IN CELEBRATION
OF FILIPINO AMERICAN MONTH

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to rise today in celebration of Filipino American History Month. During this month of October, we take the time to recognize and commend the innumerable contributions of our Filipino-Americans. As Filipino American History Month comes to an end, it is important that we reflect on the historical events that have enriched our island and our country into prosperity.

The island of Guam and the Philippine nation share a mirrored colonial history, having both been under Spanish rule for hundreds of years and later governed by the United States. At the end of World War II seventy-five years ago, many Filipinos left their families and their homes to help rebuild Guam from the destruction left by the Imperial Japanese's three-year occupation of the island. Filipinos continue to bring their expertise in construction and labor to the island in the wake of man-made and natural disasters, for this we are grateful.

Today, Filipinos on Guam remain a true pillar of our community. They continue to play

vital roles by providing professional and economic support in the fields of healthcare, education, and infrastructure. With Filipinos proudly being the second largest ethnic demographic on Guam, one can easily discover unique Filipino hubs filled with Filipino cuisine, fashion, and pop culture throughout Guam. Furthermore, their significant contributions are evidenced through the many community organizations formed for the benefit of charity, education assistance, and goodwill.

The peoples of the Philippines and Guam's shared history, culture, and traditions will forever bind us. Our shared pursuit of the CHamoru cultural foundation of harmony and striving to do good for all, (*inafa'maolek*) has been easily achieved and manifested in the melting pot of Guam due to the strong relationship fostered by the Filipino Community in Guam and the people of Guam.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to reflect upon the rich history & contributions of Filipino-Americans. Throughout America's history, present, and future, the Filipino community has played and will continue to play a major role in enriching the quality of life for the people of the United States, and for their outstanding contributions they are worthy of our respect and gratitude. On behalf of the People of Guam, I extend our great thanks (*un dangkulu na Si Yu'us ma'ase*) to all Filipinos in Guam and across our nation.

RECOGNIZING NATTY ELIAS

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the accomplishments of Ms. Natty Elias, the founder and President of Healthtex Distributors.

Over 30 years ago, Ms. Elias, took special interest in the large influx of Hispanics arriving to South Florida from Latin America. Having immigrated herself in the early 1960's from her native Cuba, Ms. Elias understood immigrant desire and nostalgia for products from their homeland. It was with this understanding and with the goal to fill that need that she launched Healthtex Distributors.

Despite initial push back from American retailers, Ms. Elias eventually grew her business from one product line into nearly 2,000 products imported from over a dozen countries around the world. Today, Healthtex Distributors is the largest distributor of Hispanic products in the state of Florida and her products are sold at over 4,000 stores across the country.

Through years of hard work and dedication, Ms. Elias has distinguished herself as one of the leading business women in our South Florida community.

HONORING CPL. MORRIS D. LINK

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to honor the life of an American hero,

Corporal Morris D. Link, who is buried at the historic cemetery at St. Paul's Church in Mount Vernon, New York.

A Mount Vernon native, Cpl. Link served in World War I with the legendary 369th Infantry, an all-black regiment known as the Harlem Hellfighters, and was killed in action, receiving the French War Cross. Early on the morning of July 15, 1918, the 369th came under heavy artillery bombardment, part of the Second Battle of the Marne, as the French struggled to hold off a German offensive. The shells fell with particular ferocity on the front-line trenches, which were held by Link and soldiers of the regiment's Company K. Cpl. Link was among four soldiers killed in the action. Link was one of 85 Mt. Vernon soldiers killed during World War I. The city planted trees in honor of each of the fallen, and the sapling commemorating Link was based on Wallace Avenue at the intersection with Westchester Avenue.

Cpl. Link was one of the unit's earliest volunteers. He was born in North Carolina in 1883 and moved to Mount Vernon in the early 20th century where he lived with his wife Lizzie. Following his death in combat, Cpl. Link was interred in a French military cemetery, though three years later his remains were brought back to Mount Vernon for final burial. Cpl. Link's final resting place is memorialized with a veteran's stone.

October 12th of this year marks the 100th Anniversary of Cpl. Link's reinterment into the Mount Vernon Saint Paul Cemetery. Madam Speaker, on this solemn occasion, I am privileged to honor the memory of Cpl. Morris Link and all of the veterans who served and lost their lives from Mount Vernon and throughout my district. We owe them an eternal debt.

PREVENTING ONLINE SALES OF E-CIGARETTES TO CHILDREN ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak on H.R. 3942, the Preventing Online Sales of E-Cigarettes to Children Act. As the Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, which has jurisdiction over the Food and Drug Administration's regulation of tobacco products, I ardently support efforts to protect America's youth from a life of tobacco use, nicotine addiction, and its negative consequences.

It is an unfortunate reality that nearly all tobacco use begins during youth and young adulthood. Research shows that 95 percent of adult smokers begin smoking before age 21 and 80 percent start before age 18. This is alarming to me, and should be alarming to everyone, because this is a crucial period for brain development. More worrisome is the fact that adolescent brains are more sensitive to nicotine, therefore young people may be more likely to develop a dependence on nicotine than adults.

In recent years, online sales for e-cigarette products, including flavored e-cigarette products that are appealing to kids, are putting a new generation at risk of a lifetime of chronic health conditions and disease associated with

nicotine addiction. Further, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns that e-cigarette products can contain other harmful substances besides nicotine. Other than a few clicks of the mouse, we have few meaningful barriers to stop young Americans from purchasing these tobacco products online.

That is why I support efforts to stop the flow of online tobacco sales. And while H.R. 3942 would require online age verification for the purchase and delivery of certain tobacco products, among other things, I believe this bill does not go far enough. If our aim is to prevent youth from purchasing these products online, then I firmly believe we should enact a complete ban against remote retail sales of all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes and e-cigarette accessories. This would mean that individuals wishing to purchase tobacco products would have to do so in a face to face setting, providing a stronger barrier to youth purchase.

We should not focus alone on online sales though if our goal is to help reduce youth access and attraction to tobacco. I also believe we should take the following additional steps; raising the purchasing age to 21, enacting an across the board ban on all flavored tobacco products, including mint and menthol, and restricting the ability of tobacco and e-cigarette manufacturers to utilize deceptive marketing tactics to hook a new generation. That is why, this fall, I intend to move legislation I have authored—H.R. 2339, the Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic of 2019—that contains these provisions among others. Taken together I believe these provisions would be the most meaningful step forward in working to reverse the damaging youth tobacco epidemic that is underway.

We are in a complicated epidemic of youth e-cigarette use, and this complex problem calls for a comprehensive, multifaceted solution. I thank my colleagues for offering up tools to fix the abundance of youth tobacco use, but believe we must take every step possible, including prohibiting all non-face-to-face sales in order to address this public health crisis.

CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION OF THE PROUD TO TAKE STAND MONUMENT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the unveiling of the Proud to Take Stand Monument in Natchez, Mississippi.

I would like to recognize the State of Mississippi and the City of Natchez for their efforts in establishing the monument, which sits on the southwest corner of the Natchez City Auditorium at Jefferson and Canal streets.

The Proud to Take Stand Monument honors 486 civil rights activists who were arrested for attempting to protest segregation, discrimination and mistreatment by white leaders in October of 1965. The group was forced by local authorities onto buses and charged with "parading without permit," a local ordinance later ruled unconstitutional. The activists were taken to the Mississippi State Penitentiary in