

the sole purpose of recognizing and thanking those who put their lives on the line on behalf of our communities.

This is exactly the type of initiative that represents the true values of the good people in my district. While I am humbled by, and grateful for, their efforts, I am not surprised by this true reflection of their priorities and their character.

The often thankless undertakings of our men and women in public safety are what keep the fabric of our great nation together by saving our lives, protecting our property and providing peace of mind in an often chaotic world. On behalf of the people of Northeast Georgia, I want to thank the Rotary Club of Jasper and Georgia Mountains Hospice for making Public Safety Employees a priority.

HONORING THE ADIRONDACK DAILY ENTERPRISE'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor The Adirondack Daily Enterprise on their 125th year in operation.

Charles W. Lansing of Plattsburgh and Carl D. Smith of Malone established the Adirondack Enterprise in 1895 and on February 21st of that year, the first issue of the paper was published. Through mergers with other papers and continual improvement, they soon became one of the preeminent newspapers in northern New York. They have seen highs and lows over the years notably, when the Harriestown Town Hall, which housed the paper, burned to the ground. Despite this setback, the paper continued to publish uninterrupted. In 1926, from their historic headquarters at the Old Enterprise Building, the Adirondack Enterprise ramped up to daily publication and became the institution we know today. The Adirondack Daily Enterprise remains a historic institution in the North Country. It is the only daily paper to serve the Adirondack Region, delivering important local news so that residents can stay informed about their community.

On behalf on New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate the Adirondack Daily Enterprise team for reaching this historic milestone. Local news outlets are an important component of the long-term health of a community and I look forward to them continuing to serve in that role into the future.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT MAJOR MICHAEL GRINSTON ON HIS SELECTION TO BECOME THE SIXTEENTH SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE U.S. ARMY

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Sergeant Major Michael Grinston on his selection to become the sixteenth Sergeant Major of the United States Army.

Having grown up in Jasper, Alabama, in Alabama's Fourth Congressional District, Sergeant Major of the Army Grinston enlisted in the Army in 1987 to serve as an artilleryman. During his thirty-two years in the Army, his deployments included two tours each to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, as well as Desert Shield/Desert Storm and a deployment to Kosovo. He also served as the senior enlisted leader for the Army's first deployment of a division headquarters, with the First Infantry Division, in support of Operation Inherent Resolve from October 2014 to June 2015.

In addition to serving as the I Corps Command Sergeant Major, Sergeant Major of the Army Grinston most recently served as the senior enlisted leader for U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), the U.S. Army's largest command. He is a combat veteran who has served in every level of leadership from gunner to his current role as the United States Army's senior enlisted leader.

His awards and decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (two awards), and five Bronze Stars (two with "V" devices). He has earned the Ranger tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, and the Combat Action Badge.

Sergeant Major of the Army Grinston earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from the University of Maryland University College.

Madam Speaker, it is a great privilege to recognize such an accomplished and dedicated leader. I join his family, friends and colleagues in wishing him the greatest success in this new role.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VETERANS LEGAL SUPPORT ACT OF 2019

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Veterans Legal Support Act of 2019, which would allow the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide support to law school clinical programs that provide pro bono legal and support services to veterans, including assistance with disability claims and appeals and foreclosures. There are already at least 22 law schools that have clinics devoted to veterans' legal needs, including the William & Mary Law School Veterans Benefits Clinic, which serves as a national model for this idea and was the first recipient of a "best practice" certification from the VA. There are many other law schools, such as the University of the District of Columbia's David A. Clarke School of Law, that are interested in starting their own VA-certified clinics.

More than 400,000 veterans are waiting for their disability claims to be processed by the VA. With the assistance of lawyers and law professors, clinical programs provide free legal resources to assist veterans in processing their claims. My bill would merely build on what some law schools have begun to do for the last several years. More needs to be done to sustain and increase these programs.

I was a tenured professor of law and continued to teach one seminar after being elected

to Congress. I saw the expert assistance that clinical programs provide.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill, a concrete measure that would assist our veterans, who have repeatedly put their lives on the line for this country.

RECOGNIZING AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion Auxiliary, the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization.

The American Legion Auxiliary is a premier service organization that has been a vital asset to our community. By providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families, the American Legion Auxiliary shapes a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, and peace.

Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary boasts almost one million members from a range of different backgrounds. This past year, the organization oversaw more than 40 million volunteer hours and raised \$37 million for charities across the US.

Specifically, the American Legion Auxiliary's West Michigan chapter, Roger B. Chaffee Post 154, has been a pillar in our community through their support of veterans, sponsorship of local events, and youth development. Their tireless work has dramatically increased the quality of life for veterans and their families across West Michigan.

The post gets their name from the late Roger B. Chaffee, an American naval officer, aeronautical engineer, and NASA astronaut in the Apollo program. Roger B. Chaffee grew up in West Michigan and graduated from Central High School in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he excelled in academics and became an Eagle Scout. Sadly, Roger perished in the Apollo 1 fire on January 27, 1967, but his legacy continues to live on throughout our country and in West Michigan.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the American Legion Auxiliary and the Roger B. Chaffee Post 154 for their 100 years of dedicated service to veterans throughout our country and in West Michigan.

CONGRATULATING YOUNG AMERICA'S FOUNDATION ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR FOUNDING

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, today I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the Young America's Foundation (YAF) on 50 successful years of promoting Conservative ideals to the youth of our Nation.

Beginning in 1969 at Vanderbilt University, YAF has shaped itself as the preeminent organization in promoting and defending American

values. In 1974, the organization began its fruitful relationship with then-Governor Ronald Reagan, asking him to take on a nationally syndicated radio program. President Reagan continued his strong support of YAF by hosting the organization's annual summer student conference at the White House from 1981 until 1988. In gratitude to this giant of American Conservatism, YAF saved and took ownership of the colloquially-dubbed "Western White House" in 1998, using it as a space of learning for our Nation's Conservative-minded youths.

YAF's incredible grassroots success is a direct result of investing in the future of America. Young people are provided with seminars, conferences, educational materials, access to prominent speakers in the Conservative movement, and internships. I saw YAF's broad impact firsthand when asked to speak to their student audiences this past July at the organization's National High School Leadership Conference. It was inspiring to see so many young people devoted to carrying on the legacy of President Reagan and our Nation's founding values. So long as YAF continues its vocation of service to our Nation's youth, the future of America's Conservative movement remains bright.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Tenth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate the Young America's Foundation for 50 years of tireless advocacy on behalf of individual freedom, a strong national defense, free enterprise, and traditional values.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR DINA LONG

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Honorable Dina Long on her retirement this year as Mayor of Sea Bright, New Jersey. The Mayor's 17 years of service to Sea Bright are indicative of her dedication to the community and her leadership is highly deserving of this body's recognition.

Following three terms on the Sea Bright Borough Council, Mayor Long was elected as mayor and began her term on January 1, 2012. Less than 10 months later, Superstorm Sandy struck New Jersey, devastating several coastal communities, including Sea Bright. Leading the recovery efforts, Mayor Long established important partnerships within the community and state to bolster resources and programs available to the town and its residents. Her vision, determination and proactive response helped rebuild and revitalize the town.

Mayor Long has been an outstanding public servant, receiving commendations for her leadership. Her tireless efforts in the wake of Superstorm Sandy earned her an appointment as a local Advisory Group member on the President's Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force, a Telly Award and an American Shore & Beach Preservation Association Local Government Award. As a speaker and panelist, she has shared her insight and experiences with several organizations and institutions such as Brookdale Community College

Women in Learning and Leadership, the Jewish Foundation of Monmouth County Sandy Teen Fellows Program and the NJ Council of Grantmakers, among many others.

In addition to her service to the Borough of Sea Bright, Mayor Long has also established a successful career as an educator, teaching at Brookdale Community College and previously at Rutgers University, her undergraduate alma mater. She also holds a master's degree from The New School.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Mayor Dina Long on her retirement. Her impact on the Sea Bright community is evident and serves as an example of what steadfast commitment and perseverance can accomplish.

HONORING THE CAREER AND SERVICE OF MAYOR PAUL DYSTER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of city of Niagara Falls mayor, Paul Dyster, as he prepares to step down from public office. Mayor Dyster has served his community with dignity and consistently strived to revitalize Niagara Falls. He leaves behind an outstanding legacy of progress and growth in his community.

Mayor Dyster began his political career in 2000, when he was elected to the Niagara Falls City Council and served for three years. In 2006, the Niagara Gazette named Paul Dyster "Citizen of the Year." That same year the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center granted him the "Good Neighbor Award." Mayor Dyster has often taken his leadership outside of politics as a youth mentor, serving as scoutmaster of Boy Scouts of America Troop 801 and Whirlpool Little League basketball coach for a season.

In 2017, Mayor Dyster won the hotly contested mayoral race and was subsequently re-elected in 2011 and 2015. I have had the pleasure of working closely with Mayor Dyster throughout his three terms in office as he made great advancements to the City of Niagara Falls and contributed to the revitalization of the city. He saw to the completion of a new courthouse and public safety building, as well as a new Amtrak train station. He restored the historic customhouse in Niagara Falls and began the destruction of the Niagara Falls Scenic Parkway to begin development of New Niagara Gorge State Park. All these accomplishments made Niagara Falls a more desirable destination for visitors and for residents.

Mayor Dyster strives to better the world outside of his mayoral duties and will continue to do so after his term is over. Environmental causes are near to his heart which is evidenced by his roles as Board Emeritus for Buffalo-Niagara Riverkeeper, spokesman for the Niagara River Environmental Coalition, and as a founding member of the Niagara Waterfront Revitalization Task force.

Mayor Dyster is, in his own words, a servant leader who has always promoted the revitalization and preservation of his community. His work always emphasizes community activism, restoration, and conservation. In his time away

from public office, he will be able to focus on his other passions, home brewing and fishing, and quality time with his wife Rebecca and sons, Ian and Bert. I have no doubt that he will remain dedicated to serving his community in other roles. As he steps down from the office he has occupied for over a decade, he leaves big shoes to fill.

VETERAN TRANSITIONAL HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Veteran Transitional Health Care Improvement Act, which would provide veterans one year of VA health care after they separate from active service in the Armed Forces or from active status with the National Guard or Reserve. By providing health coverage during this transition period, our nation can better assist veterans to succeed as they move into civilian life.

The transition to civilian life presents a number of challenges for veterans and their families. Figuring out their next steps in education, employment, housing, and health care is difficult. Our legislation, removes the burden of health care, at least during that critical first year of re-entry.

Knowing they have this coverage, including the mental health care that can be so important during transition, will free veterans to focus on re-establishing their family relationships and finding a new career.

Our bill requires the VA, the Pentagon, and the Department of Labor all to make sure that veterans are well informed about their eligibility for this transitional health care coverage.

The Veteran Transitional Health Care Improvement Act will help the over one million men and women serving our country in the active and reserve components including those from my district, the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Act has the endorsement of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Reserve Officers Association.

The gentlelady from American Samoa, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, is an original cosponsor of the bill.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE BOB MAY

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a longtime friend and mentor, Bob May, on his numerous achievements and contributions to our community, the State of Missouri, and our extraordinary country.

Originally from Champaign, Illinois, Bob joined the United States Navy in 1953, where he served four years as an Electricians Mate on a U.S. Atlantic Fleet Destroyer. After his stint with the U.S. Navy, Bob began his career