

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROTECTING CONSUMERS FROM MARKET MANIPULATION ACT

**HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2019*

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce the Protecting Consumers from Market Manipulation Act, which guards against market manipulation in a range of industries by strengthening the separation of banking and commerce.

For decades, federal banking regulation has established a separation between banking and commerce. This longstanding doctrine—a fundamental underpinning of the Bank Holding Company Act (BHCA)—is spurred by the belief that banks should not use their leverage as financial actors to game economic outcomes. Under the doctrine, banks may facilitate business through the extension and underwriting of loans, etc., but not through direct production or sale of goods. Commercial entities were purposefully walled off from the definition of banking in order to avoid conflicts of interests between the actors and operators of markets.

Now is a crucial moment to strengthen the separation between banking and commerce, with tech giants like Facebook, Google, and Uber moving swiftly into financial services. We know we can't trust big monopolies with our financial information. The potential for collusion and manipulation of outcomes is just too great. This bill will keep tech companies and other large non-financial companies from deriving more than 5 percent of their annual revenue from banking activity.

This bill also shores up the banking/commerce separation by limiting commodities ownership by commercial banks. When the lines between banking and commerce are blurred, monopolization and concentration are usually the result. Working people suffer the consequences, whether it's Big Tech undermining small businesses or big banks gouging consumers by manipulating the price of oil, aluminum, and electricity. We must protect consumers from big banks and big tech—and separate banking and commerce.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2019*

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I regretably missed the vote on H.R. 4634 Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization of 2019 on November 18, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 626.

HONORING LAURA CHAFFIN

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, the Holy Bible, the book of Mark, Chapter 12, Verse 30 says, "Love your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all of your strength." Those words sum up Laura Chaffin, her life.

An accident last year in Uganda took her voice and paralyzed her for a couple of trying weeks. She was there with her husband Bryan trying to put their family together. The Chaffin family is beside me right now. There is Laura, there is Bryan, and their three sons, Elijah, David, and Jonah.

If you think Laura felt pity when she was hurt, you are dead wrong. With a team of experts at TIRR at Memorial Hermann Hospital, and with the love of family and the love of Jesus Christ, she started talking and walking and teaching at Alvin ISD and cooking for her family. She became, again, a mom and a wife.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2019*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on November 18, 2019 for Roll Call Vote 625, Roll Call Vote 626, and Roll Call Vote 627. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 625, Yea on Roll Call Vote 626, and Yea on Roll Call Vote 627.

CONGRATULATING FIRST COMMONWEALTH FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ON RECEIPT OF THE MILESTONE AWARD

**HON. DANIEL MEUSER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2019*

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to congratulate First Commonwealth Federal Credit Union of Eastern Pennsylvania on receiving the Milestone Award from the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The Milestone Award is presented to a member of the chamber that has reached a significant landmark in business, a high point of superior commitment to the community and brings a notable measure of pride to The Chamber and the entire Lehigh Valley. First chartered in 1959 to serve the employees of Western Electric in Allentown, Pennsylvania as WeAllen Federal Credit Union, the First Commonwealth Federal Credit Union celebrates 60 years of service to the people of Eastern Pennsylvania this year. In the decades since its founding, FCFCU has expanded products and services, and opened membership to employees of several companies in the Lehigh Valley. Expanding their service to the

people of the Lehigh Valley, FCFCU has opened offices in Lehigh and Kutztown, now serving over 800 companies and their employees as the largest credit union in the Lehigh Valley.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating First Commonwealth Federal Credit Union on this great honor and thank them for their 60-years serving our community.

HONORING ALEXANDER C. MARTIN, ESQ.

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2019*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Alexander C. Martin, Esq. A native of Pott Gibson, Mississippi, Mr. Martin earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Alcorn State University, in 1979, and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1982.

Since its establishment, in 1994, Mr. Martin has served as the District Attorney for the State of Mississippi's 22nd Circuit Court District. He is the first African American to serve as District Attorney for the state of Mississippi, since Reconstruction. Prior to his position as District Attorney, Mr. Martin served as an attorney for Southwest and Central Mississippi Legal Services. In addition, he spent six years as a prosecutor for Claiborne County as well as an adjunct professor at his alma mater, Alcorn State University.

In 2006, Mr. Martin received the Legal Award from the Claiborne County Chapter of the NAACP.

Aside from his career, Mr. Martin has been heavily involved in his community. He currently serves as a deacon at First Baptist Church in Port Gibson. For seven years, he was an assistant scout master for Troop 100 of Boy Scouts of America, Andrew Jackson Council. Since 2005, Mr. Martin has been the public address announcer for football and basketball games at Port Gibson High School. He is also a former mock trial coach for Mississippi Bar Association and Magnolia Bar Association.

Mr. Martin is a member of several professional organizations, including the Mississippi Bar Association, Magnolia Bar Association, Mississippi Prosecutors Association, National District Attorneys Association, Copiah County Bar Association and Claiborne County Bar Association. He also serves on the Mississippi Prosecutors Association Board of Directors, Mississippi Center for Legal Services Board of Directors and the Claiborne County Preservation Commission.

Mr. Martin is married to Mrs. Karen Martin and is the proud father of four children: Joecephus, Alexander C. Martin II, Jamila and Jaron Anthony and five grandchildren: Miles, Anna Rose, Alexander III, August, and Elijah.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Alexander C. Martin, Esq.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2019*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with many other colleagues on the Congressional Hellenic Caucus to recognize and honor the many great deeds of the Daughters of Penelope on the organization's 90th Anniversary.

The Daughters of Penelope is a preeminent international women's service association and affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association. It was founded on November 16, 1929 in San Francisco, California. Today, it is a leading international organization of women of Hellenic descent and Philhellenes that works to improve the status and well-being of women and their families and to empower women to make significant contributions to their communities and our country.

The mission of the Daughters of Penelope is to promote the ideals of ancient Greece, philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, good citizenship, and family and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism. Over its history, the Daughters of Penelope has achieved remarkable accomplishments. The group has strengthened the status of women in society, sheltered the elderly and victims of domestic violence, educated our youth, promoted Hellenic heritage, and raised funds for medical research.

It is hard to ignore the positive impact the Daughters of Penelope has had in communities throughout the United States—including a strong presence in New Jersey's 6th Congressional District, where I am proud to represent two chapters, Aulis No. 195 in Asbury Park and Tethys No. 229 in New Brunswick. The Daughters of Penelope promotes awareness and provides financial support for many medical research and charitable organizations such as the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center (formerly the Papanicolaou Cancer Center), cancer and breast cancer research; Thalassaemia (Cooley's Anemia), Lymphangiomyomatosis (LAM), Alzheimer's Foundation, American Heart Association, Muscular Dystrophy, and many others.

Once again, I offer my sincere congratulations to the Daughters of Penelope for 90 years of incredible service to our country and its strong promotion of U.S.-Greek and U.S.-Cypriot relations. May its next 90 years be as prayerful, fulfilling, and successful as the last.

RECOGNIZING U.S. NAVY  
AIRCRAFT CARRIER MONTH

**HON. VICKY HARTZLER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2019*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of November as National U.S. Navy Aircraft Carrier Month.

Throughout the month, there are dozens of events and activities all across our country that highlight the critical role of these mighty warships in the past, present, and future of our national defense. I am proud to join in the celebration of National U.S. Navy Aircraft Carrier Month to honor the value, accomplishments, and contributions of U.S. Navy aircraft carriers, their air wings, and most importantly the men and women who serve aboard them.

The designation of November as the month of the year for National U.S. Navy Aircraft Carrier month is certainly no accident. In fact, November is full of historic milestones in the technological development of the modern nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and the contributions these ships have made to our country.

For example, naval aviation was born when Eugene Ely launched from the deck of a U.S. Navy ship in a Curtiss Model D aircraft on November 14, 1910, some 109 years ago this month. There are other examples of key naval aviation events occurring during the month of November as well, such as the commissioning of the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier (the USS *Enterprise*—CVN 65) in November 1961, the christening of the USS *Gerald R. Ford* (CVN 78) in November 2013, and the first arrested landing of the 5th Generation F-35C Lightning II aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Nimitz* (CVN 68) in November 2014.

While not in the month of November, I am nonetheless looking forward to the christening of CVN 79 *John F. Kennedy* next month in Virginia as the second ship of the *Gerald R. Ford*-class of aircraft carriers begins her march toward commissioning.

Madam Speaker, naval aviation and our fleet of aircraft carriers have a rich tradition of service to our nation. Like other components of our national defense enterprise, aircraft carriers are produced by a nationwide team of more than 2,000 small, mid-sized and large businesses from 46 states, and 279 congressional districts which contribute parts, services, and support to the construction and maintenance of U.S. Navy aircraft carriers. In fact, over the past five years, this supply chain has performed more than \$4.1 billion worth of work for the aircraft carrier program.

Missouri is certainly a key component of this industrial base and I am proud to represent my constituents in Missouri who love our country and our Navy.

I am also proud that my state helps to produce the F/A-18 Super Hornet in St. Louis—an aircraft which our carrier air wings are flying more than any other carrier-based aircraft on the flight decks of our nation's 11 aircraft carriers. The Super Hornet is an absolutely integral component of today's carrier air wing, and the combination of the air wings and aircraft carriers in our fleet is a bedrock of our Navy's ability to defend freedom, project power, and protect our national security.

In closing, I am proud to support our Navy, naval aviation, and the men and women that serve our nation tirelessly across the nation and around the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2019*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 630.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2019*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call votes. Had I been present for them, I would have voted as follows:

On Roll Call 625, H.R. 3702—Reforming Disaster Recovery Act of 2019 —YEA;

On Roll Call 626, H.R. 4634—Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2019—YEA; and

On Roll Call 627, H.R. 4344—To amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to allow the Securities and Exchange Commission to seek and Federal courts to grant disgorgement of unjust enrichment, and for other purposes—YEA.

TRIBUTE TO OPERATION  
RECOGNITION CLASS OF 2019

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2019*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of the Operation Recognition Class of 2019. Operation Recognition is a program organized by the Riverside County Office of Education, with assistance from the Riverside County Department of Veteran's Services, that presents diplomas to residents of Riverside County who missed completing high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, or due to internment in WWII Japanese-American relocation camps.

Riverside County's Operation Recognition is modeled after programs implemented in other states. Numerous county offices of education and school districts throughout California operate similar programs. The programs are an important way to express our appreciation and gratitude for the significant contributions and sacrifices made by our veterans.

The Operation Recognition Class of 2019 includes: Gilberto O. Allen, U.S. Army, Vietnam War; Vallie Lee Engelauf, U.S. Navy, World War II (posthumously); George B. Flowers III, U.S. Army, Vietnam War; Raul Garcia, U.S. Army, Vietnam War; Richard Leonard Granados, U.S. Army, Vietnam War; John C. Hudson, U.S. Coast Guard, World War II; Franklin M. Stevens, U.S. Navy, Vietnam War.

On behalf of all Riverside County residents and a grateful nation, I want to thank these veterans for their service to our country and congratulate them on being part of the Operation Recognition Class of 2019.