

130 frogmen (including Chief Edwin Thompson), and 4 miniature submarines to recover the warhead from the sea. Secretary of the Navy Paul Ignatius later described the successful recovery as “the largest and most difficult deep-sea search ever conducted by any country in the world.” Thompson’s team of frogmen recovered the warhead under 2,162 feet of water just a few feet from edge of a 5,000-foot abyss. The recovered warheads were 75 times more powerful than the Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

Following his retirement from the Navy, Mr. Thompson continued diving and worked for Brown & Root for many years. He also served as a Reserve Deputy with the Harris County Precinct Three Constable’s Office for twenty years. Thompson has served as Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 912 Commander and is a life-member of several other community organizations, including the American Legion and Fleet Reserve Association. He is also a member of the Shiners and Freemasons.

Edwin Thompson was married to Mrs. Margaret Bell Griffin Thompson for forty-four years until her death in 1992. Together they have seven children: John, Tammy, Lorrie Anne, Mary Frances, Don Marie, Sue Ellen, and Margaret. He has 49 grandchildren, and many other great-grandchildren. The Thompson family has a long history of career military service to our country spanning several generations.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank Chief Edwin “Easy” Thompson, as well as his family, for their selfless service to this great nation.

HONORING MARILYN GLAZER

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the compassionate and efficient service and valuable contributions of my dear personal friend, Ms. Marilyn Glazer, who is retiring from her role as Niles Township Supervisor on December 31, 2019. Marilyn has served as an effective elected official to her community for nearly 15 years, and her leadership has changed Niles Township for the better.

Marilyn was first elected as a Niles Township Trustee in 2005, and she held this position until her election as Supervisor in 2014. Marilyn worked hard to make sure that Niles Township residents had access to the best services that the township could offer.

Marilyn helped to increase resources allocated to the Niles Township food pantry and under her leadership, the food pantry has grown and moved into a new and larger space. The food pantry provides a lifeline for many township residents. Marilyn helped establish local grants available for qualifying students to attend Oakton Community College, and scholarships for day care and park district day camp. She also oversaw efforts to meaningfully improve and expand access to senior legal services, immigration services, and utility bill assistance.

My office has worked closely with Niles Township throughout Marilyn’s tenure to ensure that our shared constituents receive effective and efficient assistance. My district

staff holds regular neighborhood office hours in the township offices and works closely with the township staff to solve constituents’ problems. Marilyn maintained excellent working relationships with my staff and has always been a fierce advocate for Niles Township residents.

Marilyn will continue her long and successful career as a realtor and real estate teacher after her retirement from the township.

Marilyn Glazer’s professional work speaks for itself, and I deeply admire her dedicated effort to better the lives of residents throughout Niles Township. On behalf of the constituents of the 9th Congressional District, I thank Marilyn for her service and tireless work over the last 15 years.

CONGRATULATING JESSICA ADAMCZYK ON RECEIPT OF THE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate Jessica Adamczyk of Weatherly on receiving the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development Corporation’s Young Professional of the Year Award.

The Young Professional of the Year Award highlights a Carbon County Young Professional highly involved in CCEDC events and community programs. Jessica graduated from Weatherly High School in 2013 and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Kutztown University in 2016. Currently a Marketing Associate at Heritage Hill Senior Community, Jessica is also incredibly engaged with the Hazelton and Carbon County Chambers, serving on the board of the Future Leaders of Carbon County Community. She also volunteers with Gap Inc. and serves as the Business Operations Manager for the Weatherly Ambulance Association. Lastly, Jessica recognizes the importance of a health community, founding the Weatherly Recreation Committee and participating in the Weatherly Summer Volleyball League. Carbon County’s future is bright with young and enthusiastic leaders like Jessica leading the way.

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 Jessica Adamczyk on this great honor and thank her for her commitment to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF TOM BRADLEY AFTER NEARLY 30 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED FEDERAL SERVICE

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career and retirement of Tom Bradley after 24 years of service at the Congressional Budget Office. Tom has been Chief of the Medicare Cost Es-

timates Unit for 21 of those years. He also spent almost 6 years at the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Department of Health and Human Services, for a total of nearly 30 years in federal service.

It is hard to overstate Tom’s role in analyzing the budgetary impacts of health legislation over the past two decades. Notable examples include the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015. In all of those interactions, Tom has been instrumental in providing insightful and objective estimates of the effects of every piece of important health care legislation that the Congress has considered, debated, and enacted since 1995.

Tom has worked tirelessly with Members of Congress and our staff on both sides of the aisle throughout the years. During many hours of discussion and explanation, he was never less than methodically forthright and fair, embodying CBO’s commitment to nonpartisan analysis. He helped us understand the key levers to move an estimate and the need to focus on making the language match the intent.

Tom also trained numerous CBO analysts to think harder, dig deeper, and consider all the possible outcomes of a bill. The high standards that he set for himself and for the Medicare Unit will continue to be a benchmark for CBO’s health analysis going forward.

Tom can look forward to a well-earned retirement with his wife, Judith, in Florida. He leaves CBO and Washington with the thanks and appreciation of the Congress.

TRIBUTE TO VERONICA DAVILA

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the life of Ms. Veronica Davila who passed away on November 13, 2019 at the age of 66. Ms. Davila hails from my hometown of San Antonio, Texas and is survived by her children, Lisa Luna, Enoch Díaz and Maricela Díaz-Wells; eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and four siblings. A life-long advocate and educator, her contribution to the San Antonio community is irreplaceable. She will be greatly missed.

Veronica Davila was born on December 16, 1952 to Adolfo Rodriguez, Sr. and Leonarda Vasquez Jimenez. Early on she developed a keen interest in family, community, and faith. For thirty years she worked extensively in the community and in non-profit organizations. For decades she dedicated herself to planning and the implementation of programs to end family violence.

Until her untimely passing, Ms. Davila worked with the P.E.A.C.E. Initiative, or Putting An End to Abuse through Community Efforts. She was also known to help at-risk youth and victims of domestic violence.

Madam Speaker, my heart goes out to the family and loved ones of Ms. Veronica Davila. A true hero in our community, she forged life-long friendships and connections with the many people she helped. At times, victims of domestic and family violence go unheard. Her passion and dedication to survivors gave them a voice. Her contribution to the San Antonio community will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING TOM CAULFIELD

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Tom Caulfield, the Founder and Director/President of Veteran Community Initiatives, for his commitment to our region's veterans.

A U.S. Army Vietnam veteran, Mr. Caulfield has dedicated his life to serving others. As founder of Veteran Community Initiatives, he and his team have touched the lives of thousands of veterans in our region. Since its inception in 1993, Veteran Community Initiatives has helped nearly 9,000 veterans and their family members in the PA Laurel Highlands and the Southern Alleghenies.

In addition to his work with VCI, Mr. Caulfield is active with many veteran service organizations, including his current work on the James E. Van Zandt VA Medical Center's Veterans Advisory Council, the former Defense Veterans Brain Injury Center—Johnstown as Board Chairman, the Penn Highlands Community College/John P. Murtha Scholarship Committee as Chairman, and the Cambria County Business and Education Consortia.

By caring and advocating for Pennsylvania veterans, Mr. Caulfield has established an indelible legacy. It is my privilege to recognize this community leader for his lifelong dedication to our nation and to his fellow veterans.

HONORING DEPUTY CHIEF TERRY CLANTON AND HIS 36-YEAR CAREER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Deputy Police Chief Terry Clanton on his 36 years of service to our community with the Kannapolis Police Department, located in North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District.

Over the last 36 years, Terry has made countless contributions to our area. He started his career in 1984 as a patrol officer for the Kannapolis Police Department and retires today as the Deputy Police Chief. His strong character and leadership enabled him to advance within the Kannapolis Police Department, culminating as Deputy Police Chief.

Growing up in Cabarrus and Rowan Counties, Terry knew he wanted to give back to his community through law enforcement. Rising through the ranks of patrol, investigations, staff services, and support services, his out-sized contributions to the Kannapolis Police Department have been profound and unmatched. Terry helped guide his office through the transition that followed the incorporation of the City of Kannapolis and saw the number of police officers rise from 48 to over 100. Described by colleagues as dedicated, loyal, and a true professional, his legacy of service will be felt for years to come.

Terry will continue his career in law enforcement as the Director of Law Enforcement Training at Guilford Technical Community Col-

lege, where he will train our next generation of leaders. I know I speak for everyone in the community when I say we are truly grateful for his unwavering service and cannot thank him enough. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him success in his future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Terry Clanton on his 36 years of service to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF COMMANDER SAMMY L. VICKERS

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and remember the life of one of Northwest Florida's most notable citizens, Commander Sammy L. Vickers, who passed away on March 29, 2018. Commander Vickers was born in 1946, in Corpus Christi, TX, and lived a lifetime full of impressive and dedicated service to our nation.

Commander Vickers served heroically in the United States Navy for 22 years. As a P-3C Orion pilot during the tumultuous years of the Cold War, Commander Vickers patrolled the waters of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans hunting Russian submarines. His dedication to duty helped ensure the safety of millions of grateful Americans.

Commander Vickers was later assigned to VP-6 in Hawaii and VP-5 in Jacksonville, Florida. He also served aboard the USS *Eisenhower*, CVN 69. Commander Vickers' service in the United States military culminated as the Executive Officer at Whiting Field in Florida, where he eventually retired.

However, Commander Vickers' life of service did not conclude with his retirement from the United States Navy. In 1995, Commander Vickers served the Santa Rosa community as the Executive Director of the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce.

Following his time with the Santa Rosa Chamber, Commander Vickers devoted his time to leading the Pace High School Navy JROTC unit. He served as unit commander for 18 years, leading Pace High School to top national honors in 2003.

Even during his time as the unit leader of the Pace High School Navy JROTC, Commander Vickers continued to selflessly devote himself to our community as he partnered with several other community organizations. Commander Vickers consistently dedicated his time to the service of others.

Commander Vickers was revered and loved by all who knew him. To honor his extraordinary legacy, the traditional "Celebrating Our Veterans" ceremony at Pace High School will be renamed "Commander Sam Vickers Celebration of America at Pace High School."

On behalf of the United States Congress, I recognize and honor a remarkable man for his selfless service to his country. I am grateful for his lasting contributions to our community and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of a faithful and dedicated American hero.

SHARK FIN SALES ELIMINATION ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Ranking Member McCaul and Representative SABLON for their leadership on H.R. 737, the Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act, an important animal and wildlife protection bill. Their efforts earned the broad bipartisan support of nearly 290 Members of the House who cosponsored the bill which passed on an overwhelming bipartisan basis.

Many sharks are killed through the horrific method of "shark finning," a method of removing fins from sharks while they are still alive at sea and discarding the rest of the shark. This bill would expand the Shark Conservation Act, which was passed in 2010, prohibiting the commercial trade of shark fins and products containing shark fins, to also prohibit taking the fins of sharks at sea.

Currently, shark finning is illegal in U.S. waters, but more is needed to protect these rapidly declining shark populations. Shark fins sold in the U.S. come from all over the world, including locations which have no bans on finning. The United States is in the top 15 shark-fin-importing countries in terms of volume. It is highly likely that shark fins sold in the United States come from sharks that have been brutally finned from places that allow shark finning.

Some populations have declined by up to 90 percent in recent decades leaving almost 25 percent of shark and ray species at risk of extinction. These global populations are currently threatened by this practice and instituting this ban will help to reduce the demand for shark fins and conserve these species while still allowing the sales of shark meat and products.

My home state of Illinois has already enacted a law prohibiting the shark fin trade joining 12 states and 3 territories that already have laws banning the sale of shark fins, similar to this bill.

I voted yes on this bill and applaud my colleagues who also voted in favor of H.R. 737, the Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act.

CONGRATULATING JOEY B'S BAR & RESTAURANT ON RECEIPT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate Joey B's Bar & Restaurant in Lehighton on receiving the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development Corporation's Business of the Year Award.

The Business of the Year Award recognizes a business that has demonstrated achievement and innovation in management, workplace excellence, and has committed to growing here in Carbon County. Established in