

and Esme Rechnitz, as well as many dear friends and colleagues.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Robert M. Rechnitz for his devotion to his family and his immeasurable contributions to the greater Monmouth County community.

RECOGNIZING CLEARLY LOVED PETS AND BOCA KITCHENS & BATHS

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wayne and Julie Huthmaker of Clearly Loved Pets and Gloria Duran and Shuky Conroyd of Boca Kitchens & Baths. These two small businesses have been selected as this year's SCORE of South Palm Beach Small Businesses of the Year.

SCORE is a nationwide nonprofit organization dedicated to helping small business get started, grow, and achieve their goals. They provide free mentoring and tools and offer workshops on vital business issues. The South Palm Beach Chapter has twice been voted the No. 1 Chapter in America.

Clearly Loved Pets has created a patent-pending clear enclosure for pets designed to decrease stress and improve aesthetics in your home. Boca Kitchens & Baths is a full interior design-build team that offers numerous professional services and designs. These two businesses represent the myriad of high-quality products and services provided by small businesses in our community.

Please join me in congratulating Clearly Loved Pets and Boca Kitchens & Baths on their success and well-deserved recognitions.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF ALAN BARRY WOLF

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Alan "Big Al" Wolf, originally of Malden, Massachusetts, who passed away on October 26, 2019 at the age of 86.

Big Al's family would describe him as a simple man—not in a small way, but in a grand way. He was soft spoken, but you always heard him clearly. He said few words, but he always got his point across.

Alan grew up in the Boston suburb of Malden, son to Joseph and Florence, and brother to his sister Barbara. The family had a house right on the beach near an amusement park and boardwalk. It was here where his family shared so many weekends, events, and summer barbecues. Alan worked in the family business at Wolf Syrup Corp. His family always took so much pride knowing their Dad's syrup was in the soda fountains at the local lunch counters and pharmacies they went to around Boston.

Big Al was never a materialistic guy and only cared about a few things. He always had to drive a nice car—never flashy, but classy.

His kids say he would brag about the Cadillac convertible that he drove around when he first started dating his wife, Dolly. He was similarly forever sharply dressed and always had to wear a nice tie, shoes buffed, and pocket square peeking out.

The love Al had for his wife, Dolly, was indescribable. Dolly was his soulmate and their 66 years together was as Dolly would say, "an experience of love and life." From the day they met when she was 15 years old, there was no one else for him. It is truly amazing how much he loved her. In his eyes she was the most beautiful woman in the world and he never stopped thinking that until the day he died.

Coaching was a big thing for Al. He loved teaching the fundamentals of baseball and football and instilling a winning attitude. One thing that separated Al as a coach and person was that he would always look after the more disadvantaged kids. He felt that he could make a difference.

Big Al loved his children and grandchildren. Alan, or Pappy as he was fondly called, was also known to give a few dollars each time he saw his grandchildren. His grandkids always knew that they had a friend and fan in Pappy Alan—and that he was always ready to offer a knuckle sandwich.

Alan had many loves and many opinions, but above all, he loved his family. I am very blessed to be a great friend of his son, Robert. My deep condolences go out to Alan's family and to everyone whose lives he touched. We'll miss Alan.

MR. EDDIE ROBINSON BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Eddie Robinson who is celebrating his 99th birthday on December 15, 2019.

Eddie was born William Edward Robinson in Paris, Texas in 1920. He is best known for his 13-year Major League Baseball playing career from 1942 to 1957. During that time, he also served three years in the U.S. Navy, and married the love of his life, Bette, in 1955.

Eddie has what is described as charisma. It starts with an infectious smile that is always there for every story he tells and those he hears. He can remember the smallest detail that makes everyone lean forward in their chairs to make sure they hear every word. Eddie is constantly telling stories from his Major League Baseball days that thrill the hearts and minds of his listeners. He is such a gifted story teller it is as if we are all reliving the times of his "Boys of Summer" baseball days.

His more humorous side sometimes comes out with stories that he would never tell in public but shares with his close breakfast group known as "The Eastside Mafia". Eddie particularly loves telling stories of his days playing golf at Woodhaven Country Club in Fort Worth. It has been said that he was always so complimentary of a fellow's drive by saying, "Man what a beautiful drive!", only to follow up with his famous baseball trajectory of

a line drive which would put his well past the shot of his competitors.

Eddie is also a person that shares his good fortunes in life. Besides taking his friends to the Texas Rangers games, he was also instrumental in several projects around Fort Worth. He established the Woodhaven Neighborhood Golf Association's annual golf tournament, proving scholarships for local high school students in Fort Worth. He also helped his wife Bette raise funds to construct a clock tower and research library—East Regional Library of Fort Worth—which I had the pleasure of supporting during my time as Mayor of Fort Worth.

On behalf of Texas' 12th Congressional District, I offer my congratulations and best wishes on this special occasion.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COM- MANDER CHRISTOPHER RAGSDALE

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize those men and women who continue to serve this great Nation with honor—men such as Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Christopher Ragsdale, United States Navy.

For the past year, LCDR Ragsdale served on my staff as a Congressional Defense Fellow. A 2007 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, LCDR Flynn is a proud Surface Warfare Officer who served in MCM Crew BULWARK and onboard USS *Comstock* (LSD-45) and USS *Benfold* (DDG-65). During his assignment in my office, LCDR Ragsdale provided senior-level input for defense, veterans, foreign affairs and intelligence matters. Additionally, he executed his work as a liaison to the constituents of Virginia's First Congressional District with distinction.

Furthermore, LCDR Ragsdale provided exceptional support to me as a staff liaison to the House Armed Services Committee in my role as the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee Ranking Member. LCDR Ragsdale dutifully provided me with guidance on what the Navy's path forward should be in critical areas such as training, readiness, and manning. His recent experience in the surface community was invaluable to my work in Congress.

As the Co-Chair of the Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus and the Co-Chair of the Navy-Marine Corps Caucus, I relied on LCDR Ragsdale to organize quarterly events with government, military, and private sector leaders. These events allowed key decisionmakers to work together for the advancement of our future Naval Officers as well as the construction and repair of the ships on which they will serve.

LCDR Ragsdale also directly contributed to my goal of providing excellent constituent service to the people of the First District. He was responsible for bringing numerous constituent inquiries to a successful conclusion, and he leveraged his personal and operational experience in the Navy to respond to the most challenging inquiries. In addition to his efforts locally, LCDR Ragsdale took on projects with

regional, state, and national implications, demonstrating his ability to view a challenge from many angles and develop innovative solutions.

LCDR Ragsdale's work ethic, duty to mission, and commitment to servant leadership is without equal. I believe that his personal drive to achieve excellence in his work has and will set a very high standard for his peers. I would also like to thank LCDR Ragsdale for the service and sacrifice he has made, and continues to make, both for our Nation and our great Navy. His impeccable integrity, boundless work ethic, and loyal devotion to duty earned him the respect and admiration of my staff and the First District of Virginia. I have no doubt that LCDR Ragsdale will continue to serve the Navy honorably and with distinction.

I wish Chris and his wife Andrea the best of luck as they continue their journey together as a Navy family. It was an honor and a pleasure having Chris serve on my staff. We all can sleep soundly at night knowing that members of our all-volunteer force like Chris stand ready to defend our country and take the fight to our enemies; far away from their families and the comforts of the United States of America.

I thank LCDR Christopher Ragsdale for doing a fantastic job. Best of luck to him and may God bless him, his family, and all the Sailors he is charged with leading.

RECOGNIZING BEVERLY "BEV" MASON, USDA—RURAL DEVELOPMENT

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Beverly "Bev" Mason's nearly four decades of service with the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Program (USDA-RD). Bev will be retiring this month after 38 years of serving our Granite State communities.

Bev began her career as a technician with the Farmers Home Administration (FHMA), now known as USDA—Rural Development. Later, she held the positions of County Supervisor, Administrative Program Director, and retires as the New Hampshire Area Director.

As Area Director, Bev has been responsible for the Home Ownership Program and single-family housing through USDA-RD. She has worked with thousands of families, assisting with developing and understanding an individual's financial profile and developing budget plans to enable hard-working Granite Staters to realize the dream of home ownership.

In addition, Bev has worked directly with many of our state's communities and nonprofits to address the needs of rural New Hampshire. She has assisted with Water and Environmental Program Loans as well as Community Facility Loans and Grants to advance infrastructure and economic development profiles.

On behalf of my constituents across New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I commend Beverly Mason for her dedication to our Granite State's rural communities. We owe her a debt of gratitude and express our heartfelt thanks for her years of service. She should

look back proudly on her achievements and I wish her all the best in the years to come.

SUSTAINABLE CHEMISTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD an exchange of correspondence between myself and Chairman JOHN YARMUTH acknowledging the Committee on the Budget's jurisdiction over provisions in H.R. 2051, the Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2019.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY,

Washington, DC, November 25, 2019.

Chairman JOHN YARMUTH,
Committee on the Budget,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN YARMUTH: I am writing to you concerning H.R. 2051, the "Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2019," which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology on April 3, 2019.

I appreciate your willingness to work cooperatively on this bill. I recognize that the bill contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget. I acknowledge that your Committee will waive further consideration of H.R. 2051 and that this action is not a waiver of future jurisdictional claims by the Committee on the Budget over this subject matter.

I will make sure to include our exchange of letters in the Congressional Record and legislative reports. Thank you for your cooperation on this legislation.

Sincerely,

EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON,
Chairwoman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,
Washington, DC, November 26, 2019.

Chairwoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON,
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRWOMAN JOHNSON: I write to confirm our mutual understanding regarding H.R. 2051, the Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2019. H.R. 2051 contains provisions that fall within the rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget. However, the Committee agrees to waive formal consideration of the bill.

The Committee on the Budget takes this action with the mutual understanding that, in doing so, we do not waive any jurisdiction over the subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and that the Committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as the bill or similar legislation moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues within our jurisdiction. The Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment to any House-Senate conference convened on this legislation or similar legislation and requests your support if such a request is made.

Thank you for agreeing to include our exchange of letters in the Congressional Record. I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation and look forward to

continuing to work with you as this measure moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

JOHN YARMUTH,
Chairman.

JUMP, LITTLE CHILDREN

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the greatest musical acts to ever come out of Charleston, South Carolina, Jump, Little Children.

Since their early days busking on the corner of Church and Market Streets twenty-five years ago, Jump has earned a substantial and loyal fan base that has followed them throughout the country, supporting their nine records and EPs, and literally thousands of energetic concerts that keep us showing up whenever they Come Around.

No matter where you hear a Jump song, you can Close Your Eyes and picture yourself back in the old Charleston Cathedrals of the raucous Music Farm after Midnight or the Quiet Dock Street Theater during the Holidays. Those were special days for so many of us in Charleston.

After The Dim and the Dark of a nearly ten year hiatus, Jump returned to the stage to remind us all how much we love their music, their personalities, and their shows. And how grateful we are they did.

And before we all Say Goodnight to this band, whenever that may be, the United States Congress wishes many more years of Jump, Little Children, along with the music and memories they create. From Charleston, South Carolina, to Washington, D.C., to the Rains in Asia, and the Green Fields of Canada, all the way to Mexico, Jump, Little Children has left an indelible mark on this world, one that will never be forgotten.

Because of them their music will forever be a part of the soundtrack for the city we all love.

Congratulations on 25 years. Here's to 25 more.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW WAY FORWARD ACT

HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. GARCIA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support the New Way Forward Act.

For too long, unjust, anti-immigrant laws including racialized laws dating back to the 1920s criminalizing migration and the 1996 laws that entangle our civil immigration system with our broken criminal legal system have led to overly harsh punishments and the mass criminalization of immigrants.

These laws have resulted in mass incarceration and deportations, separation of families, stripping people of due process and exacerbating racial animus in both our immigration and criminal legal systems.

We must end the labels of the 'good' versus 'bad' immigrant used to dehumanize and divide communities.