

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2019 Stars Over Dulles Award recipients and in thanking these businesses and individuals for their many contributions to our region's economic success and quality of life. Their efforts are among the many reasons why Northern Virginia remains one of the best places in the country in which to live, work, raise a family and start a business. I congratulate the honorees on receiving these awards and wish them continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF BIBA CAGGIANO

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise to honor the life of beloved Sacramento chef and my dear friend Biba Caggiano. The legacy that Biba leaves in Sacramento will be forever felt through her restaurant and her acclaimed Italian cook books. Biba not only invigorated Sacramento's food culture but was also a symbol for hospitality and hard-work. As her husband, Vincent, and their children Carla and Paola, gather to remember her life and legacy, I ask my colleagues to stand with me in her memory.

Biba Caggiano was born in October of 1936 in Bologna, Italy. In 1960, Biba moved to New York and found work with an Italian bank. Soon after, Biba moved to Sacramento, where she made homemade Italian dishes, a rare cuisine in the region at the time. Her love for traditional Italian cuisine was popular in Sacramento, and she soon found herself cooking and teaching others. In 1986, she opened the now iconic midtown restaurant Biba, beginning the movement that revolutionized Sacramento cuisine. She continued to grow as a successful chef, cookbook author, TV personality, and restaurateur.

Since Biba has graced our region with her inspiring dishes, Sacramento has become an important place for food. She opened a path for more chefs to pursue their own culinary careers in Sacramento. It cannot be overstated the influence she has had on our city. Over her career, Biba has received the Robert Mondavi Culinary Award of Excellence, Northern California Chef of the Year, and the Sacramento Business Journal's Women Who Mean Business Award.

Madam Speaker, today we honor the incredible life of Biba Caggiano; a wife, mother, friend, teacher, and most importantly, a true Sacramento treasure. Biba will be fondly remembered by all in our community for her creative spirit and her kind hospitality. I will remember her for her spirit, talent, and courage.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I missed several votes on December 17th due to inclement weather and a flight delay.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 683; NAY on Roll Call No. 684; YEA on Roll Call No. 685; YEA on Roll Call No. 686 and YEA on Roll Call No. 687.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 671.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. SERRANO. Madam Speaker, as a result of an ongoing need to address health issues related to my Parkinson's diagnosis, and other recent health concerns, I was absent from votes yesterday, Wednesday, December 18, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE on House roll call votes 695 and 696, the two articles of impeachment against President Donald J. Trump.

President Trump's actions with regard to Ukraine have undermined our national security, our democratic processes, and our Constitution. He has abused his office and betrayed the trust that the American people placed in him. Impeachment is the only recourse to hold this president accountable for his actions.

TRIBUTE TO THE 100TH SEASON OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th season of the National Football League. Chicago is home to the 1986 Superbowl XX Champion Chicago Bears and the 7th Congressional District is one of the 13 "Original Towns" from which came the 14 charter teams that formed the American Professional Football Association, which would become the NFL.

During its inaugural 1920 season, the founding teams that competed in the new league included: the Akron Pros; Buffalo All-Americans; Canton Bulldogs; Decatur Staleys; Racine Cardinals; Chicago Tigers; Cleveland Tigers; Columbus Panhandles; Dayton Triangles; Hammond Pros; the Heralds (Detroit); Muncie Flyers; Rock Island Independents; and the Jeffersons (Rochester, N.Y.). Two years later, the new league was renamed the National Football League.

From its humble beginnings, the National Football League is now a preeminent sports league, comprised of 32 teams from 22 states

across the country. In the span of a century, the league has become intricately woven into the fabric of American life and the foremost steward of what is now known as "America's Game." The league's annual "Super Bowl" Championship is the single most-watched annual television event in the United States, bringing together individuals of all ages, races, and backgrounds through a common enthusiasm for and appreciation of the game of football.

The two pillars of the NFL are football and community, which are demonstrated through the volunteerism and philanthropic efforts of players, owners, coaches and staff, including through programs and initiatives ranging from honoring our nation's veterans and service members to promoting cancer awareness to encouraging youth to maintain active and healthy lifestyles. These efforts, both on and off the field, reflect the character, commitment, fortitude and teamwork that make our communities resilient and strong.

I therefore, recognize the National Football League as a great sports league of the United States and congratulate the NFL for 100 seasons of uniting communities across the country, and look forward to another century of NFL football.

RECOGNIZING THE WASHINGTON REGIONAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) and to congratulate the recipients of the 22nd Annual Law Enforcement Awards of Excellence for Impaired Driving Prevention.

Founded in 1982, WRAP is an award-winning, public-private coalition formed to fight drunk driving, drugged driving, and underage drinking in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region. Through educational and innovative public outreach programs, WRAP is credited with keeping local alcohol-related death rates consistently below the national average. Its programs educate students and the general public on the dangers of alcohol and drugs, particularly driving while under the influence. Through the WRAP Holiday SoberRide program, individuals who are impaired can request a free cab ride home. Since SoberRide was launched in 1991, 78,926 free cab rides have been provided in the Washington Metropolitan area, preventing potential accidents and deaths.

Since 1997, WRAP has sponsored an annual Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony to honor local law enforcement professionals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in the fight against drunk driving. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of the 2019 Law Enforcement Awards of Excellence for Impaired Driving Prevention recipients:

Officer Patrick Cushing—City of Alexandria Police Department.

Corporal Bret Kooharian—Arlington County Police Department.

Officer Bryce Cooper—City of Falls Church Police Department.

DWI Enforcement Squad—Fairfax County Police Department.

Senior Sergeant Bobby Galpin—Town of Herndon Police Department.

Deputy Caleb Hwang—Loudoun County Sheriff's Office.

Trooper First Class Anthony Wallace—Maryland State Police.

Officer Henry Gallagher—Metropolitan Police Department (Washington, DC).

Corporal Patricia Cox—Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Police Department.

Police Officer III John Romack—Montgomery County Department of Police.

Corporal Thomas Kosakowski—Prince George's County Police Department.

Officer Chad Mason—Prince William County Police Department.

Officer Daniel Begendorf—United States Capitol Police.

Officer Christopher Gogarty—United States Park Police.

Trooper Lucie Vajglova—Virginia State Police.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the recipients of the Law Enforcement Awards of Excellence and in recognizing WRAP for its 37 years of public service. I commend the staff of WRAP under the leadership of President and CEO Kurt Erickson and Board Chairman Gary Cohen for their tireless dedication to eradicating underage drinking and drunk or drugged driving. Their efforts combined with the support of partner organizations and law enforcement agencies have saved lives and are deserving of our highest praise and gratitude.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, due to a family emergency, I was not in Washington, D.C. on December 17, 2019, and, as a result, I missed eight votes. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on roll call vote no. 683, ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.R. 1158, H.R. 1865, and for adoption of H. Res. 761; “aye” on roll call vote no. 684, on agreeing to H. Res. 765, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1158, H.R. 1865, and for adoption of H. Res. 761; “aye” on roll call vote no. 685, final passage of H.R. 4183, the “Identifying Barriers and Best Practices Study Act;” “aye” on roll call vote no. 686, final passage of H.R. 3530, the “Improving Confidence in Veterans’ Care Act;” “aye” on roll call vote no. 687, final passage of H.R. 722, the “Miracle Mountain Designation Act;” “aye” on roll call no. 688, final passage of H.R. 2548, the “Hazard Eligibility and Local Projects Act;” “aye” on roll call no. 689, on the motion to concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment to H.R. 1865, the “National Law Enforcement Museum Commemorative Coin Act;” and “no” on roll call no. 690, on the motion to concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment to H.R. 1158, the “DHS Cyber Hunt and Incident Response Team Act.”

I also was not in Washington, D.C. on December 19, 2019, and, as a result, I missed

three votes. Had I been present, I would have voted “no” on roll call vote no. 699, the motion to recommit with instructions H.R. 5377, the “Restoring Tax Fairness for States and Localities Act;” “aye” on roll call vote no. 700, final passage of H.R. 5377; and “no” on roll call vote no. 701, final passage of H.R. 5430, “to implement the USMCA.”

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR COY PAYNE

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Coy Payne, the first African-American to serve as mayor in the state of Arizona, who passed away Sunday, December 8, 2019, at the age of 90. Arizonans will remember him as a trailblazer who overcame the struggles of poverty and racism to dedicate his life to serving his community. From his time as a soldier in the Korean War, to his time teaching elementary school students, to his time as a civil rights leader, Mayor Payne’s enduring legacy was love for his community.

The second of nine children born to sharecroppers in Sulphur Springs, Texas, on May 22, 1929, Payne’s family relocated to Eloy, Arizona in the 1940s, where they worked the fields to earn enough money to buy a car. They relocated to Chandler shortly after, where Payne attended segregated schools in Chandler and Mesa. After graduating from the only high school he could attend, George Washington Carver High School in downtown Phoenix—an hour bus ride and 30-minute walk away from home—Payne was drafted by the U.S. Army to serve in the Korean War. After returning from Korea, he received a degree in education from Arizona State University and taught in the Chandler Unified School District—the very district that denied him an education as a child. He continued teaching students there for more than thirty years.

It was during this time as an educator and administrator that he also became an advocate. He joined the Chandler Human Relations Committee and worked to improve race relations in Chandler. In 1980, Payne won a seat on Chandler City Council. And in 1990, Payne won a landslide victory in the mayoral election, becoming the first African American to serve as a mayor of any city in the State of Arizona. Chandler’s population ballooned 96 percent during his tenure as mayor—and he steered that growth in a positive direction. The impact of his leadership is still felt in City Hall, and his spirit of service is carried on by the many he influenced and mentored. Thank you, Mayor Payne, and Godspeed.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD “RICK” GRAHAM HILL

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life of Richard “Rick” Graham Hill of Oneida, Wisconsin. Rick was born on

January 6, 1953, in Detroit, Michigan, and lived a life filled with love and compassion for both his community and nation. He was a politician, innovator, entrepreneur and leader.

Rick descended from a family committed to public service. His grandmother, Dr. L. Rosa Minoka Hill, was the second American Indian woman doctor in the nation, and his mother was a registered nurse. He began following in the footsteps of his family at a young age, often accompanying his father to tribal meetings, which cultivated him into the leader he eventually became.

Rick went on to be a long-serving councilman and vice-chairman of the Oneida Nation, and served two non-consecutive terms as the nation’s chairman. During his first term, he also served simultaneously as chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), representing and advocating for 168 federally-recognized tribes in the gaming industry. Under his leadership, NIGA became a nationally-recognized voice on Indian gaming issues, and successfully initiated the development of national regulatory standards and policies for tribal governmental gaming. As chairman of the Oneida Nation, Rick signed the first gaming compact with the state of Wisconsin. Even after retirement, Rick continued his service by forming Hill Group, LLC. There he consulted with various stakeholders to identify economic development projects and partnerships in Indian Country. He also formed RGH Holdings the first ever consortium of tribes to invest in real estate development projects outside of the reservations. Out of all his contributions, Rick was most proud of his work serving on the board of the Native American Rights Fund and the Public Sector Gaming Study Commission.

His devotion and commitment to serving others has been recognized with honors and awards including: the Eagle Visionary Award, the Pathbreakers Award and induction into the Indian Gaming Hall of Fame. He was also the first Indian Gaming inductee into the Gaming Hall of Fame.

He was a loving husband, father, and tenderhearted coach to his sons and so many others. Rick leaves to cherish his memory: his spouse, and my dear friend, Donsia Strong Hill, as well as his children: Richard (Desirae), Sage, Dakota, and his two grandchildren: Asher and Vine. He is also survived by siblings: Barbara Author, Norbert, Jr. (Mary), Rosa (Rick) Coenen; sister-in-law, Lenora Hatathlie and brother-in-law, Mike Author; his nieces: Megan, Sarah, Maria, Nasbah (Jamison), Nanabah (Michael), Melissa (Scott); and his nephews: DinéNizhoni, Christopher (Maria), Mark, Nababe, Norbert III (Erin), and goddaughter, Jolene Billie; and long-term business partner and colleague, Dawn Reiter.

Rick always credited his success to those who supported, mentored and befriended him while working in Indian Country. I am proud to have worked with Rick over a 30-year period and happy to have called him my friend. I am inspired by his work to continuously help other tribes and will work collaboratively with them to establish strong tribal governments. Everything he’s accomplished came from the heart, and the legacy he leaves behind reflects the positive impact of his service.

Madam Speaker, it is for these reasons I rise to salute Richard “Rick” Graham Hill, a man who has made the State of Wisconsin and our nation a better place.