

Ethan and Blake, and his extended family and friends who mourn his loss. Tyler's inexorable ability to find good in every situation will continue to inspire the State of Indiana and our nation, now and in the future.

HONORING RUTHANN GEIB ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE AMERICAN SUGARBEET GROWERS ASSOCIATION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ruthann Geib, a great friend, who is retiring after 36 years of working with the American Sugarbeet Growers Association and the sugarbeet and sugar cane communities.

Originally from Wooster, Ohio, her grandparents had a dairy and feed grains farm nearby where she learned about the care and feeding of animals and the joys of grain harvest.

After earning her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology with Minors in Psychology and Political Science from Malone University, Ruthann was accepted into a three-month internship program in Washington, D.C. She worked at an international development organization and was later hired to be the diplomatic liaison with embassies for the more than 20 countries where the organization had development and linguistic projects.

Following her internship and after a brief stint at a law firm, she joined the American Sugarbeet Growers Association (ASGA) in 1982. Ruthann quickly moved through the ranks, becoming Vice President of the association a few years later. Her portfolio included federal legislation, regulatory and administrative issues, Board education and communications, and management of the annual grower fly-ins. Her years with ASGA covered 19 Congresses, seven farm bills, and multiple free-trade agreements. In 2016, after over 30 years of service, the ASGA presented Ruthann with a Distinguished Service Award.

Her most memorable experiences include visiting the farms and communities in sugarbeet and sugar cane areas, and visiting Cuba in 1999 as a member of the U.S. sugar industry delegation to a United Nations sugar meeting.

Ruthann and her husband, Paul, currently live in Alexandria, Virginia, but are looking forward to moving to the mountains of Tennessee in 2019. In her retirement, she plans to travel and volunteer with various projects in her new community.

Madam Speaker, Ruthann's impact on the sugarbeet and sugar cane communities is a true testament to her longstanding commitment to the industry. I wish her well as she embarks on the next chapter of her life in the beautiful mountains of Tennessee.

IN HONOR OF CENTRAL-PHENIX CITY WINNING THE AHSAA CLASS 7A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Central-Phenix City High School football team for winning the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 7A football championship.

The Red Devils defeated Thompson 52-7 in the championship game in December played at Jordan-Hare Stadium at Auburn University. The Red Devils had a perfect season going 14-0 under Coach Jamey DuBose.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the students and faculty of Central High School, the coaches, the players and all the Red Devil fans on this exciting achievement. Go Red Devils.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HARRY GRODSKY & CO., INC.

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Harry Grodsky & Co., Inc. on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. Established in 1918, Harry Grodsky & Co., Inc. is one of the largest and most experienced mechanical contractors in America. For four generations, the family-owned firm has remained focused on solving complex problems, and has built a robust reputation based on exemplary professionalism and customer care.

For 100 years, Grodsky has prioritized family and safety in every aspect of its work. The group has continued to build strong relationships with repeat customers, suppliers, and subcontractors on the way to becoming an integral part of the economy of western Massachusetts and beyond. Across the board, Grodsky has proven its commitment to quality and integrity with every project. The firm has played an active role throughout New England over the years and the communities of the region have undoubtedly benefitted from major projects carried out by Grodsky, including those at top hospitals, universities, and large financial and manufacturing facilities.

Once again Madam Speaker, over the course of its history, Harry Grodsky & Co., Inc. has demonstrated outstanding leadership, dedication, and integrity. Those traits are hallmarks of the group's long and admirable tradition of service in western Massachusetts and beyond, and are certainly worthy of recognition. On the occasion of Harry Grodsky & Co., Inc.'s 100th anniversary, I wish the Grodsky family and the dedicated individuals who work with them, all the best and much continued prosperity.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO CONVEY CERTAIN FACILITIES, EASEMENTS, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY TO THE KENNEWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce legislation authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to transfer title of certain Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) works to the Kennewick Irrigation District (KID) in Central Washington.

The legislation will transfer title of BOR works beginning at KID's headgate extending 40 miles east. The transfer includes the conveyance of land and project facilities and must be completed no later than two years after its enactment. This title transfer will allow KID to manage water supplies more efficiently, while also reducing federal liabilities and providing a cost savings benefit to the federal government.

KID was initially built to serve the agricultural community in the Tri-Cities area. Today, the majority of ratepayers live in residential developments, and the change from farmland to urbanization is expected to continue into the foreseeable future.

Madam Speaker, in the last Congress the House overwhelmingly supported this legislation. Unfortunately, the Senate was unable to bring the bill up for consideration before final adjournment, so that is why I am reintroducing this legislation to attain swift action and consideration by our Senate colleagues to get this to the President's desk.

I hope that we can move this legislation soon to ensure there will be a safe, reliable, and efficient water supply for the next generation in Central Washington.

INTRODUCTION OF THE LOW-WAGE FEDERAL CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE BACK PAY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Low-Wage Federal Contractor Employee Back Pay Act to grant back pay to federally contracted retail, food, custodial and security service workers who are furloughed during the current and any other federal government shutdown this fiscal year (fiscal year 2019). This bill applies to all three branches of the federal government. After government shutdowns, federal workers have received back pay, but not federal contract workers, who often perform the same jobs as civil servants. While I believe that all federal employees and federal contract workers should receive back pay after a shutdown, we know that we cannot get Congress to make whole all who are hurt by a shutdown. Therefore, my bill focuses specifically on low-wage federal contract workers, some of whom work here on the

Capitol Grounds providing Members of Congress and congressional staff with daily services, because these are the workers most likely to be irretrievably hurt by lost wages during a shutdown.

Many federal contract workers earn little more than the minimum wage and receive few, if any, benefits. While some are unionized with a little better wage, all are the lowest-paid workers in the federal government and should not be penalized because Congress has failed to do its job to keep the government functioning. Congress, historically, has provided back pay to federal employees furloughed during government shutdowns, who often work in the same buildings as these low-wage contract workers, but not to low-wage contract workers. However, both groups of workers deserve to be made whole after shutdowns. I recognize, of course, that contract workers are employees of contractors, but the distinction between federal workers and, at least, the lowest-paid contract workers, who, for example, keep buildings clean, fails when it comes to a deliberate government shutdown. Unlike many other contractors, those who employ low-wage service workers have little latitude to help make up for lost wages. Low-wage, federally contracted service workers can least afford the loss of pay during a shutdown and should not have to go without back pay while everyone else in their federal buildings receives back pay.

The nation's capital is the high-profile home of the federal government's complicity with contractors who pay low wages through leases and contracts with federal agencies. At least this legislation would provide some parity to their low-wage federal contract workers.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support the legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE JOLIET CATHOLIC ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Joliet Catholic Academy Hilltoppers football team on winning the IHSA Class 5A State Championship. On November 24th, JCA captured their 14th state championship with a victory over Montini Catholic High School at Memorial Stadium in Champaign. I want to congratulate all of the players, coaches, trainers, and parents, and commend them on their hard work and on the dedication they have shown to their team, their school, and their community. I also want to congratulate Coach Jake Jaworski for his first championship and the principal of Joliet Catholic Academy, Dr. Jeffrey Budz, for helping lead these young men to victory.

In the championship game, Nick Iannantone had 40 carries for 318 yards and 3 touchdowns, with offensive linemen Colin Cox, Dave Monnot, Ryan Laule, Ty O'Janovac, and Connor Kovas clearing the way for the team to gain a total of 461 yards on 66 carries. This prolific offense came despite losing one of their key players, senior running back Keenan Hailey, due to an injury early in the game.

With the help of a defense that only allowed one touchdown in the second half, this amazing team fought back from the 21–7 deficit to win 35–27—bringing home the state championship.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Joliet Catholic Academy Hilltoppers football team and to congratulate them on their IHSA Class 5A State Championship. I wish each player continued success as he moves forward.

IN MEMORY OF T. MOFFATT
BURRISS, SR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, beginning with Gov. Henry McMaster lowering flags across South Carolina, tributes are being made to honor the memory of T. Moffatt Burriss, Sr., who is an American War Hero, business leader, pioneer of the modern Republican Party, and devoted Family Man. I include in the RECORD the obituary from The State on January 6, 2019:

THOMAS BURRISS SR.

CHAPIN SC.—Thomas Moffatt Burriss, Sr. passed away on January 4, 2019 at the age of 99. He was born in Anderson, SC, on Sept. 22, 1919, to Frank Judson Burriss and Frances Moffatt. He had two siblings, Frank J. Burriss, and Jean Burriss Wattley, both now deceased.

Upon graduating from Clemson College in 1941, he moved to Orangeburg and taught physics and science at Orangeburg High, where he met his future wife, Louisa Righton Hay, of Morristown, Tennessee.

When the war broke out on December 7, 1941, Moffatt was called into the service at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he volunteered for paratrooper training school. While on a two week leave, he and Louisa were married on June 22, 1942, in Morristown, IN., by Louisa's father, a Presbyterian minister. In May, 1943, Moffatt's unit was ordered to North Africa to prepare for the invasion of Europe and would not see his wife again for two and a half years. Moffatt was involved in almost every major World War II European battle including Sicily, Italy, Holland, and Belgium.

In Operation Market Garden in the Netherlands, Burriss's company was the lead company in the famous Waal River Crossing and the capture of the Nijmegen Bridge. As a company commander, Captain Burriss's part in the battle was portrayed in the movie *A Bridge Too Far*.

For his service during the war, he received the Silver Star, three Bronze Stars, and Combat "V" for valor, the Purple Heart, three Presidential Unit Citations, French Fourragere, Belgium Fourragere, and the Dutch Lanyard.

After the war, Moffatt and Louisa moved to Columbia where he taught school for a few years and then went into the construction business.

In 1970, Moffatt and his three sons formed Burriss Construction Company which was involved in major construction projects throughout the southeast. He was active in numerous civic and business organizations including the Executives Association of Greater Columbia (EAGC) of which he was president in 1964–65, a Board Member of Lions Club, Presbyterian Home of SC, Med-

ical Missions, SC Lottery Commission, and as Executive Director of the Business and Industry Political Action Committee (BIPEC). Moffatt was a founding member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church where he served as a ruling Elder.

In 1976, he was elected to the S.C. House of Representatives where he served until he retired in 1991. He was elected minority leader for nine of those years where he was instrumental in building the present day Republican Party. In 1989, he received the "Order of the Palmetto" from Governor Carroll Campbell.

In 2000, inspired and persuaded by his children, Moffatt documented his war experiences by writing the book *Strike and Hold*, a memoir of the 82nd Airborne in World War II.

In 2009, Moffatt was invited to Holland to participate in the 65th Anniversary of Operation Market Garden in Nijmegen. At the ceremony Mr. Burriss was recognized by the Queen of Holland and the Mayor of Nijmegen and awarded the Nijmegen Medal of Honor for his part in capturing the Nijmegen Bridge in 1944. Mr. Burriss celebrated his 90th birthday by once again parachuting at the original WWII battle site in Holland.

Over the years, Moffatt and Louisa built their vacation home at their beloved Lake Dogwood in Eastover, where he enjoyed fishing in the lake. They also enjoyed vacations in Montreat, N.C., where, even in his nineties, Moffatt helped each of his four children build their own vacation homes.

In the early 70's, Moffatt faced the toughest battle of his life when Louisa was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's Disease. He courageously cared for her until her death in 1986. Moffatt was later blessed to marry Jean Wheelwright Dooley, who had four grown children of her own, Richard, John, Mary, and Michael. Jean died in 2010. He is survived by his three sons and one daughter, John Hay Burriss (Becca), Moffatt Burriss Jr. (Suzanne), Francis Burriss (Nancy), and Louisa "Weesa" Burriss (Bob Toomey); twelve grandchildren, Catherine Tuttle, John Burriss, Jr., Louisa Adam (Brian), Elizabeth Teal (Bart), Alle Denny (Chris), Lisa Thornton (Brian), Philip Prescott, Rich Prescott, Moffatt Prescott, Rachel Burriss, Thomas Burriss III, and David Burriss (Rebecca); and ten great-grandchildren, all who are grateful and humbled to have shared the life of this honorable gentleman.

The family would like to thank the staff at Lowman Home and Lutheran Hospice for their compassionate care of Mr. Burriss during his last two months.

A memorial service will be held at Lake Murray Presbyterian Church, in Chapin, on Sunday, January 13, at 3:00. The family will receive visitors at the church at the conclusion of the service. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family. Memorials may be made to Lake Murray Presbyterian Church, 2721 Dutch Fork Road, Chapin, SC 29063. Memories and condolences may be shared at ShivesFuneralHome.com.

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OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Central-Clay County High School football team for winning the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 5A football championship.