

There are 300 million people in our country who are struggling with a tumultuous time and how to communicate with each other when they disagree. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said: "We must live together as brothers, or perish together as fools." It is that example of compassion and respect that Congresswoman JOYCE BEATTY (D-OH) and I strive to demonstrate as Founders and Co-Chairs of the Civility and Respect Caucus.

We created our caucus not to change people's opinions, beliefs, or political affiliation, but to show that by coming together, we can find solutions that lead to better policy. From combatting youth homelessness and human trafficking, to supporting our veterans and promoting financial literacy—every issue that we have collaborated on begins with a conversation.

That is why I am honored to commemorate the National Week of Conversation. Vilifying one another or attacking another's motives will not solve problems, but conversation and discussion alone can make us better. As Dr. King also said, "people fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they do not know each other, and they do not know each other because they have not communicated with each other.

In the spirit of the National Week of Conversation, I would encourage everyone to have a conversation with someone new, and to show that it is possible to disagree without being disagreeable.

**CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF MT. RONA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2019*

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the legacy of Mt. Rona Missionary Baptist Church in Effingham, South Carolina. This historic church has served its faithful congregation and the community for 150 years. During its remarkable history, Mt. Rona has seen tremendous change and growth and provided extraordinary service to those in need.

The founders of Mt. Rona began meeting in the small community of Friendfield under a bush arbor in 1869. The congregants continued this tradition until in 1905 when they were given the former Mt. Hebron Church as its congregation moved to a new sanctuary. Reverend J.R. Brooks led the transition to Mt. Rona's new home, and the congregation flourished.

Over the years physical improvements were made to the church. Reverend Frank Ham oversaw the installation of a steeple and bell tower with a chime. He also added new pews and electricity. Reverend James Hall, Jr., created the first pastor's study and an inside baptismal pool. Reverend J.L. Lewis and Reverend James Anderson led the bricking of the church, and installed carpet and an intercom system.

When Reverend Tart became the church's leader, he changed the worship service from twice monthly to every Sunday. The church purchased additional land, built the T.C. Tart Fellowship Hall, added stained glass windows,

paved the parking lot, and added new restrooms. His vision was to build a new church, and in July 2010 construction began. Reverend Tart passed away before he saw the church completed, and Pastor Parrish Brown saw the project through to completion and became the first to serve as the leader of the new Mt. Rona. It was dedicated on April 10, 2011.

Throughout the physical and leadership changes Mt. Rona Missionary Baptist Church has held true to its mission to be an outreach ministry that provides support and relief to the disheartened, disadvantaged, and disenfranchised.

I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the tremendous role Mt. Rona Missionary Baptist Church plays in the community and in the lives of its parishioners. The church's dedication to help the least of these is a reflection of the Biblical teaching that "faith without works is dead." I congratulate the Mount Rona Missionary Baptist Church on this landmark 150th anniversary and know that the church will continue to be a beacon in Florence for many years to come.

**CABIN AIR SAFETY ACT OF 2019**

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2019*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Cabin Air Safety Act of 2019," to protect commercial airline passengers and crew from toxic air onboard commercial aircraft.

All Americans have the right to expect safe, clean air when travelling or reporting to work. I am deeply concerned by the documented cases where pilots, flight attendants, and other airline crewmembers have been incapacitated or even hospitalized following exposure to toxic cabin air.

The "Cabin Air Safety Act" takes common-sense steps to protect airline passengers and crew, including installing carbon monoxide detectors in commercial aircraft. I thank Senator BLUMENTHAL (D-CT) for leading this bill last Congress and look forward to working with him to advance this critical legislation.

"Toxic fume" events occur when air contaminated by engine exhaust, fuel fumes, deicing fluids, and ozone enters the aircraft cabin through the jet-engine intake. Exposure to even low levels of these contaminants can incapacitate passengers and crew and long-term exposure could lead to serious, debilitating health issues.

Our bicameral legislation would better protect airline passengers and crew by: mandating training regarding toxic fumes on aircraft, requiring the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to record and monitor reports of toxic fume events, ensuring that investigations occur following toxic fume events, and installing carbon monoxide sensors on aircraft.

Senator BLUMENTHAL's and my legislation is endorsed by the Air Line Pilots Association International, Association of Flight Attendants, Allied Pilots Association, Association of Professional Flight Attendants, International Union of Teamsters, National Consumers League, Southwest Airlines Pilots' Association, and International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to co-sponsor the "Cabin Air Safety Act."

**INTRODUCTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE ASSISTANCE ACT**

**HON. GREG STANTON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2019*

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, in its most recent annual infrastructure report card, the American Society of Civil Engineers gives our nation's drinking water and wastewater systems a grade of D and D— respectively, meaning they are in fair to poor condition. For the state of Arizona, drinking water and wastewater systems rank slightly better, C— and C respectively.

Over the next 20 years, Arizona will have \$1.93 billion in drinking water and \$6.77 billion in wastewater infrastructure needs. Unfortunately, small and rural communities across Arizona often lack the financial resources to do the necessary repairs and replacement of their aging infrastructure. To help address these infrastructure challenges, I am introducing the Environmental Infrastructure Assistance Act to provide federal assistance through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the communities in Arizona.

The bill would provide financial assistance to public entities, in the form of design and construction for water-related environmental infrastructure, and resource protection and development projects. Projects could include: wastewater treatment and related facilities; water supply, storage, treatment and related facilities; environmental restoration; and surface water resource protection and development. Additionally, funds could be used for technical assistance for water planning and access to water resources.

The Environmental Infrastructure Assistance Act would provide another resource for communities to use to meet their water infrastructure needs, and I am pleased to have the support of the Rural Water Association of Arizona and the Arizona Water Association for this legislation.

It is my hope that as we focus on infrastructure this Congress that we make sure investments are not only made in our roads, bridges and airports, but that we also address water infrastructure needs of communities in Arizona and across the country.

**IN MEMORY OF DR. BETTYE MYERS**

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2019*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Bettye Myers, an invaluable member of the Texas Woman's University community. Dr. Myers, a longtime Denton resident, taught at TWU as a Professor of Kinesiology for more than half a century. She recently passed away at the age of 92.

Before she was a professor, Myers began her time at the university as a student. After

completing the 11th grade, she enrolled at TWU and earned her bachelor's degree in Health, Physical Education & Recreation, with a minor in Government-Sociology, in 1946. The following year, she completed a master's degree at TWU and in 1960 earned a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of Michigan. Dr. Myers returned to TWU as a faculty member in 1961. After completing 54 years of faithful service to the university, she retired in 2015. In honor of her service, TWU dedicated the Dr. Bettye Myers Butterfly Garden in 2016.

Throughout her career, Dr. Myers was an involved and beloved member of the Denton community. She was actively involved in many organizations, including the TWU Alumnae Association, the Kiwanis, AIDS Services of North Texas, the United Way of Denton County, and the Denton Independent School District Board of Trustees. In recognition of her service and contributions, the City of Denton declared September 26, 2006, her 80th birthday, as "Bettye Myers Day."

Dr. Myers received more than 30 awards for education and civic participation; however, she is most remembered for her kindness and dedication. Her legacy will continue on at Myers Middle School, where generations of North Texans will learn about her lifelong dedication to education as students at the school that bears her name.

I am grateful for Dr. Myers' many contributions to TWU and Denton. A true North Texas legend, she will be remembered by those whose lives she touched. I offer my condolences to her many friends and family upon this great loss.

#### INFANT FORMULA PROTECTION ACT OF 2019

**HON. GRACE MENG**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Infant Formula Protection Act.

As a mom, I know the fear and the pressure that comes with caring for a newborn; all a new parent wants is to make sure their baby is healthy. Busy parents need to be able to rely on the safety of products, like formula, that they buy in grocery stores to make sure their newborns are well-fed and healthy. Grocery stores that stock expired formula—even by just a few days—pose real health risks to infants.

Although regulations require expiration dates to be placed on formula, there is no federal law that prohibits the sale of the product after it has expired. As a result, many stores continue to keep the expired items on their shelves even though the products are outdated.

That is why I have introduced the Infant Formula Protection Act of 2019, which would categorize expired infant formula as "adulterated." A grocery store that stocks an adulterated substance can incur fines and other penalties. Parents must be able to trust the safety of the products they buy in their stores.

Madam Speaker, we cannot take any chances with what we feed our babies, I urge my colleagues to join me and pass the Infant Formula Protection Act.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 160th anniversary of the founding of the Church of St. Michael the Archangel in Providence, Rhode Island. St. Michael's parish reflects the vibrancy and diversity of Rhode Island, and its social programs continue to make a positive impact in the community.

In 1859, St. Bernard's Parish, which would become St. Michael's, was founded in Rhode Island. Within a year, it became the home of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, serving Irish immigrants who fled the Great Famine. This was the start of St. Michael's dedication to community service, a tradition that has continued for 160 years.

Since its founding, St. Michael's has provided a welcoming and inclusive community for the successive waves of immigrants who have arrived in Rhode Island. Beginning with Irish, Italian, Portuguese, and other Western European immigrant populations, the St. Michael's community has expanded to include members of more than 40 nationalities or countries of origin, with mass celebrated in five different languages. The multicultural, multilingual community exemplifies Rhode Island's founding principles of inclusion, acceptance, respect, religious tolerance, and the celebration of our common humanity.

St. Michael's mission of service has long brought parishioners together to meet the needs of its members and of the broader community. Through their tireless advocacy, commitment to service, and partnerships with local nonprofits and other faith-based organizations, the people of St. Michael's have helped countless individuals and made an indelible mark on the state.

St. Michael's 160th anniversary is an incredible milestone for one of the spiritual and charitable pillars of Rhode Island, and I look forward to congratulating the parish on many more anniversaries to come.

#### HONORING THE CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MS. MARY ANN MELCHERS

**HON. ELAINE G. LURIA**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and accomplishments of Mary Ann Melchers. Mary Ann Melchers has been a female pioneer during the 54 years that she has been an active member and volunteer in the credit union movement. She began her relationship with credit unions as a volunteer with Norfolk Naval Base Federal Credit Union following a merger with Amphibious Base Federal Credit Union in Hampton Roads, Virginia. Today, the credit union is known as ABNB Federal Credit Union and is the largest community credit union in Southeastern Virginia.

Her credit union volunteer career is well documented. In 1965, she became a member

of the Credit Committee at Naval Base Norfolk Federal Credit Union. This was an especially significant achievement considering that women were unable to obtain credit in their own name at that time in history. Despite those obstacles, she began her lifelong quest to ensure that all people of modest means regardless of gender, race or creed have access to credit and the other vital financial services they need.

In succeeding years, deregulation dramatically changed the face of the financial services industry. In the late 1970's, Mary Ann guided the credit union's evolution by recognizing and then expanding the growth of products and services offered to members from simple savings accounts and small loans to full-service financial offerings. Through her leadership, she also made history as the first woman elected to the office of Chairperson of the Board of Directors at Naval Base Federal Credit Union. This achievement came at a time when women were rarely participants in American business boardrooms let alone serving in leadership roles. As chair she was instrumental in successfully consummating the 1996 merger of Naval Base and Amphibious Base Federal Credit Unions, resulting in what is now known as ABNB Federal Credit Union.

At ABNB Federal Credit Union, Mary Ann has held numerous leadership positions serving as Vice Chair of the Board from 1996 to 1998. In 1999, she was elected Chair of the ABNB FCU Board, beginning a 20-year volunteer career as chair and only the second woman to hold that position in ABNB's history. Under her leadership ABNB grew from 32,615 to 59,469 members and from \$182 million to well over \$57 million in assets.

Through her stewardship, the credit union also expanded its field of membership from solely serving military personnel on the Naval Base and Amphibious Base into the largest full-service community credit union. Today, the credit union serves over 60,000 members across Hampton Roads and Northeastern North Carolina with 18 branches and 24 surcharge-free ATMs. In addition, she was the 2016 recipient of the Virginia Credit Union League's highest honor, the James P. Kirsch Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is given annually to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the credit union movement over the course of their career.

In summary, Mary Ann was able to deliver on her promise ensuring that people of modest means have access to credit and other affordable financial services. During her 54-year volunteer career she was instrumental in guiding a credit union that would eventually serve everyone in Hampton Roads and beyond with low cost and high-quality financial services.

#### CELEBRATING GENOA HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING FOR WINNING DUAL MEET AND TEAM STATE TITLES

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Genoa High School Comets for winning the Ohio School Athletic Association