

United States Code. He also has drafted untold numbers of Jones Act waivers covering every imaginable type vessel, ownership scenario, and vessel history.

On the Natural Resources Committee, I was particularly appreciative of his work on the 1996 update of the National Wildlife Refuge System organic statute during my first term as Chairman. He also worked on the first update of the hydrographic surveying laws in half a century, the Hydrographic reauthorization of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and multiple Coastal Barrier Resources System Act amendments, including the provision that led to the digitization of the Coastal Barrier Resource system maps.

Of course, as the Congressman for All Alaska, I appreciate Hank's work on legislation related to numerous Alaska maritime and terrestrial issues, including the environmental restoration and land transfers on the Pribilof Islands.

Hank is a proud University of Michigan grad, and graduated from Tulane Law School in New Orleans.

Again, I want to thank Hank for his long and excellent service to Congress, and I am sure I am speaking for a long line of current and former Committee chairmen who share those thanks. I wish Hank and his wife, who is also retiring for Federal Service this spring, a long and happy retirement. I hope that will include a trip to Alaska.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on April 3, 2019 during roll call no. 144, on ordering the Previous Question to H. Res. 281, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1585) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 145, on Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 281, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1585) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was unavoidably detained during roll call no. 146, on Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 271, Condemning the Trump Administration's Legal Campaign to Take Away Americans' Health Care. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 147, on Agreeing to the Amendment, Jeffries of New York Part B Amendment No. 1, to H.R. 1585. Had I been present, I would have voted, "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 148, on Agreeing to the Amendment, Scanlon of Pennsylvania Part B Amendment No. 2, to H.R. 1585. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 149, on Agreeing to the Amendment, Waters of California Part B Amendment No. 7, to H.R. 1585. Had I been present, I would have voted, "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 150, on Agreeing to the Amendment, Wagner of Missouri Part B Amendment No. 10, to H.R. 1585. Had I been present, I would have voted, "aye."

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2019 FAIRFAX COUNTY STUDENT PEACE AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2019 Fairfax County Student Peace Awards.

The Fairfax County Student Peace Awards began with one high school in 2006 to encourage high school aged students to think about peace as both a means and an end, and to recognize young people who work as peacemakers. By 2013, the program was being offered in every public high school in Fairfax County, as well as in three private schools.

Participating high schools choose one Junior or Senior, or one student group active in promoting peace and/or removing the causes of conflict. Examples of outreach include: committing to peace by engaging in activities that strive to end conflict, either locally or globally, seeking to discuss or otherwise resolve potentially controversial issues within the school or community, promoting the understanding of divisive issues and situations to bridge language, ethnic, racial, religious, gender, sexual orientation, or class differences, and working to resolve conflicts among students or members of the community who feel isolated or alienated.

I am pleased to include in the RECORD the names of this year's Student Peace Award winners: Kora Coker, Annandale High School; Nick Price, Cedar Lane High School; Deepika Joshi, Centreville High School; Yahang "Annie" Wang, Chantilly High School; Lara Demir, Fairfax High School; Delina Kiflom, Hayfield Secondary School; Lydia Goff, Herndon High School; Kamila Elyazgi, King Abdullah Academy; Sumaiya Hague, Langley High School; Oscar Manuel Lopez Hernandez, Lee High School; Hannan Mumtaz, Madison High School; Luka Gabitsinashvili, George C. Marshall High School; Neha Rana, McLean High School; Burhan Ahmed, Mount Vernon High School; Romina Soleimani, Mountain View High School; Lauren Haymes, Quander Road School; Sophia Liao, South Lakes High School; Angie Sohn, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology; Diana Argueta, West Potomac High School; Laura Kirk, West Springfield High School; Maxihikio (Makee) Neves, Westfield High School; Xuan Huynh, W.T. Woodson High School.

Madam Speaker, the efforts of these young people are the building blocks of a more peaceful and tolerant world. I commend them on their efforts and dedication, and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating each award recipient and thanking them as well as Fairfax County Public School System and sponsor organizations for all they have done for our community.

HONORING FRANCISCO HSIEH

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Fran-

cisco Han Ping Hsieh, who passed away on March 26, 2019 at the age of 85. Mr. Hsieh played an important role in the Asian-American community in California for more than 50 years.

Mr. Hsieh was born in Hubei, China on October 14, 1933. After his graduation from Soochow University in 1959, he worked as a journalist, which eventually brought him to San Francisco in 1965. There, he was employed as a correspondent for Central Daily News, until he went on to serve as publisher and editor at Kiu Kwong Newspaper and Chinese Commercial News.

Following his successful career in journalism, Mr. Hsieh opened Hunan Village Restaurant in San Francisco, bringing the cuisine of his childhood to the city he had grown to love. He shared his passion for Chinese cuisine widely, teaching cooking classes at City College of San Francisco and assisting in the development of other Chinese restaurants in the area.

Following the closure of his restaurant in 1987, Mr. Hsieh pivoted his attentions once again, working on the campaigns of several California politicians, including former Congressman Mike Honda, former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, and former Governor Gray Davis. Mr. Hsieh also served on the California Acupuncture Board, the Commission on Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs, the California State Friendship Committee, and the Chinese American Democratic Club.

In every part of his life, whether publishing a weekly newspaper, bringing Hunan cuisine to a new audience, or political activism, Francisco Hsieh spent his life sharing the subjects he was passionate about to a wider audience, welcoming new members into a vibrant and robust community that he helped build. Mr. Hsieh was a central figure in the Asian-American community in California for more than half of a century. It is my honor today to pay tribute to his memory and his enduring legacy.

COOPER BIGELOW

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cooper Bigelow for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

The Youth Award focuses on teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and created positive changes in their lives and their community. The program provides businesses, the community and civic leaders an opportunity to support young people in their communities and recognize their accomplishments. Cooper is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, he has become an inspiration and role model for his peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Cooper is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Cooper Bigelow for this well-deserved recognition.

I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING MRS. MARY NELL
CHEW

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Mary Nell Chew of Carbondale, Illinois, for her significant contribution to the Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois, a program that honors veterans with a free trip to Washington, D.C. to visit their monuments and memorials.

As a testament to her dedication to the brave men and women who have served our country, Mrs. Chew made the gracious decision to help fund the travel of many Southern Illinois heroes on their trip to Washington.

The daughter and wife of veterans herself, she understands what it means for veterans to visit the nation's capital and honor all the brave men and women who have served our country. By sponsoring an entire flight herself, Mrs. Chew has allowed 90 veterans from across generations to make this trip.

Madam Speaker, please join me honoring Mrs. Mary Nell Chew for her generosity and dedication to our nation's veterans.

IN RECOGNITION OF MATHEWS
COUNTY'S HERITAGE 2019 SPRING
FESTIVAL

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mathews County's Heritage 2019 Spring Festival. This year's event will include a "Salute to the Military," which will feature a daylong tribute to those men and women of Mathews who served and now serve in our nation's military. The event will also honor American Legion Post 83 on its 100th anniversary year.

This year's festival will include military displays and memorabilia from each of the services. Mathews Historical will include displays of the USS *Mathews*, which served time in World War II and the Vietnam War. In addition to the many great displays, the festival will also include musical tributes to our military, arts and crafts competitions, and the traditional May Pole Dance.

I am extremely proud to say that this year's festival will have six Mathews' World War II veterans, who will share their memories and experiences during the war. A Wall of Remembrance will also be present at the Mathews Historical Museum, which includes over 400 photographs of local residents who have served and currently serve in our nation's military.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognition of the Mathews County Heritage 2019 Spring Festival. Words cannot express our gratitude for our military men and women, as they have made immeasurable sacrifices

for our great nation. May God bless Mathews County and I hope to see their excellence continue into the future.

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the centennial anniversary of Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District in Baytown, Harris County, Texas.

Goose Creek ISD was created by an act of the Texas Legislature in February 1919. On July 26, 1919, the first Goose Creek School Board was organized and hired John F. Crawford as the district's first superintendent. Many of the first students to attend Goose Creek schools were children of employees of the nearby Humble Oil and Refining Company, later known as ExxonMobil. In 1922, the first school bond election provided the necessary funding for building Anson Jones Elementary School, Baytown Elementary, and Goose Creek High School.

Goose Creek experienced tremendous growth during the mid-twentieth century with the annexation of Highlands in 1936 and the unification of the Tri-Cities of Goose Creek, Pelly, and Baytown in 1948. Cedar Bayou ISD merged with Goose Creek ISD on March 6, 1954, forming the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District.

Today, Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District is the largest employer in the community. With nearly 24,000 students and twenty-eight schools, Goose Creek is the fifty-eighth largest school district in the State of Texas.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District. May God continue to bless the students, faculty, and communities the district serves.

IN HONOR OF DANA KERVIN AND
HER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
THE HOUSTON ASSOCIATION OF
REALTORS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of Dana Kervin and her 25 years of service to the Houston Association of Realtors. Over the past quarter of a century, Dana has spent countless hours serving and improving our community.

Though not a native Texan, Dana made her way to Houston as soon as possible. Dana grew up in Rayville, Louisiana, and later attended University of Louisiana at Monroe, earning a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Management. After graduation, Dana moved to Houston to embark on a

career in public affairs. In the Harris County Attorney's Office, she served as the Executive Assistant to the late Mike Driscoll for 12 dedicated years. In 1994, Dana transitioned to a new career with the Houston Association of Realtors (HAR), where she currently serves as the Chief Political Strategist.

During her 25 years at the HAR, Dana has served the group in a variety of ways, holding diverse positions such as the Director of Products and Services and Government Affairs Director. In each position she held, Dana led HAR with bold forethought and keen leadership. As all who had the privilege of working with her can attest, her tenure at HAR has made the organization the best it can be.

Outside her work with HAR, Dana has been a prominent figure in the Greater Houston community. She was the Founding Board Chair of the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce and also served as the President of the River Oaks Place Home Owners Association. As a Mayoral appointee, Dana currently serves as Director on the Houston Housing Finance Corporation, a position that combines her passion for public service and her deep knowledge of real estate finance.

Dana was awarded the Governmental Affairs Outstanding Achievement Award in 2015 by the Texas Association of Realtors—an award that is truly well-deserved. Dana was also named one of the 50 most influential women in Houston in the Houston Woman Magazine, a title no doubt reflective of her years of professional success and personal public service.

Dana's genuine love of her peers and dedication to making a difference has touched not only her colleagues, friends, and family, but our entire community. I thank you for your years of friendship and dedication to the Greater Houston area, and I wish you all the best as I have no doubt you will find new ways to be at service to the community.

HONORING THE 2019 OHIO MILITARY
HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, the Ohio Military Hall of Fame will hold a ceremony at the Statehouse in Columbus on May 3 to mark the induction of its 2019 class. Selection for the Hall of Fame is a high honor that has been accorded to only a few hundred Ohioans since 2000. To be considered for induction, individuals must have been decorated for heroic actions in a combat situation.

I am honored to commend to the House this year's 23 inductees:

Corporal William J. Archinal (posthumously), recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Army veteran of the Civil War.

Corporal Milton A. Blickensderfer (posthumously), recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Army veteran of the Civil War.

Corporal William Campbell (posthumously), recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Army veteran of the Civil War.

Sergeant Freeman Davis (posthumously), recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Army veteran of the Civil War.