

it is the policy of the United States to identify Israel's system of military detention of Palestinian children as a human rights violation inconsistent with international law and the laws of the U.S. The bill also establishes "The Human Rights Monitoring and Palestinian Child Victims of Israeli Military Detention Fund." The bill authorizes \$19 million annually for NGO monitoring of human rights abuses associated with Israel's military detention of children. The Fund also authorizes qualified NGOs to provide physical, psychological, and emotional treatment and support for Palestinian child victims of Israeli military detention, abuse, and torture. Any Palestinian age 21 or younger providing documentation of military detention as a child is eligible for services under this provision.

In 2017, I introduced H.R. 4391, the Promoting Human Rights by Ending Israeli Military Detention of Palestinian Children Act. My goal was to shine a light on the dehumanizing effects of military occupation and human rights abuses on Palestinian children. The more than thirty colleagues who joined as co-sponsors in the 115th Congress were courageous and fearless promoters of human dignity and the belief that the U.S. has the obligation to protect human rights, not use U.S. tax dollars to help fund the abuse of children.

I strongly believe there is a growing consensus among the American people that the Palestinian people deserve justice, equality, human rights, and the right to self-determination. After more than fifty years of Israeli military occupation and now the promise by Israel's prime minister to annex Palestinian lands, it is time to stand up for Palestinian rights and stand with Palestinians, Americans, Israelis, and people around the world to reject the destructive, dehumanizing, and anti-peace policies of Prime Minister Netanyahu and President Trump.

The Promoting Human Rights for Palestinian Children Living Under Israeli Military Occupation Act is a step in that direction. It gives my congressional colleagues a clear choice—support human rights for Palestinian children and their families or support perpetuating the occupation and repression in the name of Israel's security. For the cause of peace, justice, human dignity, and a better future for Palestinians, Israelis, and Americans I intend to work tirelessly this Congress to advance this bill.

ARTHUR GEORGE BENZLE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, a few weeks ago, I hit a 100-milestone that I thought was pretty important—my 100th day in Office. However, I stand here today to celebrate a slightly more important centennial milestone. On Friday, April 26, Hilton Head resident Arthur George Benzle turned 100.

Born in Ohio, Arthur moved to New York City for his first job at UPS when he was only 19 years old. His rent was 15 dollars a month on his 40 cent hourly pay, and he would ride the subway for five cents. Arthur worked over 30 years in a produce brokerage business,

making junior partner and partial owner of AG Benzle & Son.

Arthur describes meeting his wife, Martha, "the luckiest day of his life", and is dedicated to a life of travel—visiting 66 countries and counting. His favorite country is still the United States for its "freedom, beauty, and diversity"; I wholeheartedly agree with Arthur here.

I want to wish a very happy 100th birthday to Arthur Benzle, and many more years of travel, golf, and family.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHABAD
LUBAVITCH OF GREATER
GAINESVILLE AND MANASSAS
FIRST TORAH

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Chabad Lubavitch of Greater Gainesville and Manassas First Torah. On April 7, 2019, the Chabad Lubavitch of Greater Gainesville and Manassas completed and dedicated the First Torah ever in Western Prince William County.

The Torah is an unbroken chain of Jewish survival and tradition going back over 3,300 years to when the Jews received the Torah at Mount Sinai. In fact, crafting a single Torah scroll takes over a year to complete. The Gainesville Jewish Community came out to participate in the Torah's completion and to celebrate with music, singing, and dancing festivities.

Established in June 2017, Chabad Lubavitch of Greater Gainesville and Manassas is currently the only Jewish center/organization in Gainesville and Western Prince William County. Under the guidance and inspiration of Lubavitcher Rebbe and Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson OBM, they have both strived to make it a home for every Jew in Prince William County, regardless of their level of observance or affiliation.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognition of Chabad Lubavitch of Greater Gainesville and Manassas First Torah. The welcoming of the Torah is a remarkable achievement for the Gainesville Jewish Community, just as they continue to grow and establish a welcoming Jewish community in the area. May God bless the Prince William Chabad Center and I look forward to seeing their presence continue for many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN
LAURA HEGGINS RECEIVING THE
ROBERT JACKSON EURY MEMO-
RIAL AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Laura Heggins on receiving the Robert Jackson Eury Memorial Award.

Captain Heggins started her career in 1992 and was assigned to the Cabarrus County Detention Center as a Sworn Deputy. During her

law enforcement career, Captain Heggins has served on the Mental Health Task Force, as team leader for the Crisis and Hostage Negotiator Committee, and as a basic law enforcement training instructor. She also finds time to work with the homeless through Main Street Mission.

Over the course of her career, Captain Heggins has climbed the ranks and was the first African American woman to ever be promoted to the Lieutenant rank with the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office. She is hard working, driven, and promotes a level of excellence that is hard to come by, she is a role model for all of us.

The Robert Jackson Eury Memorial Award is presented in memory of Robert Jackson Eury, a man who lost his life in the line of duty while serving as a Cabarrus County law enforcement officer. This award keeps Mr. Eury's legacy alive through officers who share his same admirable and commendable spirit in Cabarrus County. Based on her career of service, I would say Captain Heggins fits the mold of esteemed law enforcement officers in our community set by Robert Eury.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Captain Laura Heggins for receiving the Robert Jackson Eury Memorial Award. We all wish her well as she continues to make a positive impact in our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF EXERCISE TIGER

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of Exercise Tiger and the 30th anniversary of its monument being erected in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Dedicated in 1989, this monument honors the lives lost during the attack on Exercise Tiger, a military training operation that was ambushed by a German flotilla on April 28, 1944. This brutal surprise attack, mounted during a D-Day dry run off the coast of Devon, England, claimed the lives of 749 United States service members in the second deadliest episode of World War II behind Pearl Harbor. This proud memorial will serve as a reminder for generations to come of the service of the men and women who fought in World War II and the sacrifices that were made to protect the United States and banner of peace and democracy across the world.

As we observe the 75th anniversary of this tragic loss of life, we are reminded of the high price paid by those who have laid down their lives in defense of our country. I would like to extend a special thanks to the City of New Bedford and the dedicated members of its veteran community, who continue to inspire through their dedication to preserving history and honoring the legacy of our proud service members.

Madam Speaker, it brings me great pleasure to recognize the 30th anniversary of this important monument and to call attention yet again to the memory of all those who tragically lost their lives during Exercise Tiger.

TARGET PRACTICE AND MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING SUPPORT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2019

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, as a lifelong hunter and clay shooter at the Ettrick and Holmen shooting ranges in Wisconsin, I have enjoyed passing on the Wisconsin hunting tradition to my two boys, and I know firsthand how important these traditions are for many Wisconsin families. That is why I'm concerned about the decline in access to target ranges and gun clubs throughout the nation over the last few decades. Target ranges promote safe hunting and responsible gun ownership, and they are often used to sight in hunting rifles before a hunting season begins.

I also believe it is important to ensure our federal programs are working with hunters and state fish and wildlife agencies to ensure that we can preserve local wildlife and their habitats for generations to come. However, this goal is threatened by a decline in hunters throughout the country—a recent study found that the number of hunters had declined approximately 16 percent since 2011. Hunters have generated billions of dollars for wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs through Pittman-Robertson (PR) funds, which come directly from excise taxes on hunting and shooting equipment. With fewer hunters, there is less money available for protecting our habitats.

As a long time member of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, I am a proud champion of legislation that supports sportsmen's issues, and as a former member of the House Natural Resources Committee, I have built a strong record of voting to protect our natural heritage. This bill supports both causes by giving states more flexibility to use their allocated PR funds to recruit and retain more hunters and recreational shooters through the development and maintenance of public shooting ranges. Under current law, there is a 75 percent federal and 25 percent non-federal cost share for all projects covered under Pittman-Robertson. This bill would adjust that cost share to allow states to use PR dollars to fund as much as 90 percent of the costs of acquiring land for, expanding, or constructing a public target range. It also allows PR funds to remain available to states for up to five fiscal years (compared to two fiscal years under current law) for the use of acquiring land for expanding or constructing a public target range.

I will be pleased to see it pass the House of Representatives unanimously. The bill will go to the President's desk, where I am confident he will sign it into law.

HONORING DR. EDMUND
SCHWEITZER

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Edmund

O. Schweitzer III. On May 2, 2019, he will be inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame for inventing the world's first practical microprocessor digital relay for the power grid.

Before his breakthrough invention, utilities relied on bulky relays made of springs, magnets, and coils. Dr. Schweitzer turned these cumbersome and old systems into precise and reliable ones with a digital relay that is one-eighth the size, one-tenth the weight, and best yet, one-third the price! His multifunctional digital relay not only protects power systems, it also records data and identifies faults. As a result, he's inspired even more inventions that have become the standard features for protective data relays around the globe.

In short, Dr. Schweitzer revolutionized our power grid with computer-based protection and control equipment. Of course, what I'm most proud of is that Pullman, Washington, is home to his great success story. It's where he earned his doctorate at Washington State University in 1977.

It's also in Pullman where Dr. Schweitzer built his company, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL), which has created thousands and thousands of jobs in rural Eastern Washington since 1982 and is now a 100 percent employee-owned ESOP.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Schweitzer's professional work is electrical engineering, but his greatest invention is truly in human resources. He's led to create a culture of innovation, opportunity, and respect that has empowered people in my district to have an opportunity for a better life. Right now, SEL employs 5,200 people who develop and manufacture a suite of products that make electric power safer, more reliable, and more affordable for utility companies, mines, factories, hospitals, universities and data centers in 164 countries around the world.

I'm proud to call Dr. Schweitzer a friend and a mentor. It's not an exaggeration to say that his work is the fulfillment of the American Dream. He's a living example of the wonderful accomplishments that are made possible when the seeds of invention are able to grow freely without federal regulations holding them back.

This week, Dr. Schweitzer will have the amazing honor of joining Thomas Edison, George Westinghouse, Nikola Tesla, and Hedy Lamarr in the National Inventors Hall of Fame. On behalf of the 116th United States Congress and Washington's Fifth Congressional District, I'm proud to congratulate him and thank him for his ingenuity that will inspire many Americans for decades to come.

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING JOSEPH WAKELEY FOR HIS SERVICE AS CRAWFORD COUNTY TREASURER

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Joseph V. Wakeley for his retirement as Crawford County Treasurer. Through his exceptional leadership and steadfast devotion to his community, Joe has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

Joe has dedicated more than 45 years to the people of Crawford County and the state of Michigan. Since first taking office in 1973, Joseph has shown a constant vigilance in his stewardship and responsibility for the tax dollars of the citizens that put him in office. From starting as the youngest county treasurer in the state of Michigan to eventually becoming the longest serving, Joseph has never failed to put the needs of his fellow Michiganders first during his service. The trust that the citizens of Crawford County have in Joe is clear—not once during his 45 years in office has he faced a challenger during elections.

Outside of his service as Crawford County Treasurer, Joe has provided valuable support and expertise in other areas, including Rotary, the Jolly Redskin Canoe Livery, the AuSable River Canoe Marathon committee, Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Grayling's Project Rising Tide committee, the Beaver Creek-Grayling Townships Utility Authority, and the Michigan Association of County Treasurers. His impact on the people of Northern Michigan cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Joseph Wakeley for his decades of service to the people of Crawford County. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a dedicated public servant. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Joe all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING ANDREW WEIBRECHT
FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO THE
SKI AND SNOWBOARD HALL OF
FAME

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Andrew Weibrecht on his induction into the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame.

Andrew was a valuable and successful member of the U.S. Ski Team for 16 years. His foray onto the world stage began in 2006 at the Junior World Ski Championships where he earned a bronze medal. He then went on to the World Cup where he was on the podium twice and placed in the top-ten eleven times. Andrew captured his first Olympic medal, a bronze at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games, and followed-up with a silver in the 2014 games. He won second place in the 2016 World Cup and soon thereafter announced his retirement. While participating in global competitions, Andrew would proudly wear the Lake Placid brand on his helmet as an official ambassador, demonstrating his pride in the North Country for the world to see.

Andrew Weibrecht's long and successful career is certainly deserving of recognition. He has always been a hometown hero to the residents of the Tri-Lakes region and certainly makes the North Country proud. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate Andrew on his induction and wish him the best moving forward.