

remember that, despite the challenges one may face in life, there is reason to celebrate it.

Madam Speaker, for inspiring her community with her remarkable courage and love of life, I recognize Bridget Mallo for her spirit of Montana.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JIM WADE

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks in tribute to Dr. Jim Wade of Abingdon, Virginia, who has used his talents as a surgeon to help needy people around the globe.

Dr. Wade was born and raised in Princeton, West Virginia. He attended West Virginia University as an undergraduate and then continued at its School of Medicine specializing in otolaryngology. After completing his medical studies, he served as an officer in the U.S. Army for five years, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He then had a medical practice in Abingdon from 1978 to 2013.

In Abingdon, Dr. Wade has been an active member of his community. He attends Abingdon Bible Church, serves on various boards, and provides a home for foreign interns when they are training in the country.

Dr. Wade's deep faith, compassion for others, and medical skills guided him to the field of medical missions. He began volunteering with the faith-based charity World Medical Mission in May 1996, traveling to Kenya, performing cleft lip and cleft palate surgeries. Working with World Medical Mission and BethanyKids in the years since, Dr. Wade has traveled to Kenya 25 times, South Sudan three times, Egypt twice, South Sudan twice, and Myanmar to perform these surgeries. Frequently operating in areas undergoing political and social unrest and lacking the comforts of home, he conducts an average of four surgeries a day during twelve-hour shifts in the operating room.

His selfless and humble service to others has been a gift in the lives of many, from the children who benefit from his medical skills to the colleagues inspired by his example. I commend Dr. Wade for his good works and for the generous and caring spirit in which he has done them.

RECOGNIZING TAYLOR BOYER

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, for nearly two decades, the U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Student Program has afforded qualified American students the ability to study abroad. To date, over 28,000 outstanding Americans representing 1,300 colleges and universities have studied in over 150 countries as part of this program. Students selected represent diverse backgrounds and engage in a unique educational experience that gives them skills re-

lated to national security and economic competitiveness.

I rise today to recognize the prestigious accomplishment of my constituent, Taylor Boyer of Doylestown, who received a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study abroad in Belize during the 2017–2018 academic year while a student at Delaware Valley University.

On behalf of all residents of the First Congressional District, I congratulate Taylor on this outstanding achievement.

HONORING TEACHER OF THE YEAR
DONNA GRADEL

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today in honor of an outstanding educator. Oklahoma's 2018 Teacher of the Year, Ms. Donna Gradel, a finalist for the National Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Gradel has dedicated nearly 30 years of her life to education. The success of her students at Broken Arrow High School reflects the passion and dedication that Ms. Gradel brings to teaching.

Oklahoma is home to many wonderful educators. Ms. Gradel is a standard-bearer of educational excellence in my state and my district, and she continues to impress us and her peers across the country.

Ms. Gradel is well-deserving of her position as a finalist for Teacher of the Year. She represents Oklahoma and our country well and has the support of our entire delegation.

Congratulations to Ms. Gradel on this profound honor.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF MASIMO CORPORATION

HON. KATIE PORTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 30th anniversary of Masimo Corporation, a healthcare technology company based in Irvine, California, and to celebrate its innovation and commitment to improving patient safety around the world. Masimo has helped solve the "unsolvable" by introducing lifesaving breakthroughs in noninvasive patient monitoring.

Masimo's founder, chairman, and chief executive officer, Joe Kiani, immigrated to the United States when he was 9 years old and only spoke three words of English. Originally trained as an electrical engineer, he thrived in his new home and graduated early from both high school and San Diego State University.

In 1989, at age 24, Mr. Kiani had an idea that would significantly improve the accuracy and reliability of one of the most commonly used monitoring technologies in health care: the pulse oximeter. By attaching to your finger, the pulse oximeter measures how much oxygen is in the blood within seconds. With a \$40,000 loan against his condo in Orange

County, Mr. Kiani started his company in a location that many successful California companies often do—in a garage. Today, Masimo Corporation's Irvine headquarters can be recognized as the set for Stark Enterprises in the first "Iron Man" movie.

Before Masimo Corporation was founded, pulse oximeters frequently produced false alerts based on a variety of factors and the patient's movements. Mr. Kiani applied a technology called adaptive filters, used in submarine warfare and communication, and created Masimo SET Measure-through Motion and Low Perfusion pulse oximetry. This technology reduced false alarms by 95 percent, and its high degree of sensitivity pioneered new findings—from previously undetectable heart problems in newborns to reducing blindness in premature babies by enabling clinicians to better target oxygen levels provided in neonatal care.

Since its founding, Masimo has grown into a successful publicly traded company employing more than 4,600 people worldwide, with annual revenues of nearly \$800 million. The company has more than 600 patents, and Masimo's technology improves the health outcomes of an estimated 100 million patients worldwide each year.

The journey of Mr. Kiani and Masimo is an American story rooted in entrepreneurial spirit and grit. Its worldwide success has created jobs, nurtured research, and improved patient safety. On behalf of the 45th Congressional District, congratulations for 30 years of providing lifesaving and life-altering health care.

RECOGNIZING THE MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY'S 20TH ANNUAL SNAPSHOT DAY

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary as they celebrate their 20th Snapshot Day. This annual event brings volunteers together at over 250 sampling sites on the central coast of California as they collect valuable data on the water quality of the watersheds that drain into the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

The first Snapshot Day was organized in 2000 when the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary collaborated with the Coastal Watershed Council and the Center for Marine Conservation to organize a volunteer effort to better understand land-based sources of ocean pollution in the sanctuary. With a better understanding of the sources of pollution from the 10 watersheds directly connected to the sanctuary, local agencies, stakeholders, and citizens can better protect the water quality along 276 miles of shoreline across four coastal counties that are home to more than 1.8 million residents. These protected waters support a wealth of biological diversity, coastal scenery, and recreational and business opportunities.

Snapshot Day depends on a small army of volunteers who measure bodies of water for temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, conductivity, and turbidity and collect samples that

will be tested in a laboratory for nutrients and bacteria levels. These assessments test the overall health of the water as well as any threats to aquatic organisms, fish, and humans. Through this work, volunteers become environmental stewards and ambassadors for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and local watersheds. Since 2000, a total of 3,783 volunteers have donated 18,915 hours of their time to monitor any of the Snapshot Day sites.

Since its beginning in 2000, Snapshot Day has shown how engaged volunteers can make a critical impact in their community. Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary as they celebrate their 20th Snapshot Day.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Polish American Congress. I am pleased to recognize such an esteemed organization that has enriched the cultural landscape of our nation and strengthened America's friendship with Poland. I am proud to have worked closely for many years with Polish American Congress President Frank Spula in Chicago.

Established near the end of World War II, the Polish American Congress gave voice to the shared Polish-American interest in a free Poland and in defeating the Axis powers. After World War II ended, the organization played a leading role in international efforts to secure a prosperous and independent post-war Poland. During the Cold War, the organization engaged in further work to bolster relations between our two countries, through pushing for American recognition of the Polish western border, securing support for Radio Free Europe, and advocating on behalf of Polish immigrants.

Today, the Polish American Congress stands as a federation of over 3,000 Polish American organizations including veteran, cultural, professional, religious, and social associations, and represents over 10 million Americans of Polish descent and origin. Throughout its rich history, the Polish American Congress has been highly successful in ensuring strong economic cooperation and promoting civic, educational, and cultural programs to further artistic and intellectual exchanges.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Polish American Congress on its 75th anniversary. Chicagoland is fortunate to have the most robust Polish-American community in our nation. I am proud to be a Polish-American and to represent so many others in my district. I have witnessed firsthand the exceptional contributions of the Polish American Congress. I know this organization will continue its important work for many years into the future.

RECOGNIZING JASMINE WATT, DELEGATE TO THE 2019 CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jasmine Carol Watt on her nomination and selection as a Delegate to the 2019 Congress of Future Medical Leaders. She will represent the great State of Georgia and White County High School at the event in Boston, Massachusetts.

Selection as a Delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an incredible honor. The goal of the Congress is to identify high-achieving high school students who aspire to become physicians or medical scientists and provide them with the guidance and mentorship needed to succeed.

To become a Delegate, one must have a proven record of academic achievement. Jasmine greatly exceeded that requirement with her near-perfect GPA. While maintaining a stellar GPA, Jasmine also participates in the White County High School concert and marching bands as a percussionist.

From an early age, Jasmine was always intrigued by the possibility of a career in the medical profession. Inspired by her mother, a law enforcement officer, she originally expressed interest in forensic sciences but later turned her attention to becoming a nurse in the operating room, where her aunt works.

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an incredible opportunity for Jasmine to acquire the knowledge and leadership skills necessary to succeed in the medical profession. I am proud to congratulate her on this well-deserved honor, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE HONORING THE ANCESTRAL REBURIAL HOSTED BY THE GULLAH SOCIETY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor 36 individuals of African descent whose remains were unearthed at Gaillard Center in Charleston, South Carolina in 2013. These souls, whose stories are unknown, were buried in unmarked graves and their resting site was later buried under construction as the city grew. While they may have been forgotten in their time, they are not forgotten today. I commend the Gullah Society and the City of Charleston for honoring these individuals by holding a naming ceremony and ancestral reburial celebration to honor these souls and recognize their contributions to Charleston's history.

What we do know is that these 36 individuals—men, women and children—were either born in Africa or were of African descent. Thanks to the efforts of the Gullah Society, analysis has been done that dates the original burial of these souls to between 1750 and 1800. Yet the site was never recognized as a

burial ground. These souls were almost certainly enslaved people and endured prejudices and abuses throughout their life.

Alexis de Tocqueville wrote in his great work Democracy in America; “The greatness of America lies not in being more enlightened than any other nation, but rather in her ability to repair her faults.” The reburial celebration is one step towards acknowledging this important part of history and repairing this fault.

We have an obligation to preserve the rich history of this country. Celebrations like this provide an opportunity to rejoice in the continued preservation of not just historic events but of the people who made this country what it is today.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in celebrating this historic occasion that recognizes the contributions of these 36 souls and all of the similarly situated that they represent. Without the vigilance of the Gullah Society and the City of Charleston this recognition would not be possible; and I add my enduring gratitude for the tremendous work they have done to make this day possible.

THE PASSING OF JUDGE DAMON KEITH

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. LEWIS. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Judge Damon Keith. He was a great American and a brilliant federal judge.

Over the years, I had the honor of meeting Judge Keith a few times. He was always gracious and thoughtful.

Appointed by Presidents Johnson and Carter, Judge Keith worked for more than half a century to help our nation realize the dream of a more perfect union.

He spent every single day committed to helping our country respect the dignity, worth, and equality of every human being—whether it was their right to vote, education, housing, employment, or privacy.

Madam Speaker, today, my thoughts are with his family, friends, and community, who were kind enough to share this amazing man with a grateful nation.

RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE STAN FURMAN

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, today I want to recognize the Honorable Stan Furman who passed away on April 1, 2019 at the age of 87 in Phoenix, Arizona.

The two-term Arizona State Senator was born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1932 and experienced a humble, often difficult upbringing. He lost both his parents before he turned 10 years old and spent his formative years in the Vista Del Mar orphanage in Los Angeles.

This experience shaped him, contributing to his strong beliefs in justice and equal rights. It formed Stan's social conscience as he developed a profound need to stand up for those who couldn't stand up for themselves. That