

Doug is survived by his beloved wife, Sherry Bebitch Jeffe, with whom he spent over 50 years traveling the world. Doug is also missed by his rescue pit bull, Kennedy, and his innumerable friends and colleagues. He will forever be remembered for his selflessness and work to make a positive meaningful impact on his community.

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HONORING LEIGHA PETERSON

**HON. TOM RICE**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2019*

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Leigha Peterson, the first student to earn a doctoral degree from Coastal Carolina University in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. She graduated this weekend with a Doctor of Philosophy in Marine Science.

This is just Leigha's most recent landmark accomplishment during her impressive tenure at Coastal Carolina University. She is the first to earn all three levels of undergraduate and postgraduate education from Coastal Carolina. While earning her Ph.D., she was Coastal Carolina's first doctoral student representative and helped other students successfully interact with their professors. In addition to co-authoring 25 research papers, she also participated in research trips to Antarctica, Brazil, the Gulf of Mexico, Jamaica, and Canada to further her studies.

Leigha's graduation is not only a huge personal achievement, but a major success for Coastal Carolina University. I know Leigha will be the first of many innovators and entrepreneurs that earn prestigious degrees from Coastal Carolina University before making their mark on the world. We are all very proud of Leigha, and wish her success in her future endeavors.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF JACQUIE JONES-WALSH

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2019*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Jacquie Jones-Walsh, whose work combating injustice in the workplace has improved the lives of an unmeasurable amount of people in Washington State.

Ms. Jones-Walsh tirelessly worked with, and in many cases led, a number of organizations with the singular purpose of supporting the rights of all workers. Ms. Jones-Walsh fought to eliminate the barriers that people of color and women so often face. She served tirelessly as a leader representing several organizations. Ms. Jones-Walsh was the second Vice President of the Seattle King County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), State President for the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW), Vice President of the Washington State Labor Council, President of the Seattle Blacks in Government (BIG) Chapter, a founding member of the Seattle MLK Jr. Organizing Coalition, and served several terms

as President of the Washington Federation of State Employees (WFSE) Local 843, to name a few.

A long-time advocate for expanding and protecting affirmative action, Ms. Jones-Walsh played an active part in a recent campaign to approve Initiative 1000. This Washington state initiative lifts a ban on affirmative action in education, employment and contracting and extends it to include women, veterans, people with disabilities, and all people of color. Her advocacy on this and countless other projects will be missed.

I have personally worked with Ms. Jones-Walsh several times. Each time I've had the pleasure of meeting with her, she exhibited the passion, diligence and intelligence that her groundbreaking causes deserved. It was these qualities and her devotion to the community that made her such a staple in Washington State.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the life of Jacquie Jones-Walsh, whose leadership in the labor community has been an inspiration for many people. Her dedication and commitment to fighting for equality will live on through her legacy, and she will be greatly missed.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2019*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I missed two roll call votes. Had I been present I would have voted:

Yes on the Huffman of California Part C Amendment No. 6 on H.R. 2157, Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019 (Roll Call No. 199). This amendment prohibits funds in the bill from being used to enforce regulations requiring within two years construction of agency relief projects funded by the Federal Highway Administration.

Yes on the Sablan of Northern Mariana Islands Part C Amendment No. 3 on H.R. 2157, Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019 (Roll Call No. 198). This amendment increases funding for waste water treatment plants impacted by Typhoon Yutu by \$8,800,000 for repair and resiliency.

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HONORING THOMAS J. SCHWARZ

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2019*

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Thomas J. Schwarz, President of State University of New York, Purchase College, as the College honors him this month for his 17 years of distinguished leadership on the occasion of his retirement.

Since Mr. Schwarz was appointed as Purchase College's fifth President in 2003, the college has seen substantially improved retention and graduation rates. He prioritized social responsibility throughout his presidency. In 2007, he signed the "American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment," expressing the sense that Purchase College

would chart a course toward climate neutrality. In 2015, Purchase College constructed its first LEED Gold-certified campus building and continues to renovate existing buildings with more energy-efficient technology. Mr. Schwarz oversaw the development of the Broadview Senior Living Center, a senior living community on the Purchase College Campus that will promote lifelong learning.

Throughout his career, he was deeply committed to public service. He served as mayor of the Village of Ocean Beach, New York; Special Counsel to the New York State Commission on Government Integrity; Chief Judge to the Commission to Promote Public Confidence in Judicial Integrity, and Counsel to the Governor's Judicial Screening Program. The Legal Aid Society recognized him with its Pro Bono Award in 1998.

Madam Speaker, I urge my fellow Members of Congress to join me in expressing thanks to Mr. Schwarz for his many years of outstanding public service and student advocacy.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2019*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call Vote Nos. 197, 198, 199, 200, 201 and 202, I am not recorded because I was not present in the House.

Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 197; NAY on Roll Call No. 198; NAY on Roll Call No. 199; YEA on Roll Call No. 200; YEA on Roll Call No. 201; and NAY on Roll Call No. 202.

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IN HONOR OF THE WYOMING STATE SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**HON. LIZ CHENEY**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2019*

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Wyoming State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which will hold its annual conference May 16–19, in Lander, Wyoming.

The Daughters of the American Revolution has a long tradition of promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism across the country and state of Wyoming. This year at their conference, members from around the state will come together to celebrate their contributions to Wyoming history and society, and hear from a host of speakers, including other D.A.R. members from across the country.

I would also like to thank the members of the Daughters of the American Revolution for all they do to preserve the history of our great state and country and to promote the importance of education and patriotism of our great nation.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to acknowledge the many contributions the women of the Daughters of the American Revolution have made throughout history, and continue to make today.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2019*

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, on May 9th and 10th, I attended my son's graduation from Naval Academy Preparatory School and was therefore unable to cast my vote on several pieces of legislation. If present, I would have voted NAY on ordering the previous question to H. Res. 357 (Roll Call No. 189) and NAY on agreeing to H. Res. 357 (Roll Call No. 190).

I would have also voted on amendments to H.R. 986, the Protecting Americans with Pre-existing Conditions Act, in the following way: YEA on the Brown Amendment (Roll Call No. 191); YEA on the Holding Amendment (Roll Call No. 192); NAY on the Malinowski Amendment (Roll Call No. 193); and NAY on the Wild Amendment (Roll Call No. 194). I would have voted YEA to recommit H.R. 986 (Roll Call No. 195) and voted NAY on passage (Roll Call No. 196). Despite its title, H.R. 986 does nothing to protect preexisting conditions. Instead, I would have supported my colleague Representative GREG WALDEN's bill, H.R. 692, the Pre-existing Conditions Protection Act, if it were brought before the House for consideration.

Furthermore, I would have voted on amendments to H.R. 2157, the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2019, in the following way: NAY on the Perlmutter amendment (Roll Call No. 197); NAY on the Sabian amendment (Roll Call No. 198); NAY on the Huffman amendment (Roll Call No. 199); and YEA on the Fletcher amendment (Roll Call No. 200). I would have voted YEA to recommit H.R. 2157 (Roll Call No. 201) and NAY on passage of H.R. 2157 (Roll Call No. 202). While I support targeted funding to help communities recover from flooding, especially in Minnesota, this bill carelessly adds to our growing national debt. Future generations will be forced to confront the over \$22 trillion in debt unless Washington can find a way to reform the appropriations process to address unchecked federal spending.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ELLIS  
"REED" PARLIER**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2019*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the life of Ellis "Reed" Parlier, a young man from North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District whose life was taken much too soon on May 1st of this year.

Reed was full of passion, wit and intelligence. A top student and avid gamer, Reed planned to turn his love of video games into a Computer Science degree and a career as a game developer. He had the reputation of being gifted academically with a witty sense of humor, and had his whole life ahead of him as he finished his freshman year at UNC Charlotte.

It absolutely breaks my heart that Reed's life was taken from us during a tragic, sense-

less shooting on UNC Charlotte's campus. My years at UNC Charlotte made an indelible impact on who I am today, and I was shaken to my core when I learned of Reed's death last week. My thoughts and prayers are with Reed's family during this time of sorrow. As a father, I cannot imagine the depth of your grief.

I know I speak for the entire 49er community when I say we all share your pain and mourning—no one deserves to lose a child, especially on a campus like UNC Charlotte where so many terrific, transformative experiences take place for tens of thousands of students each year.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in commemorating the life of Ellis "Reed" Parlier.

RECOGNIZING KATHY HAGGART  
ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER 22  
YEARS AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS  
CLUBS OF BELLEVUE**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2019*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Kathy Haggart, the CEO and President of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue, on her retirement.

Kathy Haggart has had a remarkable career in the nonprofit sector—having worked in nonprofit management for nearly 36 years. Ms. Haggart has spent the majority of her nonprofit work with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue serving as the President and CEO for 22 years. She was appointed as the President and CEO in 1997 after a successful term as the Club's Director of Development. In her position as President and CEO, Kathy oversaw 12 Club locations and managed a multi-million dollar budget. Ms. Haggart is an incredible, high-performing leader with an exceptional ability to bring teams together.

During her time as President and CEO, Ms. Haggart fostered strong relationships between the Boys & Girls Clubs and the larger community. She strengthened partnerships with the City of Bellevue, the Bellevue School District, the King County Housing Authority, Youth Eastside Services, and other notable community organizations. She has helped shift the focus of the Clubs to include community outreach and services for parents as well.

Under her guidance, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue expanded from one clubhouse to over 12 program sites. Additionally, the Club received many awards for program excellence from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and local organizations. These include "Best of" recognition in several local publications, and selection as a "Community Treasure" by a local school. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue serve over 11,000 children and teenagers with educational programming, afterschool activities, summer programs, and athletics. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue thrived under Ms. Haggart's innovative leadership.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize and congratulate Kathy Haggart on her retirement from her longtime service to the adolescents of the Bellevue community.

## IN HONOR OF HELENA SCHWARZ

**HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2019*

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today with bittersweet sentiment and thanks to my Legislative Director, Helena Schwarz.

Helena has spent her career focusing on public service. Working in the Maryland Legislature, and eventually here in the U.S. House of Representatives, she has always found ways to support policies and people she believes in.

Helena joined my office more than four years ago after serving in the office of my colleague, Congressman SARBANES from Maryland. During her tenure on "Team Boyle" she has been a steady hand that provided guidance to the legislative team and substantive policy advice to me. She is thorough, dedicated, and always willing to advocate for policies in which she believes.

A Michigan native, Helena quickly adapted to the City of Brotherly Love. In her time here, she's worked tirelessly to elevate the voices of blue-collar workers and the shrinking middle class, and to ensure that all Americans have a fair shot at achieving the American Dream. The people we serve in my district have greatly benefited from her service to this institution.

Helena will still be part of the important policy debates we have ahead of us, as she leaves to lead an advocacy effort focused on America's infrastructure agenda.

I wish her the best of luck on this venture, and I look forward to seeing her package on the House floor in the future.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WATER IN-  
FRRASTRUCTURE TRUST FUND  
ACT**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2019*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, America's water systems are in crisis. While our clean water needs are estimated to be nearly \$14 billion per year for the next 20 years, funding has averaged less than \$1.5 billion annually since 2011. Drinking water infrastructure is in worse shape—the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that we need to invest over \$23 billion annually for the next 20 years to ensure the provision of safe drinking water, while Congress typically appropriates less than \$1 billion a year. Though most of our water and wastewater systems are 75–100 years old, these growing challenges are not due to age alone: federal investment has fallen more than 85 percent since 1977. Last year alone, American communities suffered more than 250,000 water main breaks and saw overflowing combined sewer systems. These problems will only increase with inadequate and inconsistent funding. That is why I am introducing the Water Infrastructure Trust Fund Act of 2019.

This legislation will provide a small, deficit-neutral source of revenue to help states replace, repair, and rehabilitate critical clean and