

d'Elle's respect for a fallen American soldier are indicative of some of the best traits of the human race. A man lost his life 75 years ago fighting for freedom and liberty, and two communities that he touched were brought together in friendship and fraternity.

As we near Memorial Day, it becomes ever more important for us to recognize and share these stories of our brave soldiers who never returned home. I hope all Americans remember the fallen soldiers who committed the greatest sacrifice of giving their lives for our country and honor them by living in gratitude each and every day for the precious gift they have selflessly given to us.

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IN MEMORY OF ROY APPLETON,  
JR.

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**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 24, 2019*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mr. Roy Appleton, Jr., who passed away on Monday, April 8, 2019 after a lifetime of service to our nation and his North Texas neighbors.

As a young man, Roy Appleton, Jr. served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He saw combat action for more than 35 months in the South Pacific, taking part in the invasion of Iwo Jima and fighting in multiple battles including the retaking Guadalcanal and Saipan.

Upon his return home to Texas, Mr. Appleton married Margie Lee Monroe of Denton in 1947. He earned a degree from the University of North Texas in 1949. Even before he graduated, Mr. Appleton began working at the Denton Record-Chronicle. He was employed by the paper for more than four decades, retiring in 1991 as president and general manager. Aside from his service in the U.S. Marine Corps, Mr. Appleton spent his entire career at the paper.

An engaged community leader, Mr. Appleton served in a variety of leadership roles for the Denton Chamber of Commerce, the Denton Economic Development Advisory Board, and United Way of Denton County. He was an active member of the Denton Rotary Club and Denton Jaycees, as well as a director of First State Bank and a ruling elder at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

In 2014, the Greater Denton Arts Council renamed their home the "Patterson-Applegate Center for the Visual Arts" in recognition of Mr. Appleton's contributions to the art culture of Denton County, which include the creation of the Campus Theatre, annual Holiday Lighting Festival and Denton Arts & Jazz Festival.

In recognition of his many contributions to the North Texas community, the Greater Denton Arts Council (GDAC) will honor Mr. Appleton's legacy of philanthropy and civic engagement at its annual awards event on May 31, 2019.

I am grateful for Mr. Appleton's many decades of selfless service to our nation and our community. On behalf of the 26th District of Texas, I offer my condolences to his family, friends, and neighbors.

GOLD STAR FAMILIES

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**HON. KEVIN HERN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 24, 2019*

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, to many Americans, this 3-day weekend is an excuse to take a trip, go to the pool, barbecue, and celebrate the start of summer. But to millions of Americans, it's the reminder of the sacrifices that our military men and women make every single day to preserve our country's freedoms.

No one understands that sacrifice better than Gold Star Families.

The Gold Star Legacy is an organization that honors the memory of our fallen heroes by supporting their families and raising awareness of the struggles that military families go through.

The sacrifices and struggles of military families are often overlooked on these holidays, but their sacrifices are just as important to the protection of our country as the ones made by those who answer the call to serve.

This Memorial Day, I am grateful for the dedication and sacrifices not only from our military, but also from their families, especially the families of our fallen heroes. I send my sincerest respect and sympathy to our Gold Star Families today.

I encourage all Americans to take some time this weekend to reflect on the men and women who bravely serve, the heroes we've lost and the families they left behind.

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CONGRATULATING MR. JOHN CORONA ON HIS RETIREMENT

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**HON. MARK TAKANO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 24, 2019*

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate John Corona who will be retiring after serving the Riverside Unified School District for 40 years.

Mr. Corona's tenure in education has left a lasting impact on the Riverside community. He received numerous awards throughout the duration of his career, which demonstrate the admiration his colleagues and students have for him.

One of Mr. Corona's proudest achievements was the creation of "King High School Remembers." This annual project sparked continuous outreach to the veteran community and began an important dialogue between veterans and students. Since 2001, more than 300 veterans have been interviewed by high school students.

Above all, Mr. Corona touched the lives of hundreds of students through his teaching, coaching, and mentorship. I send him best wishes on his well-deserved retirement and thank him for his service to our community.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
JAMES DALY POST 200 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 24, 2019*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Veterans of Foreign Wars James Daly Post 200 in Hastings-on-Hudson as they celebrate their 100th anniversary. Our veterans truly are our nation's greatest heroes. For a century now, Post 200 in Hastings has been an invaluable center and resource for veterans in my Congressional District, and has provided a strong sense of community for its members.

Post 200's exemplary commitment to veterans and the community is truly inspiring. Their annual Memorial Day parade in Hastings is a staple of the community that year after year does a beautiful job of honoring our service members. The event brings veterans, friends, families, and community members together from across my district to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

Members of James Daly Post 200 risked their lives to serve our country overseas. I am thankful for their service, and the vital role Post 200 plays in connecting veterans throughout my district. It is my absolute honor to commemorate their centennial anniversary.

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NATIONAL STOP THE BLEED DAY

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**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 24, 2019*

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark National Stop the Bleed Day. More than 200,000 Americans lose their lives every year from traumatic incidents, including shootings, vehicular crashes, and workplace accidents. When injuries involve traumatic blood loss, death can occur in as little as five minutes. These deaths, however, are often times preventable.

National Stop the Bleed Day is a day to raise awareness of how to respond to severe bleeding incidents. Just as people learn CPR so that they can help a person having a heart attack, or the Heimlich maneuver for when someone is choking, learning how to respond to a traumatic bleeding incident can be the difference between life and death while waiting for professional help to arrive.

This month, my colleague Dr. BRAD WENSTRUP (R-OH) and I introduced H.R. 2550, the Prevent Blood Loss with Emergency Equipment Devices Act of 2019 (the Prevent BLEEDing Act), to provide this lifesaving training and expand access to Bleeding Control Kits (BCKs). This legislation will help place tens of thousands of emergency blood loss prevention materials in schools, places of worship, and other public gathering places across the country, so that if disaster strikes, bystanders can be better equipped to respond. I ask my colleagues to support this effort and work with me to ensure its speedy passage.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 24, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, on H.R. 1994, the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act, unfortunately, due to an error in the voting process my “Yea” vote was not officially recorded when I cast my vote and was unable to return to the floor in time before the vote closed.

Had I been present, I would have voted: Yea on Roll Call No. 231.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 24, 2019*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Monday, May 20 and Wednesday, May 22. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call Vote Number 218 (Passage of H.R. 1952, the Inter-country Adoption Information Act): yes; Roll Call Vote Number 219 (Passage of H. Res. 106): yes; Roll Call Vote Number 220 (Ordering the Previous Question): yes; Roll Call Vote Number 221 (Passage of H. Res. 389): yes; Roll Call Vote Number 222 (Passage of H. AMDT. 248 to H.R. 1500 offered by Rep. BRYAN STEIL): no; Roll Call Vote Number 223 (Passage of H. AMDT. 252 to H.R. 1500 offered by Rep. MICHAEL BURGESS): no; Roll Call Vote Number 224 (Passage of H. AMDT. 253 to H.R. 1500 offered by Rep. MICHAEL BURGESS): no; Roll Call Vote Number 225 (Passage of H. AMDT. 260 to H.R. 1500 offered by Rep. HALEY STEVENS): yes; Roll Call Vote Number 226 (Passage of H. AMDT. 263 to H.R. 1500 offered by Rep. AL GREEN): yes; Roll Call Vote Number 227 (Adoption of Motion to Recommit to H.R. 1500): no; and Roll Call Vote Number 228 (Passage of H.R. 1500, the Consumers First Act): yes.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 24, 2019*

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, had I been present on Tuesday May 21, 2019 and Wednesday May 22, 2019, I would have voted in the following way: Yes on the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule H. Res. 389, Yes on H. Res. 389 Rule Providing for Consideration of both H.R. 1500—Consumers First Act and H.R. 1994—Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019, No on the Steil Amendment to H.R. 1500, No on the Burgess #6 Amendment to H.R. 1500, No on the Burgess #7 Amendment to H.R. 1500, Yes on the Stevens Amendment to H.R. 1500, Yes on the Green Amendment to H.R. 1500, No on the Republican Motion to Recommit on H.R. 1500 and Yes on Final Passage of H.R. 1500.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM KINZINGER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 24, 2019*

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present to cast votes on May 23. Had I been present, I would have voted: yea on Roll Call No. 222, yea on Roll Call No. 223, yea on Roll Call No. 224, yea on Roll Call No. 225, nay on Roll Call No. 226, yea on Roll Call No. 227, nay on Roll Call No. 228, yea on Roll Call No. 229, yea on Roll Call No. 230 and yea on Roll Call No. 231.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 24, 2019*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Monday, May 20, 2019, I was not present

for recorded votes due to air travel delays coming to Washington, D.C. I would have voted: yes on roll call vote No. 218 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1952, as amended), and yes on roll call vote No. 219 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree H. Res. 106).

## GLOBAL ELECTORAL EXCHANGE ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

**HON. MARK MEADOWS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 20, 2019*

Mr. MEADOWS. Madam Speaker, fair, trustworthy, and accountable elections are critical to defending freedom among our international partners and are fundamental to our identity as a nation. The professionalism of election administrators globally is essential for preserving democracy across the world. The Global Electoral Exchange Act gives America a new tool to use in this important work by sending election administrators and officials, including government officials, polling workers, civil society representatives, members of the judiciary, and others who participate in the organization and administration of an election and other American experts abroad to strengthen new democracies and share best practices.

Under our bill, those responsible for administering elections outside of the United States could also come here, observing our own processes and taking valuable lessons back home. By keeping the world safe for our basic values we also help stave off the violence in at-risk democracies that all too often follows poorly-run, unfree elections and that often benefits those who do our nation harm. Put simply, American citizens and businesses are safer when we strengthen good governance and freedom in the world’s democracies.

I want to thank my friend and colleague JOAQUIN CASTRO for working with me on this bill in both the 115th and the 116th Congresses, and I applaud his bipartisan leadership and hard work on this important issue.