

Services Appropriations Bill, which provides more than \$23 billion to partially re-open the government.

This important bill would reopen the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)—ensuring hardworking families receive their tax returns on time. It would also help to restart the taxpayer assistance centers, which serve approximately 2.5 million citizens monthly.

This shutdown is affecting real lives, Madam Speaker; real people.

According to the Washington Post, IRS furloughed employee Krystle Kirkpatrick, said she and her family of four can scrape along on her partner's machinist salary for a while, but she's already thinking about signing up to be a plasma donor to earn extra cash—that's only an extra \$200.

Let me reiterate. A federal employee is considering becoming a plasma donor—because her paycheck, from her federal government job, won't be coming in the mail.

This is no way to run a country.

Madam Speaker, the Trump shutdown is hurting real families and it's hurting our economy. Let's pass this bill.

Let's get the government back open and get workers their paychecks.

I urge my colleagues to vote yes on the Financial Services Bill.

IN MEMORY OF THOMAS H.
DOOLEY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Thomas H. Dooley, a prominent attorney and businessman from Vernon, CT, who passed away on January 6, 2019.

Born in 1934 to Lawrence and Lauretta Dooley, Tom was raised in Middletown, New York and graduated from Clarkson University in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. He subsequently joined the U.S. Army, serving his country for two years before beginning his career with the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company as an assistant claims examiner. Soon thereafter Tom enrolled at UCONN School of Law where he was editor of the UCONN Law Review and a Starr Fellow. Tom graduated in 1964 and became a partner at Flaherty & Dooley Law Firm. Tom eventually returned to Connecticut General Life Insurance, this time as an Assistant Counsel in their legal department. Eventually he moved into a management position becoming Second Vice President of Group Insurance Operations. Then, in 1985 he became Executive Vice President of CIGNA and President of Connecticut General.

Tom did not slow down after his retirement in 1992. He became Executive-in-Residence at the University of Hartford and taught at Manchester Community College and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Graduate Center. He also chaired Connecticut's Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board from 2010 to 2011 and was trustee emeritus at his alma mater, Clarkson.

Tom was not just a businessman and attorney; he was also a public servant. He was the attorney for the town of Vernon for several

years as well as a town council member and deputy mayor in our hometown of Vernon. He even served in the Connecticut General Assembly from 1970 to 1974.

Madam Speaker, on a personal note, I had the privilege of knowing Tom Dooley for many years since I practiced law with his former partner Leo Flaherty for over twenty years. Leo and Tom remained good friends after Tom left their partnership and because he was such a talented lawyer, all of us in the firm frequently looked to him for advice on thorny legal issues, for which he was happy to provide well-thought out and sound advice. Tom's two terms in the Connecticut General Assembly from Vernon's 56th Assembly District preceded my own election to that seat which I held from 1986 to 1994. I can attest to the fact that his outstanding legacy and reputation at the state Capitol still resonated years after his departure. His record of ethics and professionalism in the practice of law and public service in the political arena is an example that all should emulate.

Lastly his devotion to his beloved wife Antoinette and all their children and grandchildren who are leading successful lives is another life achievement that will ensure his memory will live on. Tom Dooley made eastern Connecticut a better place, and we are all better off because of him. I ask my colleagues to please join me in honoring Tom's life and memory and expressing our deepest sympathies for his family and friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call 38. I would have voted "Nay" on Roll Call 38 had I been there.

THE TANF EXTENSION ACT OF 2019

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 430, the TANF Extension Act of 2019. This bill would provide a much-needed short-term TANF extension through June 30, 2019.

TANF, unfortunately, expired in December and many states, including my home state of California, are unable to pick up the lack of federal funding for this program. So, this bill is not only necessary, it's incredibly timely.

Madam Speaker, more than 3.4 million struggling working moms and dads are on TANF, providing critical income, childcare, and employment support.

But, sadly TANF does not reach enough families, especially families of color. For every 100 families living in poverty, only 23 receive direct financial assistance from TANF—down from 68 families in 1996.

Let me be clear—funding for the TANF program has not kept pace with the growing need in our country. As a result, 4 out of 5 children living in poverty are not being reached.

And for those families with 50 percent below the poverty line their situation is even worse. In 2015, TANF only lifted 349,000 children out of deep poverty.

Because of this, many families are forced to choose between paying their rent, putting food on the table, or paying their medical bills.

This is outrageous. This program literally does not fulfill its mission—which is to reduce child poverty.

Madam Speaker, I was in the California legislature on the conference committee that negotiated California's TANF program—and let me tell you—I voted against my own conference committee's report because as a former welfare recipient myself, I didn't want to see more welfare recipients being penalized with onerous work requirements with no real incentive or job supports to actually help women—and men—obtain good-paying jobs.

And while I am pleased to support this vital short-term TANF extension, I hope that we can get to work with changing TANF to ensure that it is reaching more poor families and helping them meet their basic needs.

With that, I urge my colleagues to vote yes on this bill and let's ensure that we strengthen and improve TANF moving forward.

IN HONOR OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION (NHSA)

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association (NHSA) and their charitable fund raising event that helps provide summer camp experiences to underprivileged, disabled and challenged children.

The New Hampshire Snowmobile Association is made up of 105 independently incorporated Snowmobile Clubs across the Granite State. They work together as a unified voice to speak for support of snowmobiling and to promote it as a safe family recreation. Member clubs voluntarily maintain and groom 7,000 miles of recreational trails that interconnect with Maine, Vermont, and Canada. These trails are a major economic driver, generating more than \$580 million dollars of economic activity annually.

Every year for the past 47 years, they have partnered with Easter Seals and hold the annual New Hampshire Snowmobile Association Easter Seals Ride, where clubs from across the state gather to compete and challenge each other to raise money for Easter Seals Camp Sno-Mo. Camp Sno-Mo is for children with disabilities and unique healthcare needs. Camp Sno-Mo is in Gilmington Iron Works, New Hampshire.

Since the inception of the Easter Seals Ride-in in the 1970's, the group has raised more than \$3.2 million. Those proceeds ensure more than 100 children attend camp each year.

It is a privilege and an honor to recognize the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association, its member clubs, and their membership for their commitment and volunteerism for nearly five decades. Countless children who may

never have been able to afford a summer camp experience will now have the opportunity.

HONORING THE NAPA VALLEY VINTNERS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Napa Valley Vintners on the 75th anniversary of its founding.

The Napa Valley Vintners is an important association in our community. Since its formation in 1944, the institution has supported an exchange of ideas and worked to elevate the status of Napa Valley wines. Napa Valley Vintners has grown from seven founders to an organization that represents over 550 wineries in Napa County. The Napa Valley Vintners has provided more than \$185 million in support to Napa County non-profit organizations since 1981 through its annual fundraiser, Auction Napa Valley. The members of the organization have worked tirelessly for more than seven decades to protect the integrity of the Napa Valley name and have advocated for those who earn the right to carry its prestigious name on their labels.

It is the Napa Valley Vintners mission to promote, protect, and enhance Napa Valley, which they have honored. The Napa Valley Vintners has been recognized on local, state, federal and international stages as a premiere trade organization and a commanding leader in the global wine industry. The Napa Valley Vintners is committed to environmental stewardship in our community. It is a founding member of the Napa Green program and received the Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award (GEELA) in 2018. With this highest statewide honor of environmental leadership, the Napa Valley Vintners have proven their commitment to the cultivation of our community.

Madam Speaker, the Napa Valley Vintners is an essential institution in Napa Valley and in the wine community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the association on the 75th anniversary of its founding.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the FY 2019 Transportation and Housing Appropriations Bill, which provides more than \$71 billion to partially re-open the government.

Families living in housing supported by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) deserve to know they will have a roof over their heads.

This bill will ensure that struggling families are not evicted from their homes because of

the Trump Administration's incompetence and cruelty.

There was a report this week that thousands of families could be evicted because HUD officials forgot about Section 8 contracts that expired last month.

Let me reiterate: families could become homeless—in the depths of winter—because these Trump officials couldn't keep track of this program.

Madam Speaker, this is just downright unacceptable. And it's hurting people across the country. In my home district, renovations on an affordable housing project has been put on hold because of this shutdown.

There is an affordable housing crisis in this country, Madam Speaker. A delay in projects like this will mean fewer people have a place to rest their heads at night.

These families deserve better.

Madam Speaker, the Trump shutdown is hurting real families and it's hurting our economy.

Let's pass this bill to reopen the government, and make sure families can stay in their homes.

I urge my colleagues to vote yes.

IN HONOR OF RANDY WILKES BEING NAMED ALABAMA SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize Randy Wilkes who was named Alabama Superintendent of the Year.

Randy serves as Phenix City Schools Superintendent and was given the honor at the School Superintendents of Alabama 2018 Fall Conference at the Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa in Florence, Alabama. He was chosen out of over 130 superintendents.

The Phenix City Schools have made much progress under his leadership including a rising graduation rate and the highest math ACT score in the system's history.

Randy is a graduate of Goshen and Troy University and the son of Gerald and Juanita Wilkes.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Randy Wilkes on this deserved honor.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAMAR STATE COLLEGE ORANGE

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Mr. BABBIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lamar State College Orange on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

Lamar State College Orange is a unique campus on the Sabine River in Orange, Texas, composed of re-purposed buildings that revitalized the downtown area creating a beautiful campus. LSCO opened in the fall of 1969 as an extension center of Lamar University.

sity and first held classes for 362 students in the vacant Tilley Elementary School located on the site of the former naval base in Orange. That structure burned in 1971, prompting community leaders to raise funds for the purchase of a new facility. The fund raising campaign produced \$250,000 that allowed for the purchase of a building located on Front Street in downtown Orange. That same year the Texas legislature approved the operation of a two-year educational center in Orange and appropriated \$125,000 to support the operation of the center then known as Lamar University at Orange.

Dr. Joe Ben Welch played a key role in the early growth and development of the college. He served as director, dean, provost and president during his nineteen-year tenure at the institution. The initial class offerings focused on academic courses that would transfer and count toward a baccalaureate degree. Welch, however, saw the need to offer career-oriented programs that would prepare students for immediate entry into the workforce, and he began to add programs such as vocational nursing and welding. This mix of academic and career-oriented programs defines the campus mission to this day. Dr. Welch retired in 1989 after nineteen years of service to Lamar.

In 1994, the Board selected Dr. J. Michael Shahan as President of LSCO. Under Shahan's leadership, the campus has grown to over 2,000 students and made significant improvements to the campus infrastructure. The Ron E. Lewis Library was completed in 2001, the first new construction in the college's history. A new nursing school and classroom building was added in 2013. Dr. Shahan saw Lamar through hurricanes and floods and still managed to continue the growth that led to an enrollment of more than 2,600 students today. After twenty-four years, Dr. Shahan retired in 2018 with the honor of having the new Cypress Event Center being renamed the J. Michael and Bridget Shahan Event Center.

In 2018, Dr. Thomas Johnson was selected as President, and under his leadership Lamar State College Orange will no doubt continue its legacy of two-year academic programs, numerous technical programs and customized training programs to meet the needs of local business and industry playing a key role in southeast Texas' growth and development.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize Lamar State College Orange on this important anniversary. May God continue to bless and grow LSCO and the community and students it serves.

HONORING MARY PARZIALE OF DRACUT, MASSACHUSETTS ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Mrs. TRAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Parziale of Dracut, Massachusetts who is turning 100 years old on Friday, January 25, 2019. Mary dedicated her life to raising a large family and working hard to help benefit those in her community. Mary has lived her life admirably, and her legacy of hard work