

and rebuild from natural disasters. But aid to these communities has been long delayed and I think it is unacceptable that these communities are being needlessly denied the assistance they needed. I was honored to vote previously for this aid relief and would have certainly done so again. The overwhelming margin by which this legislation passed is testament to the long-held agreement on the federal government's role in responding to these disasters.

As climate change continues to exacerbate these sorts of weather events—from drought-stoked wildfires to climate-exacerbated flooding—we need to make sure the federal government is not only responding to these events but working to mitigate their damage before they strike. As we invest in infrastructure, climate resilience must be a top priority so that these sorts of weather events don't continually cost more in response funding each year.

Additionally, had I been present for Roll Call Vote 233 on H.R. 2940, which extends authorization for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program through the end of the fiscal year, I would have voted yea. TANF is a crucial resource for thousands of families throughout Illinois—and throughout the Tenth District. While I look forward to a more thorough policy discussion on how we can improve and expand TANF in the coming years, I believe it was essential that Congress provide certainty to families and communities that rely on these programs. I was encouraged that Illinois saw a benefit increase for the first time in over a decade, but Congress must have a more robust discussion on how we can expand these benefits in the future while ensuring the long-term sustainability of this program.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
JOSEPH CHRISTOPHER, JR.

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to acknowledge the life of World War II veteran, Joseph Christopher, Jr. Born March 16, 1923 in Vicksburg, Mississippi, Mr. Christopher left his hometown as a young man to serve his country in the Armed Forces in November of 1945. Joseph Christopher was honorably discharged with a World War II Victory Medal and an Army of Occupation Medal in February of 1947.

After his time spent in courageous commitment to our country, Mr. Christopher was the victim of a hate crime by police officers in Mississippi upon his return home. He was badly beaten, thrown into jail without his family being notified, provided no medical attention, and deprived VA benefits. Despite this experience, Mr. Christopher was never bitter and worked only to have a positive impact on others for the rest of his days. Joseph Christopher was an honored community member who was loved by his family and friends alike.

It is with great sadness that we recognize the loss of Joseph Christopher and give tribute to his surviving family.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ETELVINA
MENCHACA FOR HER PUBLIC
SERVICE

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of Etelvina Menchaca. Ms. Menchaca was a dedicated activist in my district who was very passionate about her community and public service.

Etelvina Menchaca was born in Santa Barbara, California on September 8, 1938 to Isabela Davila and Juan Gallegos. She was raised by her Godmother Feliz (Pita) Menchaca and Antonio Serrano as well as long-time family friend Jose (Tuti) Hernandez. Ms. Menchaca was influenced at an early age, by her adopted mother Pita, to be a community activist. She began serving food to the homeless and helping Latino immigrant families transition to the United States. Ms. Menchaca was also a leading voice on children's education through migrant education. She marched and worked alongside Cesar Chavez, lobbied in Washington DC alongside Dolores Huerta, and helped organize and train thousands of Latino families throughout the western United States for over fifty years.

Ms. Menchaca joined parents from throughout California in advocating for AB 1308 and SB 218 which authorized Migrant Education programs under Chapter 1 Categorical programs. She worked with Santa Barbara County Superintendents of Schools Dall'Armi and Cirone on a partnership to implement those programs locally. She was also appointed as parent representative from the Santa Barbara School District for Migrant Education, State Parent Advisor for All Chaptered Education programs and State representative at the federal level.

Additionally, Ms. Menchaca served in leadership roles on the boards of many community and state organizations including La Casa de la Raza, the Mariachi Festival, C.I.N.A.C., and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #442 Woman's Auxiliary. Ms. Menchaca also received Latina Woman of the Year.

It was an honor to know and work with Ms. Menchaca. Today I join the Menchaca Family and Santa Barbara community in celebrating the extraordinary life of Etelvina Menchaca.

SECRET, GOTCHA, MOTIONS TO
RECOMMIT

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, the rules of the House normally provide a substantial amount of time between when members receive a proposed legislative text, and when they are called upon to vote. Ordinary process requires that before voting to add any, or subtract any language from the statutes of the United States, that a member of Congress should review the proposed legislative enactment, its implications, and whether the statutory change will actually achieve the intended purpose of the legislation.

It is not enough for a member of Congress to vote for legislation because he or she agrees with the purposes, sentiments, and rhetoric of its supporters. What matters is the actual effect of the statutory language.

The minority has adopted the tactic of announcing a motion to recommit just minutes before members are called upon to vote on it. Even when the motion to recommit is only a few pages, it may add or subtract a section of law that requires considerable analysis. It cannot be presumed that the motion to recommit will achieve its stated purpose or will not have unforeseen consequences.

If the minority is engaged in serious legislating, they would publish their proposed motion to recommit (or even publish two possible motions to recommit) at least 24 hours before we are expected to vote on final passage. Of particular concern to me is proposing legislative language and claiming that it will be helpful to strengthen the U.S.-Israel alliance. Without a few hours to study a matter, it is difficult to determine whether the statutory language will actually achieve that objective and avoid unintended consequences.

Moreover, those seriously interested in improving the U.S.-Israel alliance would share their proposed legislative texts a day or two in advance (or perhaps a week or two ahead in advance) with the members (in my case the co-chair) of the Israel Allies Caucus, and they would also share it with other members who have established their dedication to the U.S.-Israel relationship.

Pseudo-Zionists will claim to be supporting the U.S.-Israel alliance while instead weakening that alliance through partisan tactics. On occasion they will spring a supposedly pro-Israel measure for a vote just minutes after it is made available even to the most pro-Israel members in Congress.

If a measure proposed a legislative change and I have not had enough time to review its implications, and how the statutory language would dovetail with the existing statutory provisions—in such a case I must vote “no”.

I would hope that the rules of the House would be amended so that motions to recommit must be published soon after the rule for the consideration of the underlying legislation is published.

HONORING THE GONZÁLEZ
REYNOSO FAMILY AND
NORTHGATE MARKETS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the González Reynoso Family, owners of the Northgate Market grocery store chain that is a shining example of how a family owned business can enhance the lives within the communities they serve.

From humble beginnings in Jalisco, Mexico, the immigrant family opened the first Northgate Market in a 3,000-square foot-store in Anaheim in 1980. The family now operates 40 supermarkets in Orange, Los Angeles, and San Diego counties. Via its philanthropic arm—Fundación Familia González Reynoso—Northgate is giving back to the community in a multitude of ways, including providing \$1

million in scholarships to support students pursuing higher education.

Other beneficiaries of Fundación Familia González Reynoso are DREAMer immigrants, who receive scholarships through Northgate's support of the OC Hispanic Education Endowment Fund, UCI Dream Center, TELACU Education Foundation and Catholic Charities of Orange County.

To raise awareness of chronic health issues affecting the Latino community, the family-owned and operated company introduced Viva La Salud, a comprehensive health and wellness initiative. Northgate started stocking its store shelves with healthier products, as well as partnering with vendors and providers that also work toward improving health and nutrition. As part of this program, Northgate offers special fresh food promotions, in-store cooking classes, store tours and food labeling education.

In keeping with their Viva La Salud philosophy, Northgate Markets is working with grant partner UC San Diego School of Medicine to increase affordable food access to low-income families who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits. Called "Mas Fresco, More Fresh," the program helps promote long-term health by providing financial rebates on fruit and vegetable purchases.

Orange County Kid Healthy is another example of a Northgate partnership promoting healthy eating. For the last seven years, Northgate has hosted the Kid Healthy Cooking Up Change contest for culinary students who attend Title I schools. The program provides the tools and training to transform school lunch menus to include healthier foods, develop their cooking skills, and inspire students to continue their educations in the field of culinary arts and nutrition sciences.

Additionally, the Viva La Salud program organizes local 5K runs and clinical breast exams and mammogram screenings for at-risk women through a partnership with the Susan G. Komen Affiliates.

Northgate employees, who are referred to as "associations" and treated like family, are also provided with tools to thrive and succeed. The company offers a comprehensive health program, matches retirement plan contributions, and offers college scholarships.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to honor this humble, loyal family of innovators who not only achieved the American Dream but are now recognized and trusted as the "Supermarket Champions of Health and Wellness."

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO REVIEW AND UPDATE FORMS CONTAINING RACIALLY OR ETHNICALLY INSENSITIVE TERMINOLOGY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation requiring the Department of Defense (DOD) to review and modernize any of its in use forms utilizing outdated and racially insensitive terminology. Today, Senator TAMMY DUCKWORTH will intro-

duce the same legislation in the U.S. Senate. I thank her for joining me in this effort, and express my gratitude for the 42 members of the House of Representatives and the four Senators who have joined us in introducing this legislation.

It was recently brought to my attention that the Defense Department's DD-2064 Form, which is issued when a service member loses his or her life while deployed overseas, utilized the term "Negroid" as one of the means for denoting race. Quite frankly, I was shocked to see this term listed on documentation sent to the family of one of my constituents just a few months ago, after their son lost his life in service to our country.

Imagine for a moment what this must feel like. In the midst of the pain and crisis of losing a son, a daughter, a husband, or a wife, to receive a form from the Federal government identifying that loved one with outdated, offensive, pseudoscientific terminology once used to justify racism and concepts like racial inferiority or racial superiority. No family should ever have to cope with such added injury when mourning a family member in a time of crisis.

This terminology is not compliant with requirements from DOD and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). In 1997, OMB set guidance for federal data on race and ethnicity, and in the years that followed, DOD released several issuances guiding the implementation of OMB's direction.

I also want to acknowledge—and I want to be very clear—that the Department of Defense acted expeditiously to rectify this oversight once my office brought it to their attention. While I commend them for addressing this issue with the seriousness it requires, the fact that this document retained outdated terminology for more than two decades calls into question the status of other forms in use by the Department. It is my understanding that the Department has begun a process of reviewing hundreds of other forms to ensure that no others are out of compliance. However, this review is just a small fraction of the forms and surveys utilized by the Department, individual service components, and military installations world-wide.

That is why this legislation is a necessary step that is in the best interest of our service members and our country.

This is a short, straightforward bill. It requires the DOD to review each of its forms and surveys currently in use to determine if any others contain terms or classifications that may be considered racially or ethnically insensitive. If they find any, they must take the appropriate steps to modernize them.

I would again like to thank my colleagues who have supported this measure, and ask that we move expeditiously to bring it to the floor for a vote.

HONORING JULIE ROTHENFLUH FOR 23 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE NAPERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Julie Rothenfluh for 23 years of service at the Naperville Public Library.

Julie's contributions to the Naperville Public Library are truly noteworthy. As Executive Director, Julie has guided the library through a period of profound change. While technology has substantially changed the way we receive information, the Naperville Public Library has adapted to meet the needs of an evolving community. Julie's strategic plan for the library has placed a special emphasis on accessibility and innovation. Her hard work and determination have helped the library achieve a five-star rating from the Library Journal for ten consecutive years. This puts the Naperville Public Library among the top libraries in the country.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Julie Rothenfluh and her outstanding contributions to the City of Naperville, the Naperville Public Library, and the many lives she has touched.

IN SUPPORT OF H. RES. 413 RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 413 recognizing the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

I would like to thank Congressmen WILSON, SCHIFF, and LATTI, as my fellow co-chairs of the French Caucus, for joining me in introducing H. Res. 413 to express the gratitude and appreciation of the House of Representatives to the members of the United States and Allied Armed Forces for their leadership, bravery, and sacrifices in Normandy on June 6, 1944.

June 6, 2019 marks the 75th anniversary of the day the United States launched the largest amphibious assault in history at Normandy, alongside troops of the United Kingdom, Canada, and France. Operation Overlord—more commonly known as D-Day—was instrumental in bringing an end to World War II.

The success of the Normandy campaign did not come without tremendous loss of life, but it ultimately turned the tide for the Allies and led to the liberation of Europe. We owe a debt of gratitude to the members of the "Greatest Generation," who helped free the world from Nazi and Fascist regimes and restore liberty in Europe. Without their heroism and valor, our world today would be a very different place.

Five hundred veterans will travel to Normandy to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the Normandy landings. They are just a fraction of the more than 2 million men that landed in Northern France over the course of Operation Overlord. As their numbers dwindle, so does the living memory of the events. It is incumbent upon us to ensure their sacrifices are never forgotten.

A generation ago—in the aftermath of D-Day and World War II—it was second nature that the ties the United States had with European nations represented our most important alliance. This relationship was fresh in our minds, having fought alongside one another and sacrificed so much over the course of the war. I too share this bond; my own uncle was killed defending democracy on French soil during World War II. Today, I fear the significance of the events of World War II and our