

COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL FREEDOM FUND AWARDS PRESENTED BY THE ELMIRA-CORNING NAACP

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the fiftieth annual Freedom Fund Awards presented by the Elmira-Corning Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

On Friday, June 7, 2019, the Elmira-Corning Branch of the NAACP held their fiftieth annual Freedom Fund Awards Dinner. The Freedom Fund Awards are presented by the branch to recognize those who have contributed to the success of the organization and the community as a whole. The branch also awarded scholarships to high school students and presented community service awards.

Since its inception in 1909, the NAACP has strived to better the lives of African Americans across the country. In addition to ensuring the civil rights of African Americans, the NAACP also provides programs to address drug abuse, teenage pregnancy, illiteracy, joblessness, violent crime, and the portrayal of minorities in the media. Their role in creating a more equal and fair America is essential and important.

Fifty years of recognizing charity and supporting scholarships in the community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Elmira-Corning branch of the NAACP on this impressive milestone and look forward to their continued success in the years to come.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to recognize the fiftieth annual Freedom Fund Awards presented by the Elmira-Corning Branch of the NAACP.

RECOGNIZING NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTE FOR POLICY RESEARCH

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

The Institute was founded in 1968–1969 as the Center for Urban Affairs by twelve faculty and was renamed the Institute for Policy Research in 1996. Over its 50 years, the Institute for Policy Research has earned national recognition and respect as a premier social science research center and has produced valuable and actionable research about social and political issues facing the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois, the country, and the world.

The Institute for Policy Research's mission is to stimulate and support excellent social science research on significant public policy issues and to disseminate the findings widely—to students, scholars, policymakers, and the public. The Institute is a dynamic hub for rigorous social science research that maintains a strong community of 150 interdiscipli-

nary scholars across the Northwestern community investigating health-related social disparities, education policy, crime, race, poverty, community development, and more.

Institute for Policy Research faculty fellows and associates have received high honors from distinguished bodies such as the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Education, the National Academy of Medicine, the American Educational Research Foundation, and the Yidan Prize Foundation.

I congratulate the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University on this milestone and applaud the Institute's contribution to the improvement of people's lives through research and policy development.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MR. JACK GUTMAN

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I wish to honor Mr. Jack Gutman of Anaheim, California, who served as a U.S. Navy Corpsman in WWII. At age 18, Corpsman 1st Class Gutman provided treatment to the wounded and dying at some of the bloodiest battles throughout the European and Pacific theaters including the beaches of Normandy on D-Day.

Mr. Gutman, now 93 years old, still vividly remembers when his unit landed on Utah Beach 75 years ago on June 6, 1944. With bullets flying, bombs exploding, and men dying all around him, Corpsman Gutman helped all he could, giving shots of morphine, applying bandages and tourniquets and providing words of comfort to soldiers who died in his arms.

What he thought was going to be “a piece of cake” turned into an “absolute nightmare.” Following the honors of D-Day, he suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder for 66 years before seeking treatment.

Mr. Gutman wrote a book about his experience titled *One Veteran's Journey to Heal the Wounds of War*. In the book, he describes the impact the war had on his life: “My experiences had changed my outlook on my life and the world. I went into the war with a fervor to fight for my country and protect our freedom, but the experience had been nothing like what I thought when I signed up to join the Navy. Back at home, I thought constantly of the men that had died overseas. I wondered how and why I survived.” His story also has been documented by the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Today, Mr. Gutman shares his story with other veterans as a public speaker. He uses his personal experiences to help veterans overcome the struggles of PTSD by encouraging them to seek support.

Mr. Gutman has also valuably served California's 46th Congressional District by interacting with our Youth Congressional Leaders and leading the flag salute for our Service Academy and other events.

Recently, Mr. Gutman traveled to Washington, D.C. as part of a Veterans Honor Flight to visit the various war memorials and honor the service and sacrifices of all military veterans.

On the 75th anniversary of D-Day, Mr. Gutman has returned to France for the first

time to take part in a documentary film about the pivotal invasion, which paved the way for an Allied victory one year later.

Mr. Gutman's valiant service to both his country and fellow veterans has made him an invaluable part of his community. He is an inspiration to our community who has undoubtedly bettered the lives he touches. For this reason, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and recognizing Mr. Jack Gutman, a true American hero who continues to serve his country and community.

KEITH AND EMMA SWARTZ: FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, it is a distinct privilege and personal blessing to congratulate and thank my friends, Keith and Emma Swartz, for serving the Lord for over 40 years. Pastor Keith Swartz has been a leader in my community making a difference in the lives of countless families, achieving 13 years as Principal and coach at Harrisonville Christian School, as an elder for over 20 years, and 26 years as Associate Pastor at my church, Harrisonville Community Church.

Emma Swartz inspired and equipped students from kindergarten to 6th grade for 19 years at Harrisonville Christian School as both Principal and teacher. She used her gift of teaching beyond the classroom as a respected Sunday School teacher and a leader of adult bible studies.

The foundation of their service began at home where they raised four beautiful children to love God and others. Now this legacy of faith and service is being lived out in the lives of their ten grandchildren. Keith and Emma are special people individually, but together, they make a remarkable team that I have been blessed to know over the years.

Congratulations to Keith and Emma on their retirement, and I hope they enjoy the days they have worked so hard to earn. I wish them continued health and happiness in this new phase of their lives, and pray God's richest blessings on both of them.

LAKE HAVASU CITIZEN OF THE YEAR JIM SALSCHIEDER

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine that has made an outstanding impact for the community of Lake Havasu. Jim Salscheider of Lake Havasu has been selected as Lake Havasu's Citizen of the Year and will have the distinct honor of serving as the grand marshal of the London Bridge Days Parade. Jim has been a tireless advocate for the community and for the environmental causes of Lake Havasu.

His leadership was instrumental in forging an ongoing friendship and partnership with the Chemehuevi Tribe, in improving marketing and promotion for the hundreds of local businesses that depend on the marine industry,

and developing a relationship with local, regional, state and national governmental entities. Jim has developed an educational campaign about invasive species in Lake Havasu and highlighted unfair practices that quarantined watercraft at the California ports of entry.

Furthermore, Jim opened lines of communication with the United States government when U.S. Fish and Wildlife dropped no wake buoys into some of the best skiing water on Lake Havasu on May 20, 2015. It was because of his tireless dedication to the community at large that myself, Senator John McCain, Senator Jeff Flake and other federal officials heard about the arbitrary action that U.S. Fish and Wildlife had taken. My office became immediately involved and helped facilitate a local public meeting with U.S. Fish and Wildlife, where more than 1,000 concerned residents voiced their vehement disapproval of this action. Thanks to Jim's vigilance, this action was reversed on June 16, 2016.

Jim's leadership truly drives home the point that the beauty of Lake Havasu is not just in the serene landscape, but rather the community that encompasses it. Our 40th President of the United States Ronald Reagan summed it up best when he said that, "The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things." Jim's leadership perfectly embodies these words and is proof to everyone that sometimes all that is necessary is the voice of one principled individual. Thank Jim Salscheider for his leadership and dedication to the people of Lake Havasu. Congratulations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the Chamber on Monday, June 3, 2019, Tuesday, June 4, 2019, and Wednesday, June 5, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea" on Roll Call No. 232; "Yea" on Roll Call No. 233; "Yea" on Roll Call No. 234; "Yea" on Roll Call No. 235; "Yea" on Roll Call No. 236; "Yea" on Roll Call No. 237; "Yea" on Roll Call No. 238; "Nay" on Roll Call No. 239; "Yea" on Roll Call No. 240; and "Yea" on Roll Call No. 241.

HONORING THE AMERICAN LEGION ON THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the American Legion as they mark their 100th Anniversary. As we mark this extraordinary milestone, I am honored to have this opportunity to extend my deepest thanks to the American Legion Posts across Connecticut's 3rd Congressional District whose members work so diligently to both

support our veterans and ensure that our communities never forget the sacrifices made by those who chose to serve in our nation's military branches.

Chartered by Congress in 1919, the American Legion has evolved into one of the most influential and effective veteran advocacy organizations in the country. Over the course of the last century, the American Legion has left an indelible mark on our nation. In 1921, the Legion's efforts resulted in the creation of the U.S. Veterans Bureau, forerunner of the Veterans Administration and in 1923 the first "Flag Code" was drafted during a Legion conference in Washington—a code which Congress adopted in 1942. In 1946, the Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary presented a small, struggling organization called the American Heart Association with a \$50,000 grant. That grant became the catalyst for the success of the now nationally respected organization focused on prevention and treatment of rheumatic heart disease. It was the American Legion that partnered with the Smithsonian Institute's Air and Space Museum to develop an exhibit for the bomber Enola Gay, which dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, and it was the Legion who donated the single largest contribution to the construction of the Vietnam Memorial.

From financing and implementing a study of the effects of Agent Orange on soldiers to the creation of the Family Support Network to assist families of servicemembers deployed for operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; from the formation of the Persian Gulf Task Force to enhance service for a new generation of wartime veterans, thousands of whom suffer from illnesses linked to their service in the region, to the launch of the national "I Am Not A Number" campaign to identify and document the delays veterans face in obtaining medical care from VA, decade after decade, the American Legion has strived to ensure that veterans are receiving the care and respect they have so rightfully earned.

The American Legion has shaped the way our country treats its veterans. That was perhaps best demonstrated in 1943 when Past National Commander Harry W. Colmery started to write in longhand, on Mayflower Hotel stationery in Washington, the first draft of what will later become the "GI Bill of Rights." Signed in 1944 by then President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the original GI Bill, or Servicemen's Readjustment Act, is appropriately considered the Legion's single greatest legislative achievement.

And it is not just in Washington where the American Legion has made its mark. With over two million members in more than 13,000 posts worldwide, the Legion works to ensure that our servicemembers—their achievements and their sacrifices—are both remembered and celebrated. Whether through sponsorship of local sports organizations, scholarships for young people, organizing and participating in parades and community events, the Legion is making a real difference in community after community across the country. I want to extend a special note of thanks to the more than 200 American Legion Posts in Connecticut, and particularly the 28 located in my District, whose members' invaluable contributions make our communities better places to live, learn, and grow. My heartfelt congratulations on your centennial celebration and, as the Italian saying goes, Cent' Anni—to another one hundred years.

HONORING LIEUTENANT SHANNON YINGLING'S THREE YEARS OF SERVICE TO HER COUNTRY AT THE U.S. NAVY OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lieutenant Shannon Yingling for her faithful service to our country as an esteemed member of the U.S. Navy's Liaison Office in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In this capacity, Lieutenant Yingling oversaw and led countless congressional and staff delegations to destinations throughout the United States and all four corners of the world. These trips were pivotal in helping Members and their staffs achieve a greater understanding of the issues facing our Navy and its sailors.

Lieutenant Yingling's distinguished career began in Annapolis, Maryland, where she entered the Naval Academy as a Plebe. In May of 2010, Shannon was commissioned as an Ensign and designated a Student Naval Aviator. She completed Primary Flight Training at VT-27, where she flew the venerable T-34C Turbo Mentor, and was sent to HT-28 to learn to fly the TH-57 Sea Ranger. Upon successful completion of the Advanced Helicopter Syllabus, LT Yingling earned her Wings of Gold and was sent to Norfolk for Fleet Replacement Training in the SH-60S. She was assigned to HSC-7 from 2013 to 2016, where she deployed twice with Carrier Air Wing THREE aboard the USS *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75) and the USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN 69) in support of Strike Group TEN and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

Lieutenant Yingling's awards and decorations include the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, as well as other personal, campaign, and service ribbons.

As Lieutenant Yingling embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that she may recall, with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, the outstanding contributions she has made to the United States Navy while attached to the Office of Legislative Affairs. I would like to send her my very best wishes for continued success in her future Naval career.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Lieutenant Shannon Yingling and her service to our country.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H.R. 2157, the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019. This \$19.1 billion package is essential to providing critical relief to communities that were devastated by the natural disasters in 2018 and 2019.

Among other reasons, my support for this disaster supplemental package comes, in part,