

Services—Infant of Prague, Right to Life of Central California and the Ministers of Presence Guild of Catholic Charities. One accomplishment she was particularly proud of was her role in the founding of Catholic Charities, an organization which serves the needs of those in crisis by providing food for the hungry and hope for the weary. Betsy saw her work as an extension of one's home and love for God. She was always willing to give a helping hand and recognized everyone as a unique child of God.

Betsy's active work in the Fresno community has not gone unnoticed. She was honored by the Fresno County Women's Chamber of Commerce as the "Fresno County Mother of the Year" in 1998. In 2012, Betsy and Bill were the 2012 honorees at the Right to Life of Central California annual celebration dinner.

Betsy is survived by her husband Bill and daughters, Maribeth, Anne, Katie and Monica. She leaves behind her grandchildren Maxwell, Henry, Logan, Paige, Lindsey, Grace and Corbin, and many close friends.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Elizabeth "Betsy" S. Lucido. Betsy leaves behind a remarkable legacy of love and selflessness, which helped change the lives of countless men and women in our community. It is my honor to stand with Betsy's family in celebration of her great life.

HONORING GIRLS SCOUTS OF CONNECTICUT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Ms. DELAUBRO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Girl Scouts of Connecticut, and everyone who supports the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. Participating in Girl Scouts helps prepare young women to lead.

I include in the RECORD this letter, written by Girl Scouts Connecticut CEO Ms. Mary Barneby and originally published in the New Haven Register:

GIRL SCOUTS LEADER EXPRESSES THANKS

(By Ms. Mary Barneby, Girl Scouts of Connecticut CEO)

The recently ended holiday season is a time for giving, reflection, and expressing gratitude for all we have been given. I know that I am thankful for everyone who has supported our Mission at Girl Scouts of Connecticut. Because of you, over 26,000 Girl Scouts in our state are thriving and building the skills they need to change the world.

At Girl Scouts, we put every ounce of passion and energy into ensuring a bright and equitable future for girls. It's important now more than ever that we support and pave the way for girls and women. We've definitely seen some progress: this past election season, more women ran for public office and more women went to the polls to share their voice and vote.

Girl Scouts prepares girls for life, and recent stats from the election prove that fact. In the 116th Congress, 17 out of the 23 women in the U.S. Senate are Girl Scouts alum, and 57 percent of women representatives in the House of Representatives are Girl Scouts alums, including our own Jahana Hayes, the first African American woman from Connecticut elected to Congress!

At Girl Scouts, you become part of a global sisterhood for girls to take action, lead the way, explore the unknown, and change the world. We offer each girl unique and unparalleled opportunities to pursue what she care about, whether its technology, sports, the arts, environmentalism, and more. No matter her passion, Girl Scouts helps her live it out.

Again, thank you to everyone who helped support girls and women this year. I wish you and yours happy holidays, and look forward to having more join us in the New Year.

SHUTDOWN IMPACTS ON AN IL-09 CONSTITUENT

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD a letter from Antonio, a constituent of mine affected by this shutdown:

"I am an air traffic controller at O'Hare. This is already a stressful job, but a job that I love. This shutdown is adding an extra layer of stress to all of the controllers across the country. Our day off are the time that we have to decompress from work and focus on mitigating stress. With the shutdown going past a month, we are stressing about bills, how to put food on the table, how to pay for childcare, etc. We don't have the luxury of escaping from the stress of the job, because we come to the stress of worrying.

Finding out that our vision and dental benefits would be billed to us, with the expectation that we pay out of pocket, despite not having a paycheck for over a month, has only added to that stress. This shutdown is going to be a massive safety risk for the flying public if it doesn't end soon.

Controllers will retire or quit to find another source of income. It would be heart-breaking to have to leave this job, that I love so much, because I had to find a way to feed my family. It would mean a lot to me if there was any way this could be distributed to the other members of Congress. I feel it is a very important message for them all to see."

Everyday this week, I will be coming to the House floor to tell stories of everyday people who are affected by this Trump I Shutdown. It is time for President Trump to re-open the government and pay the hard-working Americans serving their country through public service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote No. 45 on H.R. 328. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO CRAIG W. FLOYD

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate my good friend Craig W. Floyd on

his retirement after thirty-four years of service as the founding Chief Executive Officer of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Craig retired at the end of 2018 and leaves behind a powerful legacy of service to the men and women of law enforcement across our nation. I have been proud to work closely with Craig over the years on a cause about which we both care very deeply: honoring those who have fallen while protecting our communities.

Craig helped launch the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund in 1984, partnering with his former boss—and my friend—former Rep. Mario Biaggi of New York and others to establish a permanent memorial in Washington. In 1991, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was unveiled, and it now preserves the names of 21,541 law enforcement officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. It stands as a powerful reminder to the millions of visitors to the nation's capital of the service and sacrifices of those keeping them safe back home and in every community. In 2018, the National Law Enforcement Museum was opened near the memorial to tell the stories of the men and women whose names are borne upon its walls.

Craig was instrumental in bringing this vision to completion and establishing the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and the National Law Enforcement Museum. Under his guidance, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund launched the world's most comprehensive database of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty; published *To Serve and Protect—a Tribute to American Law Enforcement*; built partnerships with the Department of Justice and Department of Transportation to promote officers' safety and wellbeing; and inaugurated the tradition of holding annual candlelight vigils during National Police Week in May. In many ways, these all stand not only to pay homage to the men and women of law enforcement but also as a lasting tribute to citizens like Craig W. Floyd who dedicated their careers to honoring and aiding these heroes.

I hope my colleagues will join me in thanking Craig for his service and wishing him well in his retirement. I encourage everyone to visit the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and the National Law Enforcement Museum in our nation's capital to learn about the service of those who put their lives on the line to protect our communities every day.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. RONALD WAYNE MERTHIE

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mrs. MURPHY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of a spiritual leader in my central Florida community, Dr. Ronald Mertie, who recently passed away.

A proud son of Seminole County, Dr. Mertie attended Crooms High School, where he was elected class president. He went to Texas Southern University on an athletic scholarship and, upon graduation, returned home to become a teacher, assistant principal, and coach.

Dr. Merthie struggled with substance abuse for a period of time. But he found strength and redemption through faith, overcoming personal hardship, serving as a role model to others, and becoming a pillar of his community.

Dr. Merthie's life was filled with action and achievement. He established the New Life Word Center Church, offered spiritual guidance on a weekly broadcast, and empowered the next generation by founding a K-through-12 school.

It was Dr. King who said that "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

Dr. Merthie devoted his life to serving others. He lead a good life in the most meaningful sense of the term. He will be deeply missed.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional man and offering our condolences to his family and all those whose lives he touched.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VA MEDICINAL CANNABIS RESEARCH ACT

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I have met with multiple veterans in my congressional district who attest to the therapeutic benefits of medical cannabis in managing their pain.

According to the American Legion, a significant number of veterans across the country—not just in my district—are currently using medical cannabis as an alternative treatment. With so many veterans using cannabis for therapeutic purposes, it is important that physicians have the information and research necessary to fully advise on the potential impacts of medical cannabis usage on post-traumatic stress and chronic pain. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is uniquely positioned to pursue that vital research.

To that end, I am introducing the bipartisan VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act, which requires VA to conduct clinical research on the safety and effectiveness of medical cannabis, in varying forms and delivery methods, for treating veterans diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and veterans with chronic pain. The legislation requires VA to submit annual reports to Congress on the implementation of this bill for five years. The VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act is a pragmatic and sensible approach to the need for additional research and could potentially save veterans' lives.

CONGRATULATING MR. JOHN ELLIOTT

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. John Elliott on retiring from his position as Vice President and Senior Trust Officer of 1st Source Bank in Warsaw, Indiana. For nearly fifty years, John has served the northeast Indiana community with

distinction as an engaged citizen, cherished friend, and valued trust officer.

John graduated with a business degree from The Ohio State University in 1966, and immediately began his storied career as a trust officer at First National Bank of Warsaw. To further his education, John enrolled at the ABA Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin, as well as the National Graduate Trust School at Northwestern University. John also spent countless hours consuming information at the Warsaw Public Library, with the ultimate goal of providing the best customer service possible.

Using his foundation in academia, John Elliott devoted himself to his clients, ensuring they made sound decisions that would provide future financial security. John built a reputation for honesty, integrity and service. He was known as someone who could be counted on, day or night, to provide exceptional support. When First National Bank was purchased by National City Bank, John partnered with Steve Wessell to open a 1st Source Personal Trust Office where he continued to serve clients with honesty and integrity.

John has held numerous board positions and is a longtime member of the Warsaw Educational Foundation, Right to Life Advisory Board, and the Warsaw Plan Commission. In 2008, John Elliott was awarded the Earnestine M. Raclin Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Warsaw/Kosciusko County Man of the Year for his service to the community. In 2018, he was awarded Optimist of the Year by the Warsaw Optimist Club.

I wish John, his wife Elaine, and their family all the best in this new chapter of life. Warsaw, Indiana thanks him for over 50 years of dedication and service.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENDING CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS ACT OF 2019

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Ending Corporal Punishment in Schools Act of 2019.

This bill would prohibit any educational institution from receiving federal funding that allows school personnel to inflict corporal punishment on students and creates grants to encourage improvements in schools, which promote positive behaviors.

Madam Speaker, corporal punishment is a form of physical punishment where someone deliberately inflicts pain on another individual in order to punish them. In schools, it includes the spanking or paddling of children by school officials.

Although corporal punishment in schools has certainly been part of this country's history, it has been a blemish on that history and must end immediately. In addition to the fact that there is no conclusive evidence that corporal punishment mollifies disruptive behavior, it is disproportionately used against African American students and children with disabilities. These punishments can result in physical as well as emotional harm to children.

Schools must be a safe place where students are protected from harm, so that they

are able to thrive, grow, and learn. Sadly, 19 states still allow corporal punishments in school. Last year, more than 100,000 students were physically punished by being hit, slapped, and spanked. This is completely unacceptable.

Madam Speaker, schools must be a safe space for our children to learn. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this critically important bill, and hope to see its swift passage very soon.

CONGRATULATING GREG POHLMAN ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Greg Pohlman, who is being inducted into the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Mr. Pohlman served Carrollton Community High School for 40 years as a coach, teacher and athletic director.

Mr. Pohlman retired from his post as the baseball coach at Carrollton in 2016 after a long, successful career where he tallied up over 500 career wins. Under his leadership, the Carrollton Hawks went on to win the 2011 Illinois High School Association Class 1A State Championship following a 31 win season. This championship season gave Mr. Pohlman the record for most wins in a single season and is an outstanding coaching achievement. Mr. Pohlman's accomplishments demonstrate not only his extensive knowledge of the game, but also his commitment to the students he coached. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Pohlman rightfully earned a reputation of being a great role model to young student athletes and someone who truly gave his all to allow students to compete and learn to the best of their abilities. However, his impact went beyond the sports he coached—throughout all of his years as a teacher and coach, he tried to instill in his students and athletes the importance of being productive members of our society. Mr. Pohlman is an exceptional leader in our community and it is fitting that his years of service are being recognized in this way.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Greg Pohlman that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Greg Pohlman on his well-earned induction into the Baseball Coaches' Hall of Fame and thank him for all of his service to the community.

HONORING GLEN WOOD

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks in honor of Glen Wood, a founder of the legendary Wood Brothers