

County. Her efforts have brought together a strong, diverse community connected through faith. Since its first meeting on September 12, 2009, the Ecumenical Prayer Hour, now called the Community Hour of Prayer Group, has dramatically expanded to include over 20 churches representing numerous denominations.

Mother Gloria Edwards has had a significant impact on Washtenaw County through her leadership and support of community outreach organizations. Noted for her loving and nurturing personality, she teaches and counsels women in her congregation and the greater Washtenaw community. We thank Mother Gloria Edwards for her exemplary service to Washtenaw County and continued leadership. Her work stands as a role model of generosity and compassion and demonstrates a tremendous love for her community and her faith.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mother Gloria Edwards for her exceptional work. She has effectively served the residents of Washtenaw County by providing guidance and counsel through faith.

SUPPORT FOR H.R. 2740

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2740, the minibus appropriations bill, which includes funding for Energy and Water Development. I applaud the Committee's addition of funds for the programs of the Army Corps of Engineers, especially for continuation of flood control work in my district, which includes Sacramento and West Sacramento. The bill contains funds for continuation of construction of levees in the Natomas Basin and for continuation of design of the West Sacramento Project. Those initiatives are essential steps in providing adequate protection for my constituents, who live in one of the most flood-prone areas in the country.

I also strongly support the Committee's inclusion of additional undesignated funds that the Corps of Engineers will distribute through a Work Plan to be developed after the bill is signed into law. Furthermore, I appreciate the Committee's allowance for six undesignated construction "New Starts," which is critically important to West Sacramento. As the bill moves forward, I urge the continued inclusion of robust funding for a Work Plan and of an adequate number of New Starts for flood control to address these needs.

My district can benefit immensely from these provisions. The Corps has recently indicated that additional funds will be needed in Fiscal Year 2020 for the Natomas Project due to cost increases and weather delays. Additionally, it is my understanding that the West Sacramento Project is making very good progress and will soon be positioned for a New Start and accompanying initial construction funding. With this in mind, I plan to continue working with the leadership of the Corps of Engineers, the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, and the West Sacramento Area Flood control Agency to determine the optimum funding and New Start designation for my communities.

HONORING THE WORK OF WILLIAM HENRY SIMONS, III, AND THE WILLIAM HENRY SIMONS, III, SCHOLARSHIP FUND

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the work of William Henry Simons, III, and the William Henry Simons, III, Scholarship Fund.

On Saturday, June 22, the Washington Teachers' Union (WTU), which represents educators in the District of Columbia's public schools, will re-name its scholarship fund the William Henry Simons, III, Scholarship Fund in honor of one of D.C.'s most important leaders, William Henry Simons, III, who passed away in 2016. This scholarship has been making contributions to the District of Columbia since 1974. The Scholarship Fund is dedicated to encouraging D.C.'s best and brightest students to pursue careers in education and support the next generation of D.C. teachers. I am particularly pleased and honored to offer this resolution not only because of Simons' much deserved merit as a teacher and a union leader but also because he was my history teacher when I attended Banneker High School here in the District.

In 1972, WTU, under the leadership of Simons, called a strike of D.C. Public School teachers to protest pay and working conditions. The strike violated D.C. law prohibiting strikes by public employees, and a fine of \$50,000 was imposed on the union. Simons asked the court to use the money to benefit D.C. public school students. The request went to the D.C. Superior Court, which in 1974, granted Simons his request. That was the beginning of the WTU Scholarship Fund Program. Since 1974, the Fund has awarded scholarships totaling more than \$1,000,000 to over 100 D.C. public school students.

Simons was born in D.C. in 1924 and attended segregated D.C. public schools. In 1943, he interrupted his studies at Miner Teachers College to serve in World War II. On D-Day, June 6, 1944, as a sergeant major in the 262nd Quartermasters Battalion, Simons was one of the heroes who stormed Normandy and helped bring about the end of Nazi oppression. He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Croix de Guerre for his courage. After the war, Simons completed his education and began an 18-year career as a social studies teacher at Banneker Junior High in D.C.

Simons was elected president of WTU in 1964 and served for a total of 25 years. During his tenure as president, Simons was a champion of D.C. home rule and fought against plans that would have de facto re-segregated D.C. schools. He was also a pioneer in fighting for educational equity and the right of every D.C. public school student to receive the educational opportunities they needed to succeed, regardless of their race, ethnicity, immigration status or economic circumstances.

He was an observer at the first democratic elections in South Africa, a college lecturer, writer and consultant, and in 1995, he was appointed treasurer of the prestigious Association for the Study of African American Life and History, which was founded by the legendary historian Carter G. Woodson.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in commending and celebrating the life and legacy of William Henry Simons, III, and in congratulating the Washington Teachers' Union for re-naming its scholarship fund in his honor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, in the afternoon of June 20, 2019, I voted in favor of Rep. GOLDEN of Maine's Part B Amendment No. 70 to H.R. 3055, stating that none of the funds in the underlying bill may be used for NOAA to utilize a North Atlantic right whale Risk Reduction Decision Support Tool (Roll Call No. 372).

I intended to vote against this amendment.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF MARTIN TELLER AT THE FINGER LAKES AREA COUNSELING AND RECOVERY AGENCY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the service of Martin Teller to the Finger Lakes Area Counseling and Recovery Agency and congratulate him on his retirement.

For the last thirty-three years, Marty Teller has served as the Executive Director of Finger Lakes Area Counseling and Recovery Agency (FLACRA). His dedicated service and wealth of experience has ensured the highest of quality service, that FLACRA is known for, to people struggling with substance abuse. FLACRA offers a unique Continuum of Care for their clients, providing services such as addictions crisis counseling, outpatient services, community residences, supportive living, housing, and care management.

In addition to his thirty-three years as the Executive Director of FLACRA, Marty had previously worked for fifteen years in chemical dependency agency management. His extensive experience in aiding those struggling with substance abuse has made him a leader on the issue in the community and statewide. Marty serves on the Boards of the New York Association of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Providers, Common Ground Health, and the Finger Lakes Performing Provider System. He has also served in leadership roles in the Finger Lakes Housing Consortium, the Region II Consortium of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services, and Recovery Net.

As Marty moves forward with the next chapter of his life, we applaud his tireless efforts to help those struggling with substance abuse in our communities and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate Marty Teller and his extraordinary career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I voted AYE on Roll Call number 378 when I intended to vote NO.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been present for roll call vote number 376, Pence of Indiana Part B Amendment No. 105, I would have voted Yea.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, on roll call No. 388 I was inadvertently recorded as voting Aye. I do not support the harmful budget cuts proposed in this amendment or in the President's budget request, and my vote should be recorded as No.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SUE FENLEY MEYERS

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of long-time Deer Park resident, Sue Fenley Meyers, who passed away on April 10, 2019 in Colorado.

Sue Fenley Meyers was born on May 10, 1938 in Lufkin, Texas. She had six brothers and six sisters, two children, three grandchildren, and 21 nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved dearly. Sue studied drama at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette and went on to act in, direct, write, promote, and produce over 200 theatrical events in her lifetime.

The city officials in Deer Park, Texas have long recognized the community's love of theatrical arts. On May 4, 1981, the City hired Sue as the full-time Artistic Managing Director of "The Art Park Players." Under her leadership the program experienced rapid growth and in December 1986 the City opened its current theater facility. Sue's legacy is synonymous with the history of The Art Park Players. Several of her students have gone on to become professional writers, directors, actors, dancers, singers and influential artists to this day.

The thing she loved the most in the world were children. Sue established the Mead-Holm Scholarship in 1990, which was awarded annually to outstanding Junior Art Park Players

students, and the first annual Sue Fenley Meyers Scholarships (six in total) were presented last month in her memory. Sue's 22-plus years within our community reflect a lifetime of achievement through her love for children, passion, vision and the importance of arts and arts education in Deer Park.

She retired from the City of Deer Park in 2004 and moved to Colorado, where she is survived by her beloved son Jay Meyers and wife Margaret, daughter Kelley Meyers-Southern and husband Brent, grandchildren Susannah Roberts, Mitchell Meyers, and Johnny Meyers, and her four sisters and three brothers.

Madam Speaker, my condolences remain with the family, theatre family, and friends of Sue Fenley Meyers.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. BERNICE "BUNNY" SANDLER

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Doctor Bernice "Bunny" Sandler, on the 47th anniversary of Title IX. Dr. Sandler was an activist and champion of women's equality in higher education, which earned her the nickname "Godmother of Title IX." She passed away in January of this year at the age of ninety.

After being passed over for a job in 1969 at the University of Maryland, Dr. Sandler realized that she must act on the discrimination she experienced. During this time in history, academic departments refused to hire women in non-entry level positions and many graduate programs denied admission to women, but Sandler refused to take no for an answer. She researched the strategies of black civil rights activists and applied them to women's rights in academia.

After discovering a presidential executive order barring federal contractors from discriminating based on race, color, religion, and national origin, Sandler contacted the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance, where she planned the first complaint against universities and colleges on discrimination.

Sandler helped the Women's Equity Action League start a national campaign to file complaints against widespread sex discrimination at universities. She formed alliances with Members of Congress, including Representative Martha Griffiths of my home state of Michigan, who gave the first speech in Congress about discrimination against women in education.

Sandler went on to become a Congressional staffer, leading the hearings on women's education and employment which led to Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972. After the passage of Title IX Sandler continued her fight for gender equity, delivering thousands of speeches and providing consultation for schools who sought to integrate women.

As we celebrate the 47th anniversary of Title IX, we must celebrate Doctor Bernice "Bunny" Sandler for all the hard work she put into making it possible.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. DUFFY. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding my vote on Roll Call No. 369. I unintentionally recorded my vote as NO, rather than YEA. My intention was to vote YEA on Roll Call No. 369.

COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAPPINESS HOUSE

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Happiness House in Geneva, New York.

Fifty years ago, a collection of parents of children with Cerebral Palsy united to found Happiness House in Geneva, NY. Using funds raised by the New York State Elks Club and the Women's Club of Geneva, Happiness House opened their first childcare program, serving five children with disabilities. From these humble beginnings, Happiness House has grown throughout the years to provide a comprehensive array of programs and services to more than 1,150 children, adults and their families in Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates Counties.

We care about ensuring people have a fair chance to reach their full potential and Happiness House gives folks this exact opportunity. The vision of Happiness House is that every community be ready to welcome and utilize the talents and abilities of all individuals. Every day they work to make that vision a reality by providing the highest quality, innovative and cost-effective services to children and adults with and without disabilities. Happiness House cooperates with families and partners throughout the Finger Lakes community to achieve this goal.

Fifty years of serving the community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Happiness House 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 commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Happiness House.

INSTRUCTING THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION TO PRIORITIZE FUNDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS FOR RURAL, UNDERSERVED AND FEMALE VETERANS

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, my amendment instructs the Veterans Health