

years. He later held a position at Solvay Process for 11 years. He built a home in Camillus where he and his wife raised four daughters. To this day, Mr. Bordonaro still lives in the home he built.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the remarkable life of Angelo Bordonaro. As a member of America's greatest generation, Mr. Bordonaro has bravely defended our nation and helped shape the country we live in today. He is a cherished member of the Central New York community and I wish him all the best on his 100th birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF CPL. JOSE
LUIS "SPEEDY" ESPERICUETA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Cpl. Jose Luis "Speedy" Espericueta.

Cpl. Espericueta was an 18-year law enforcement veteran, most of which was spent with the City of Mission Police Department. He began his career with the San Benito Police Department where he received several accolades including, Police Officer of the Year. He then joined the Mission Police Department as a patrol officer before he was promoted to patrol corporal.

During his career, he was noted for saving two young children who were trapped in a car and for apprehending multiple armed suspects during a home invasion. He also received a Meritorious Service Award after he saved an elderly individual from a burning house. In addition, he was featured on A&E's *Live PD* and National Geographic's *Border Wars*.

Cpl. Espericueta is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 21 years, Roberta "Bobbie" De Leon Espericueta, and their two children, Brianna and Joaquin.

It is important to remember that law enforcement officials risk their lives every day for our safety. Cpl. Espericueta's heroic life and career embodies the integrity and servitude of a truly influential community leader and law enforcement official. I am grateful for the opportunity to honor the life of this remarkable and exemplary officer. His legacy will live on through the lives of the many people he helped to protect.

Madam Speaker, I again, recognize Cpl. Espericueta and his heroic service to his community.

COMMENTS ON YOHO AMENDMENT
25 TO H.R. 3055

HON. TED S. YOHO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Mr. YOHO. Madam Speaker, last week I had amendment number 25 accepted as part of the Commerce Justice Science appropriations package. This amendment increased and decreased the NASA science and research fund by \$1,000,000 in order to highlight the importance of funding research to better understand human development in space in

order to promote future space colonies. However, I would like to clarify that while I think these embryology experiments are of the utmost importance, I do not believe they should be done using human embryos or babies. The intent of this amendment was strictly to highlight the importance of non-human embryology experiments.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY
CHIEF DEAN L. MELANSON

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement of Deputy Chief Dean L. Melanson, after over three decades of service with the Hyannis Fire Department.

Deputy Chief Melanson's 44 years in the line of duty began in 1975 at the Acton Fire's Auxiliary Department. Later, he joined the Hyannis Fire Department in 1985 as a Fire Prevention Officer and quickly came to assume positions of leadership.

Deputy Chief Melanson is widely recognized as an expert on fire prevention, and over the course of his career, Hyannis transitioned from a small vacation community to a much larger, more urbanized municipality. It was with his knowledge and expertise that greater public work projects were undertaken and completed to accommodate the town's growing population.

Further, as an instructor at the Massachusetts Fire Academy, Barnstable County Fire Academy and in the Fire Sciences Division at Cape Cod Community College, Deputy Chief Melanson helped to shape the training and readiness of the next generation of public servants.

Deputy Chief Melanson has dedicated his life to serving his community, and I wish him many years of well-deserved happiness and more with his family in retirement.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Dean L. Melanson, Deputy Chief of the Hyannis Fire Department, and I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his years of dedication to his community.

HONORING ANDRES PONCE
"ANDY" RUIZ, JR.

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Andres Ponce "Andy" Ruiz, Jr., the first Mexican-American boxer to win the heavyweight title.

Andy Ruiz, Jr. was born and raised in Imperial, California, a city roughly 18 miles from the U.S.-Mexico border. Andy began boxing at the age of six with the support of his father, Andres Ruiz, Sr. Despite his skill and resilience, Andy was often judged based on his appearance. He did not let this deter him and quickly became an early standout, achieving a remarkable amateur boxing record of 105-5.

Andy started his professional career at 19 years of age on March 28, 2009, at the Plaza

de Toros in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico. Andy had his first opportunity to become the world boxing heavyweight champion in 2016, against Joseph Parker. Unfortunately, he lost the fight by decision, but the loss only furthered his ambitions to continue striving in the world of boxing. On June 1, 2019, Andy learned he could compete for the world heavyweight champion for a second time.

Andy stunned the world by upsetting the previously undefeated heavyweight champion of the world, Anthony Joshua, by technical knockout (TKO) after seven rounds at Madison Square Garden in New York City, New York. This victory made history, declaring Andy to be the first heavyweight champion of Mexican descent and winning the WBA, IBF, WBO, IBO heavyweight titles. As of June 6, 2019, Andy Ruiz, Jr., has won a staggering 33 fights with only one loss.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Andy Ruiz, Jr. has worked tirelessly to prove that with hard work, determination, and dedication, we can accomplish anything we set ourselves to do. He has reminded the world that one should not judge a person by their appearance nor judge a book by its cover. It is an honor to recognize a dedicated, ambitious individual who has greatly impacted the world of boxing. Andy has made history, giving young people across our country the hope to achieve anything they set their mind to and for that I stand here today to recognize him.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NICKI
SANCHEZ MEYER

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Nicki Sanchez Meyer, who went to be with the Lord on June 13, 2019.

Although Nicki had only called the City of Hartwell home for eight years, she was a pillar in the Hart County community. As Director of the Chamber of Commerce, Nicki spent five years working tirelessly to promote the businesses and amenities that make Hart County so attractive. Even after retiring from her position as director, Nicki continued to serve her community by working as an economic development specialist for the chamber.

Nicki's attitude of service impacted her community well beyond her economic development work. She devoted her time to volunteering with countless groups, including the Hartwell Service League, Hart Habitat, Hartwell Downtown Development Authority, Northeast Georgia Council for Domestic Violence, and Have a Hope Ministries, just to name a few.

What those around her recall the most was Nicki's love and passion for her community and improving it for future generations. She leaves behind a remarkable legacy of service, and her passing is felt deeply by the people of Hartwell, in addition to her beloved family and friends. On behalf of the Ninth District of Georgia, I want to thank Nicki for showing us all how to live—in service towards others.

CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAY YES SYRACUSE

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Syracuse Chapter of Say Yes to Education. Throughout its history in Central New York, Say Yes Syracuse has mentored thousands of public-school students and helped them successfully graduate high school. Additionally, Say Yes Syracuse financially supports select students after their high school graduation as they pursue postsecondary education.

Say Yes Syracuse offers a variety of services to aspiring Central New York students. These services include summer education programs, SAT study classes, and pre-college preparation seminars. As a result of Say Yes Syracuse's efforts, 9th-grade dropout rates have declined and over 4,000 Say Yes Syracuse students have enrolled in two- or four-year colleges.

In order to fulfill its commitment to local students, Say Yes Syracuse has developed strong relationships with many Central New York institutions and leaders. Syracuse University, Onondaga County Community College, the Syracuse City School District, the City of Syracuse, and Onondaga County all contribute to Say Yes Syracuse's goal of helping all Syracuse-area students reach their full academic potential. These public-private partnerships strengthen the Central New York's community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in celebrating Say Yes Syracuse's 10th anniversary. Since opening its Syracuse chapter, Say Yes to Education has positively impacted the Central New York community and provided new education opportunities to underserved students. Under the leadership of Ahmeed Turner, I am confident Say Yes Syracuse will continue to thrive in Central New York.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, If present on June 20th and 21st, I would have voted on amendments to H.R. 3055, the Commerce, Justice, Science, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2020, in the following way: NAY on the Rutherford Amendment (Roll Call No. 368); YEA on the King Amendment (Roll Call No. 369); YEA on the Blumenauer Amendment (Roll Call No. 370); YEA on the Banks Amendment (Roll Call No. 371); NAY on the Golden Amendment (Roll Call No. 372); YEA on the Stevens Amendment (Roll Call No. 373); NAY on the Underwood Amendment (Roll Call No. 374); YEA on the Banks Amendment (Roll Call No. 375); YEA on the Pence Amendment (Roll Call No. 376); YEA on the Spanberger

Amendment (Roll Call No. 377); NAY on the Wasserman Schultz Amendment (Roll Call No. 378); NAY on the Pallone Amendment (Roll Call No. 379); NAY on the Buchanan Amendment (Roll Call No. 380); YEA on the Duncan Amendment (Roll Call No. 381); NAY on the Blumenauer Amendment (Roll Call No. 382); YEA on the Gosar Amendment (Roll Call No. 383); YEA on the Duncan Amendment (Roll Call No. 384); YEA on the Mullin Amendment (Roll Call No. 385); YEA on the Mullin Amendment (Roll Call No. 386); YEA on the Graves Amendment (Roll Call No. 387); YEA on the Hice Amendment (Roll Call No. 388); YEA on the Banks Amendment (Roll Call No. 389); YEA on the Biggs Amendment (Roll Call No. 390); NAY on the Cunningham Amendment (Roll Call No. 391); YEA on the Cunningham Amendment (Roll Call No. 392); NAY on the Carbalaj Amendment (Roll Call No. 393); NAY on the Hill Amendment (Roll Call No. 394); NAY on the Schrier Amendment (Roll Call No. 395); YEA on the Bost Amendment (Roll Call No. 396); YEA on the Golden Amendment (Roll Call No. 397); and voted YEA on the McAdams Amendment (Roll Call No. 398).

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH WORLD TAMIL CONFERENCE**HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the International Association of Tamil Research, the Federation of Tamil Sangams of North America, and the Chicago Tamil Sangam on the occasion of the 10th World Tamil Conference, commencing on July 4, 2019 in Schaumburg, Illinois.

Since the first World Tamil Conference in 1966, various cities around the world have hosted this important gathering of scholars and the Tamil community. The oldest sangam in the United States, Chicago Tamil Sangam is honored to observe its Golden Jubilee 50th Anniversary in concert with the four-day World Tamil Conference, its important scholarly presentations on Tamil language and history, and its celebration of the rich heritage of Tamil culture and art.

This year's research conference theme is "New Historicist, Scientific and Comparative Study of the Antiquity of the Tamils, Tamil Language, Literature, Culture and Civilization." In addition to this scholarly focus, the World Tamil Conference will feature a host of cultural programs, the International Conference Seminar on Tamil Studies, a Global Tamil Entrepreneurs meeting, and a festive parade and banquet. Above all, the conference is a celebration of the vibrant Tamil community and preserves and shares the rich history and culture of Tamil people worldwide.

The 2019 World Tamil Conference also will recognize the passing of the late Dr. V.C. Kulandaiswamy, former Vice Chancellor of Anna University and Vice Chairman of the International Association of Tamil Research. In addition to his outstanding contributions to the science of hydrology, Dr. Kulandaiswamy was instrumental in bringing the International Association of Tamil Research conference to the United States, and was honored for his contributions to science, engineering and edu-

cation by the nation of India with the prestigious national Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan awards.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the World Tamil Conference and the Chicago Tamil Sangam, International Association of Tamil Research, and Federation of Tamil Sangams of North America for their tireless efforts to bring together proud Tamils from around the world, for their commitment to preserving one of the world's oldest languages and civilizations, and for their many years of service to the Tamil diaspora in the United States.

IN HONOR OF MRS. NANCY DOOLEY**HON. DOUG LAMBORN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Nancy Dooley, cherished wife, sister, mother, grandmother, niece, aunt, and friend. Nancy was a longtime resident of Colorado Springs and passed away on Monday, April 29, 2019.

Nancy was born in 1942 in Berlin, Wisconsin. Her father was an officer in the army, and throughout her childhood, she moved with her family all over the United States and to Japan, Turkey, Germany, and Korea.

Nancy loved school and became a member of the National Honor Society when she graduated from Washington & Lee High School in Arlington, Virginia, in 1960. She had a warm, vibrant, and kind personality, and built numerous friendships throughout her life.

In 1962, Nancy married U.S. Army Captain Richard T. Lynch. She was expecting their second child when her husband was killed in action in Vietnam in September 1964. The loss was devastating, but with characteristic determination, she raised her children alone for the next several years. Nancy remarried U.S. Army Captain Thomas F. Dooley in 1968, a West Point graduate, who would later retire as a Lt. Colonel.

Nancy loved to travel and particularly enjoyed visiting France where she frequented Paris, The Paris Air Show, Southern France, Monte Carlo and most notably Omaha Beach, the site of the Normandy Invasion.

After she and her family moved to Colorado Springs, Nancy sold real estate, excelling at building relationships with her clients and different brokers. She was active in many military clubs, such as the Officer Spouse's Club. Nancy served for over fifteen years as an officer of the Cheyenne Mountain Republican Forum of El Paso County, Colorado, where she was known for her faithful spirit and diet-breaking cheesecake. One of Nancy's great loves and talents was cooking. She was also a devoted volunteer and leader in many local conservative groups and the Catholic church.

Nancy is survived by her husband (of fifty-one years) Tom, daughter Julie (John) Kummer, son Richard Lynch, II, brother Bill (Kathy) Blakefield, granddaughter Annelise Kummer, and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Nancy will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.