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I salute Dell Technologies' success, am glad we share the same home town, and wish this vital pillar of the Texas economy the brightest of futures. I join all Central Texans as we look forward to years of transformation and prosperity as Dell Technologies continues growing a global business in the wonderful city of Round Rock.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS COLLINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I had meetings away from the Capitol during these votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YE A on Roll Call No. 478 and NAY on Roll Call No. 479.

JETTIE COURT EARNS GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jettie Court from Dulles High School for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn. To earn this distinguished award, Jettie had to spend at least 80 hours developing and executing a project to benefit the community, as well as have a long-term impact on girls. For her Gold Award project, Jettie started an annual feminine hygiene product collection called "Help the Girls. Period" through the Dulles High School's student council. She led a team of 16 volunteers to help collect 213 packages of feminine products. Court donated the products to East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry. She also ran a campaign to help women by educating the community and raise awareness of the need of feminine hygiene products.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Jettie Court for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award. We are confident she will have continued success in her future endeavors. We are very proud of her accomplishment.

TRIBUTE TO MR. HENDERSON YARBROUGH, FORMER TRUSTEE AND MAYOR OF MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my good friend and colleague, Mr. Henderson Yarbrough who has just ended more than forty years of civic, community and political involvement with the Village of Maywood and the County of Cook. Mr. Henderson Yarbrough started work with

the Village of Maywood under the leadership of the Honorable Joseph W. Freelon, the Villages' first African American Mayor. As an employee Henderson became immersed in affairs of the community and lived, worked and breathed Maywood. He eventually ran for both trustee and mayor, winning both positions at different times. Henderson Yarbrough has indeed been a role model for the Village of Maywood. He and his family have contributed much to the well-being of this community, the County of Cook and the State of Illinois. He has indicated that he will continue to work with and continue to support his wife Karen as she fulfills her duties as Cook County Clerk, Proviso Township Democratic Committeeman and 7th Congressional District Committeewoman. Although Mr. Yarbrough has retired from public office and from being a public office holder he will continue to be an involved citizen giving of himself to help make the world a better place in which to live.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes due to circumstances beyond my control. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 475; "yea" on Roll Call No. 476; "yea" on Roll Call No. 477; "nay" on Roll Call No. 478; "nay" on Roll Call No. 479; "yea" on Roll Call No. 480; "nay" on Roll Call No. 481; and "nay" on Roll Call No. 482.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2500) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Chair, I rise to support the amendment offered by Ms. LEE, which I was proud to cosponsor. I thank the gentlewoman for her leadership. There is no member of this body more principled and more passionate on this issue than the gentlewoman from California—no one who has spoken more forcefully on Congress's responsibility when it comes to war powers.

Authorizing the Iraq War was a mistake—the worst vote I ever took as a member of the House of Representatives. We can't correct the error. But we must take back the authority granted to the Bush Administration in 2002 to go to war against Saddam Hussein's regime.

This authorization simply isn't needed for any current military operations. It's just bad policy to keep it on the books.

We've seen administration after administration misuse the other existing war authoriza-

tion—the post-9/11 authorization. It's been stretched beyond anything Congress ever intended.

We don't want to see this administration or any administration try to use the Iraq War authorization in the same manner—for some purpose Congress never intended.

So, let's repeal it. Let's relegate it to the history books. That's what this amendment would do, and I'm glad to support it.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES' LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PROGRAM

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the American Association of Law Libraries' legislative advocacy program. The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), representing more than 4,100 members, is the only national association dedicated to the legal information profession and its professionals. Founded in 1906 on the belief that everyone—lawyers, judges, students, and the public—needs timely access to relevant legal information to make sound legal arguments and wise legal decisions, AALL members are problem solvers of the highest order.

In 1989, the AALL Executive Board appointed AALL members Robert L. Oakley of Georgetown University Law Library and Joanne Zich of American University Washington College of Law Library as the first Washington representatives for the Association. Since that time, AALL's advocacy efforts ranged from the creation and dissemination of government information to copyright to the privacy of library users. Its successes include ensuring permanent public access to official, authentic government information by advocating for the essential work of the Library of Congress, the Law Library of Congress, and the U.S. Government Publishing Office; contributing to the enactment of transparency laws including the E-Government Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-347) and updates to the Freedom of Information Act; and, most recently, supporting my own legislation to provide public access to Congressional Research Service reports that resulted in language included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-141) directing the Congressional Research Service to make its nonconfidential reports available to the public on the internet.

The AALL Executive Board and its members celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Association's legislative advocacy program by convening on Capitol Hill on July 12, 2019 for AALL Day on the Hill. AALL members met with their elected officials about the Association's legislative priorities that include greater access to government information, access to justice, government transparency, balanced copyright laws, and privacy for library users.

I congratulate AALL on three decades of effective advocacy and wish them many more years of success.

ELLA HUMMELDORF EARNS GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ella Hummendorf of Thompkins High School for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award.

The rank of the Gold Award is the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn. To earn this distinguished award, Ella had to spend at least 80 hours developing and executing a project to benefit the community, as well as have a long-term impact on her troop. For her award project, Ella designed and created two garden boxes at the Goddard School in Katy. She led more than eight volunteers over six months to create the boxes. Ella wanted to help teach children about why eating healthy is important. She hopes to attend The University of Texas at Austin in the future and empower more girls and troops along the way.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Ella Hummendorf for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award. We are confident she will have continued success in her future endeavors. We are very proud.

HONORING DAVID HAYNES

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize David Haynes upon his retirement as president of the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce. Over the past 5 years, David has been a champion for businesses in the Terre Haute area.

Throughout David's tenure as president, the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce saw an increase in membership, the creation of new businesses, and a resurgence in advocacy efforts at all levels of government. Other initiatives the chamber has taken on over the past 5 years include regionalism efforts for West Central Indiana, recognizing young professional talent in the community, and establishing the Downtown Terre Haute organization as a part of the chamber. Most recently, the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce was awarded the 2019 Indiana Chamber of the Year award under David's leadership.

I thank David for his contributions to the Terre Haute Community and wish him the best in retirement with his family by his side.

CONGRATULATING THE FORT WAYNE VET CENTER ON 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fort Wayne Vet Center on 40 years of dedicated service to northeast Indi-

ana's combat veterans and their families. It is a tremendous honor to recognize the hard work of an organization that has given so much to help those who have selflessly put their lives on the line for their fellow countrymen.

Over the last four decades, the Fort Wayne Vet Center has gone above and beyond to provide our heroes and their families with services to help them prepare for life beyond the military. With the recent completion of its expanded brick and mortar facility, I trust the Center will continue to provide the best care possible for our heroes of past, present, and future.

I wish the Fort Wayne Vet Center nothing but the very best. There is no doubt in my mind that this organization will continue to do great things for the greatest among us. May God bless them in their present and future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING NICKI VAUGHAN

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hall County Chief Assistant Public Defender and Gainesville resident, Nicki Vaughan, who was recently honored by the Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice.

Last month, Ms. Vaughan was awarded the Good Apple Award from the Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice to honor her admirable leadership as chair of the Child Protection and Advocacy Section of the State Bar.

For three decades, Ms. Vaughan has dedicated her career to helping at-risk children and youth in Georgia's juvenile and family court systems. During her tenure, Ms. Vaughan launched the state's first Court Appointed Special Advocate Program. She has also generously given her time to the State Bar's Executive Committee and Board and Governors.

Ms. Vaughan has made an incredible impact on the lives of countless children and families throughout the state, and I am personally very thankful to Ms. Vaughn and her colleagues for their dedication to our justice system.

On behalf of the Ninth District, I hope you will join me in thanking Nicki Vaughan for her steadfast commitment to bettering the lives of our younger generation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LLOYD DOGGETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. DOGGETT. Madam Speaker, a scheduling conflict in Texas prevented my presence for the July 12th vote on H.R. 1327, the Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act, which was approved 402 to 12. I would have voted for this bill, which I have sponsored.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 474.

SARAH STOUT EARNS GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sarah Stout from Seven Lakes High School in Katy, Texas for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn. To earn this distinguished award, Sarah had to spend at least 80 hours developing and executing a project to benefit the community, as well as have a long-term impact on girls. For her Gold Award project, Sarah chose to redecorate a youth room at her church, Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church. She prepped the room for painting, designed window covers, painted a wall mural and created youth group signs. Sarah has been involved in her church for many years, serving as a Vacation Bible School lead, altar server and participating in summer mission trips. Sarah chose this as her project so she could give back to the church she loves and help provide a space for church and school related programs.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Sarah Stout for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award. We are confident she will have continued success in her future endeavors. We are very proud of her accomplishment.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOON LANDING

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, since the beginning of mankind, we have been driven by curiosity and a wonder of what is next for humanity.

We have wondered about our place in the cosmos for as long as we have been able to look out into the night sky and see the stars.

And of course, we have been dared by our own sense of imagination and possibility to try to breach our gravity and the heavens.

It is with an awe of that sense of exploration that I rise to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the *Apollo 11* moon landing.

On May 25, 1961, President John F. Kennedy stood in this chamber, before Congress, and declared that the United States would send a man to the moon and return him safely to the Earth.

He implored us to do so, not because it was easy, but because it was hard.

In one fell swoop, he harnessed our competitive drive and merged it with mankind's relentless pursuit of discovery and information and knowledge.

It was a bold proposition, not because of this challenge, but also because of our standing in the Space Race.