

The words uttered by Neil Armstrong were instantly immortalized, and can be recited by every child, then and now: “One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”

This was a moment for joy and celebration for the entire nation.

But for those of us from Houston, this moment is an occasion of unique pride.

The flight to the Moon, and indeed all manned flights, have been guided by the brilliant and hardworking men and women working in Mission Control at the NASA Johnson Space Center of Houston, who, for close to 60 years, have been the steady hand, guiding manned space exploration.

I thank them for all that they do and urge all who will hear these words to maintain that same sense of discovery and exploration and wonder for what lies next for us.

And, I invoke President Kennedy’s admonition to us from 58 years ago, that we should not be motivated simply by what is easy, but that we should meet the difficult challenge and savor what can be accomplished by our collective efforts.

Therefore—I seek out ways each day to touch this part of American exceptionalism—our ability to take all that we know about science, seek out new knowledge, bring the talents of all our people regardless of gender, race, or ethnicity and apply our resources to solving problems.

We can prevail against global climate change, cure cancer, end pandemics, and poverty—by pursuing these ends with the same focus and determination that our nation brought to bear in facing the challenge of landing people on the moon.

I congratulate the men and women of NASA past, present and future in making science fiction—science fact.

Today, we celebrate our trip to the moon.

I look forward to our celebration of our nation sending the first humans to Mars.

HONORING LUCINDA MARIE LOPEZ FOR RECEIVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lucinda Marie Lopez, who has earned the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

Lucinda joins a select group of scouts to obtain this recognition. The Gold Award symbolizes an individual’s outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award requires earning four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and completing the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. A scout must also complete a Gold Project, in which scouts identify and lead a project on a pressing issue in the community.

Inspired by the work and leadership of Girl Scout’s founder Juliette Low, Lucinda assembled a replica of Low’s childhood home for display at Brownsville’s Holiday Village. Her model helped to inspire our children and instill in them values championed by the Girl Scouts. This project required remarkable creativity and attention to detail in order to bring an exhibit

of such magnitude to life. Additionally, she designed a patch of the Holiday Village, which her fellow Girl Scouts earn by visiting the village.

It is a great honor to recognize Lucinda Marie Lopez for her dedication and unwavering service. I am confident that the skills and life lessons she learns through Girl Scouts will prove to be invaluable in her future endeavors. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her achievements, work, and service.

WOMEN’S HISTORY HONOREE: CATHERINE ELIZABETH McCARTHY

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2019

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, I retract the Congressional recognition of Ms. Catherine Elizabeth McCarthy.

Congressional recognition of one’s accomplishments is a solemn honor and privilege conferred to people that have earned it through their service to their community. Catherine Elizabeth McCarthy is wholly undeserving of this honor, as she deceived the community about her medical credentials and did not perform any of the actions described in the recognition. While I understand that I cannot make a retraction of my March 11, 2019 remarks made in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, I formally submit this statement as a substitute for my earlier comments.

HONORING COLONEL L. OMAR LOMAS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel L. Omar Lomas, an Army veteran, and a dedicated community leader. On July 18, 2019, he took command of 42D Military Police Brigade.

Colonel Lomas is a native of Texas’s 15th Congressional District, born in McAllen, Texas. In 1996, he graduated from Texas State University, formerly known as Southwest Texas State, as a Distinguished Military Graduate through their ROTC program, earning his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. In August 1996, Colonel Lomas enlisted and served as an Army soldier in Operations Desert Shield/Storm. After serving, he obtained two Masters degrees, one in Business and Security Administration from Webster University and another in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. Colonel Lomas engaged in a variety of impressive learning opportunities including the Military Police Officer Basic course, the Captain’s Career course, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, the U.S. Army War College, the U.S. Army Air Assault and Airborne courses, and the Army Force Management Course.

Colonel Lomas has honorably served in key leadership roles in our military; serving as a Platoon Leader to Commander for the Military

Police at Fort McClellan, Fort Polk, Fort Hood, Fort Riley, Schofield Barracks, and in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Colonel Lomas also served as Operations Officer, Directorate of Emergency Services, Fort Riley Kansas; Military Police Observer Coach/Trainer, Mission Command Training Program, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Deputy Director, Defense Forensics and Biometrics Agency, Pentagon; and Strategic Initiatives Group Chief, Office of the Provost Marshal General, Pentagon.

Colonel Lomas has received several awards and distinctions, including the Bronze Star Medal (3 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (4 OCL), the Joint Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), the National Defense Service Medal (1 Bronze Star), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal (3rd Bronze Star), the Afghanistan and Iraqi Campaign Medals, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, the Liberation of Kuwait Medal, the Defense of Saudi Arabia Medal, the Order of the Marechaussee (Bronze), the Combat Action, Air Assault and Parachutist’s badges, and the Army Staff Badge.

Madam Speaker, Colonel L. Omar Lomas has dedicated his life to defending our country and the freedoms we hold dear. It is an honor to represent a hero who has exemplified leadership, scholarship, and selfless service. There is no doubt in my mind that Colonel Lomas will excel with 42D Military Police Brigade. I wish Colonel L. Omar Lomas, his wife Edtna Georgina Garcia, and his children Maria, Miguel, Mateo, and Diego the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE MOYE FAMILY’S COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY AND FAMILY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the rich history of the Moye Family and their commitment to maintaining the values of loyalty and community.

Jacqueline Johnson, a constituent and Buffalo resident who worked for many years in the Buffalo Public School District, brought the Moye family history to my attention as they gather in Buffalo to celebrate their 39th annual family reunion.

The Moye family history begins in South Carolina, with the marriage of Ezra Moye to Sarah Howard. This union produced six children, Willis, Sonny, Ezra Moye Jr., aka “Bud”, Millie, Rachel, and Margaret. From these six children, the Moye family has grown exponentially.

The firstborn in the next generation of Moye’s is Lawrence Moye, the son of Willis and Mattie. Prior to Lawrence’s birth, all previous Moye ancestors had lived under the crushing burden of slavery. In 1865, Lawrence was freed from slavery, and in his first display of true freedom he chose to marry two weeks later. His love for his new wife Charlotte was unbounded by slavery, and he seized this opportunity to benefit the generations of his family to come.

Willis, Sonny, Ezra, Millie, Rachel, and Margaret endured the unspeakable hardships of slavery. Even after slavery was legally abolished, injustices in education, employment, and law enforcement have had an impact on African Americans in our society. Despite this, communities of strength and virtue have prevailed, as we bear witness today at this Moye family reunion.

While this is the 39th annual Moye family reunion, it is the first one being held in Buffalo, and the city is honored to be the site of celebration for a family with such rich history and traditions. Family members descending from Eugene and Minnie, Daisy and Joseph, and Georgia and Neb live in Buffalo today. Moye family members began moving to Western New York as early as the 1930's, and thanks to the Moye Family Historian, Gregory Moye, we are able to recount some aspects of the family history today.

The Moye family is the embodiment of a virtuous family with a rich history of obstacles that ultimately led to great perseverance and triumph. Family members from all around the country have traveled and sacrificed to be here today, for the simple and beautiful reason of celebrating family with one another. Buffalo is honored to have been called home for many members of the Moye family and I would ask my colleagues to join me in extending a warm welcome to each member of the Moye family and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable successful celebration this year and for generations to come.

HONORING ANDREA AGUILAR FOR RECEIVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Andrea Aileen Aguilar, who has earned the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

Andrea joins a select group of scouts to obtain this recognition. The Gold Award symbolizes an individual's outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award requires earning four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and completing the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. A scout must also complete a Gold Project, in which scouts identify and lead a project on a pressing issue in the community.

For her Gold Project, Andrea installed a bicycle rack and a repair station with sidewalks and landscaping at the National Historical Park—Resaca De La Palma Battlefield in Brownsville, Texas. Andrea worked with local businesses to secure labor and material. I am proud of her work ethic and ability to improve community access to an historic landmark through this project.

It is a great honor to recognize Andrea Aileen Aguilar for her dedication and unwavering service. I am confident that the skills and life lessons she learns through Girl Scouts will prove to be invaluable in her future endeavors. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her achievements, work, and service.

RAISE THE WAGE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID B. McKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Mr. McKINLEY. Mr. Speaker, working Americans are rightfully concerned with their salaries and wages. H.R. 582, the "Raise the Wage Act" was an attempt to address this issue by increasing the minimum wage up to \$15/hour. Unfortunately, this is not the right approach. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) stated that this could result in the loss of up to 3.7 million jobs.

Incremental increases in the federal minimum wage are appropriate, and I was proud to support West Virginia's recent increase of the minimum wage to \$8.75/hour. But the fact is, H.R. 582 did not account for regional differences in cost of living. \$15/hour may work for places like Manhattan and San Francisco but would devastate small businesses in the Mountain State.

Further, such a drastic increase in the minimum wage would harm those workers that this bill claims to help. CBO has estimated that of the millions of jobs lost, 46 percent will be young workers and 38 percent will be those without a high school diploma. For every person lifted out of poverty by this bill, another 1 to 3 jobs would be put at risk.

If Democrats in Congress are serious about addressing issues surrounding the minimum wage, they should have proposed legislation that accounts for regional factors and slowly increases it to a more reasonable level, instead of pushing a one size fits all 107 percent increase nationwide. Unfortunately, this legislation would have been unworkable for West Virginia and I was given no other choice but to oppose it.

TRIBUTE TO DR. SUZANNE EATON

HON. DENVER RIGGLEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2019

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, our hearts are heavy as we mourn the loss of Dr. Suzanne Eaton, an American biologist who was murdered in Greece on July 2nd. Dr. Eaton worked at the Max Planck Institute at Dresden University in Germany, where she was a leader in the field of molecular biology. Her colleagues described her as a woman with an insatiable curiosity and a humble, loving heart.

The legacy she leaves behind is not one of sorrow. Instead, it is a legacy of discovery. Dr. Eaton's work advanced our understanding of the building blocks of life, and in doing so, provided an invaluable contribution to the understanding of humankind. For this, and for her, we are grateful.

Today, it is my hope that we can remember here in this chamber her work, her life, and her legacy.

HONORING ABIGAIL ELIZABETH ROCHA FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Abigail Elizabeth Rocha, who has earned the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

Abigail joins a select group of scouts to obtain this recognition. The Gold Award symbolizes an individual's outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award requires earning four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and completing the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. A scout must also complete a Gold Project, in which scouts identify and lead a project on a pressing issue in the community.

For her Gold Project, Abigail built five libraries, three in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico and two in Brownsville, Texas. An avid reader, Abigail excelled in her goal of providing both communities with access to books. I applaud her vision and ambition as she diligently worked on both sides of our border to get the communities involved in this project. Her imagination and leadership helped improve educational opportunities for children and families.

It is a great honor to recognize Abigail Elizabeth Rocha for her dedication and unwavering service. I am confident that the skills and life lessons she learns through Girl Scouts will prove to be invaluable in her future endeavors. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her achievements, work, and service.

DAN BRENNAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Chief of Police Dan Brennan for his many years of service to the City of Wheat Ridge and surrounding communities.

For almost 15 years, Chief Brennan has served the Wheat Ridge community and the City's police department. Chief Brennan became Chief of Police in 2005, but his commitment to his community started long before then. He received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from local colleges before graduating from the 208th Session of the FBI National Academy, the Police Executive Research Forum's (PERF) Senior Management Institute for Police, the University of Denver Public Safety Leadership Institute, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police Leading Police Organizations Program.

Chief Brennan has been recognized for many of his achievements with the Medal for Meritorious Service, Medal for Distinguished Service, the Police Service Award, Police Officer of the Year, and the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police Ralph Smith Professional Innovation Award. Chief Brennan's dedication