

of the Academy's response to the Equity Scorecard findings, and we are investigating numerous disparities and shortcomings in how the Academy handles allegations of harassment and bullying.

However, one thing is already abundantly clear: Business as usual is simply not an option.

For that reason, in June, I was honored to join Chairman THOMPSON in introducing H.R. 3488, the Coast Guard Academy Improvement Act.

I appreciate the thoughtful revisions that have been made to that bill's text through close collaboration with the Transportation Committee and I thank Chairman DEFAZIO for including those revisions in the Coast Guard Authorization Act before us.

These provisions will require urgently needed assessments of and improvements in the Academy's outreach processes and institutional structures to foster expanded diversity.

I urge all Members to vote in favor of the Coast Guard Authorization Act.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 39 OF NORTH SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of American Legion Post 39 of North Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Shortly after the end of World War I, 15 veterans living around the village of North Saint Paul came together to discuss a new national organization called the American Legion that was dedicated to serving veterans and their families. These veterans decided to seek a charter for a local post, which was issued on August 1, 1919, beginning a century of service and support for Minnesota veterans, their families and the greater good of the surrounding North Saint Paul community.

The newly formed American Legion Post 39 quickly found its focus serving the community by leading a Safety First Committee which worked with businesses to improve safety around crossing guards and signals at rail and street crossings. To honor and support their fellow veterans, another part of their mission was to support the Minneapolis and Hastings Veterans Homes, the Veterans Rest Camp and the Fort Snelling Rifle Squad. The post also made investments in America's future by sponsoring Boy's State, Legionville school patrol camp and providing college scholarships for local students, as well as their American Legion Baseball team the 39ers.

Spouses, daughters and granddaughters of Post 39 have always been integral to the success of its work. Post 39 Auxiliary was formally chartered in May 1926 to work alongside the post and expand its community contributions, including support of Girls' State and Webster Elementary School. The auxiliary has also assisted important entities like the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans and the Veterans Administration Community Resource and Referral Center. The auxiliary has played a vital role in the success of the Post.

As a life member of the Post 39 Auxiliary, I know firsthand the many contributions that the post makes to our veterans, our state and our nation.

The sons and grandsons of veterans who comprise Squadron 39—Sons of the American Legion have supported among many programs the North St Paul Food Shelf, American Legion Baseball, the Silver Lake Splash and the Shop, Ship and Share program.

Just last year, Post 39 was a key supporter of the American Legion National Convention, held in Minneapolis—which marked the start of the 100th anniversary of the national organization. Through its support of the work and advocacy of the American Legion, Department of Minnesota as well as the National Organization, the North Saint Paul Post 39 epitomizes the Four Pillars of the American Legion—Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth.

Madam Speaker, as veterans, families and members of the area communities gather on August 3, 2019 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of American Legion Post 39 of North Saint Paul, Minnesota please join me in honoring this major milestone and the generations of leaders and members of this veterans service organization.

RECOGNIZING MARTIN PURYEAR

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the achievements of Martin Puryear.

Martin Puryear, the eldest of seven children, was born in Washington, DC. He was raised in Southwest Washington and attended the then-segregated William Syphax Elementary School. His lifelong interest in the natural world and how things are constructed inspired a young Puryear to visit local institutions such as the National Zoo, the Museum of Science and Technology and the Museum of Natural History. The city's art museums left a profound impact on Puryear, and today some of those same museums—the National Gallery of Art, the Smithsonian American Art Museum and the Hirshhorn Museum—hold some of his most significant works in their permanent collections.

After graduating from the Catholic University of America, Puryear spent two years in Sierra Leone teaching English, French and biology as a member of the Peace Corps. He continued his studies at the Swedish Royal Academy of Art in Stockholm and received his MFA from Yale University.

Puryear's approach to object-making has been influenced by the indigenous techniques and materials of cultures he has encountered on his travels. His sculptures are painstakingly constructed from materials such as wood, metal and stone. Their elegant, abstract forms reflect his deep interest in history.

Puryear received a MacArthur Foundation award in 1989 and the National Medal of Arts from President Obama in 2011. This year, he is representing the United States at the 58th Venice Biennale. The Museum of Modern Art

in New York and the Art Institute of Chicago have organized major retrospectives, and his work has been acquired by museums across the United States, Europe and Asia.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Martin Puryear for his outstanding accomplishments as an artist and honored DC native.

COMMEMORATING THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF LECHASE CONSTRUCTION

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of LeChase Construction.

Established in 1944 by Raymond F. LeChase, LeChase Construction is a full-service construction management and general construction firm. With humble beginnings, LeChase Construction began as a small family operation to fill the local demand for construction work during World War II. Today LeChase employs more than seven hundred and fifty employees and ranks among the nation's top contractors.

LeChase prides itself of offering the capabilities of a large firm while maintaining the personalized service of a small firm. For the last twenty years, LeChase's Southern Tier operations, headquartered in Corning, New York, has provided people from the region with the expertise and high quality of service that LeChase is known for. From Chautauqua to Elmira and down to central Pennsylvania, LeChase has earned the respect of repeat clients, who account for nearly ninety percent of the region's work. Vice President Fred Thompson credits that earned respect to their track record of delivering successful projects and the hardworking, down-to-earth people of the Southern Tier.

Seventy-five years of serving the community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate LeChase 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 seventy-fifth anniversary of LeChase Construction.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CHARLES SCOTT NEELY

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize the distinguished career of Charles Scott Neely, Principal of Cypress Bay High School in my hometown of Weston, Florida.

Scott Neely is one of Broward County's longest-serving high school principals. He was the founding principal and served at the helm of Cypress Bay, Florida's largest high school, since it opened in 2002 and shepherded thousands of students—including my three children—through some of the most formidable years of their lives.

Principal Neely built Cypress Bay into one of the highest ranked public high schools in the nation. They have an almost perfect graduation rate, 72 percent of students take at least one Advance Placement course, and 90 percent pursue studies in college or vocational schools. Beyond academics, Principal Neely and Cypress Bay High have instilled a sense of service in their students. In recent years, the student body has raised over \$250,000 for UNICEF. Scott has also fostered a learning environment that values diversity and inspires all students to succeed. Indeed, Cypress Bay reflects the beautiful diversity of my home state, with a student body that is more than 50 percent Hispanic.

Scott's devotion to his students is a reminder that we must continue to invest in our nation's teachers, children, and schools. And Principal Neely has always understood that in order to invest in our students, we need to invest in our teachers. He is truly an educator's educator. Educators will tell you that teaching is demanding. Educators work long hours and are not only expected to impart a certain knowledge, but they also instill a love of learning in their students.

I know firsthand the excellence Scott has brought to Cypress Bay each day. His patience, wisdom, and encouragement have helped shape tomorrow's leaders, ensuring America remains competitive, innovative, and prosperous.

Scott is a champion for our children and an inspiration to all those who know him, myself included. I join my fellow Cypress Bay Lighting parents, students, and alumni in wishing the "Big Kahuna" well on his retirement and in thanking him for the thoughtful and committed work he has done to enrich and safeguard our children.

IN HONOR OF THE KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARD, 206TH ENGINEER BATTALION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 206th Engineer Battalion of the Kentucky National Guard, which is deploying to assist the U.S. Central Command Area of Operations.

While I am sorry I cannot be with them at today's deployment ceremony, I express my profound gratitude to them for embarking on this mission to serve the United States of America. We are blessed to live in the greatest country in the world. America is truly the land of the free and the home of the brave—all because of men and women like them who have answered the call to serve. The entire Commonwealth of Kentucky is proud of them and behind them during this mission. I join everyone in Owensboro in praying for their safety, and I look forward to welcoming them home.

HONORING THE FALLEN COMBAT VETERANS FROM LAKE HAVASU CITY, ARIZONA

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of six brave men from Lake Havasu City, Arizona who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our great country. The men and women of the United States Military place themselves in danger every day to afford us the freedoms and the way of life that we are privileged to have.

SSG. Carl Hammer, SPC. Dylan Thomas, SPC. Anthony Sausto, SPC. Patrick Tinnell, SP4 Scott Broadston and SPC. Carey "Gary" Harmon dedicated their lives to these shared ideals that make the United States a country unlike any other. While no words or actions can ever repay the valor and service of these men, we commemorate their sacrifice with my legislation, H.R. 3314, which will rename the U.S. Post Office located at 1750 McCulloch Boulevard North in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, as the "Lake Havasu City Combat Veterans Memorial Post Office Building." I thank the House Oversight and Reform Committee for passing this bill today through committee and I wholeheartedly urge this body to adopt this legislation.

Madam Speaker, I would also like to include in the RECORD the biographies of the six men that the Lake Havasu City Combat Veterans Memorial Post Office Building honors. May we never forget the legacy that they leave behind for future generations of Americans.

Carl Erik Hammar (Aug. 3, 1986–Jul. 14, 2012). Carl Hammar lived in Lake Havasu City shortly before his deployment overseas. Born in Sweden, he moved to the United States and Lake Havasu City during his senior year of high school, where SSG. Hammar married fellow student Abby Mahan in 2005. Together they had one child, and Hammar enlisted in the Army after spending a year at Mohave Community College. Hammar actually served twice in Iraq and in Afghanistan. On July 14, 2012 he died due to wounds caused by small-arms fire in Musa Kheyl district, Khost province, Afghanistan.

Dylan Thomas Reid (Sept. 3, 1986–Oct. 16, 2010) Spc. Dylan Thomas Reid, 24, of Lamar, Mo., died Oct. 16 in Amarah, Iraq, where he was stationed. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo. Dylan was born Sept. 3, 1986, in Ironwood, Mich., to Terry and Kelli Reid. He graduated in 2005 from Desert Technology High School, Lake Havasu City. Dylan has proudly served his country since joining the United States Army in 2008. Dylan is survived by his daughter, Avery Lynn Reid, born Sept. 14, 2010, in Minnesota.

Anthony Jonathan Sausto (Dec. 10, 1985–May 10, 2007) Anthony Sausto lived in Lake Havasu City for a few months before his deployment to Iraq, but friends and family say that those few months were the happiest they had ever seen him. Born in New Jersey, Spc. Sausto moved to Lake Havasu City after getting his GED and planned to go into legal services with the military after he returned from his tour of duty. Anthony originally grew

up in Atlantic City, New Jersey but moved to Lake Havasu City in 2005 with his mother and his sister. He was the youngest of three siblings. Family members said he was a shy, quiet youth, once in an army uniform, Anthony found his calling, and his manhood. He came out of his shell, he was so outgoing and confident. He also had a compassionate side. He was a great man with a big heart who saw the brighter side of life. Anthony died on May 10, 2007 in Baghdad, Iraq from wounds suffered by small firearms.

Patrick Allan Tinnell (Mar. 25, 1981–Apr. 19, 2006) Spc. Tinnell was the first from Lake Havasu City to be killed in action during the Global War on Terror, and the impact it had on the community has been obvious and lasting. Tinnell's passing inspired the town to come together in support of his family to build the Tinnell Memorial Sports Park, a skate park with a feature designed like Tinnell's helmet. Opened in 2013, the park is now the largest multi-use skate park in Arizona and the Southwest. Patrick was originally born in Los Angeles, California but grew up in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. In between High School and Military he worked for pest control and was a BMX rider for MBK bikes. Tinnell also volunteered at Teen Break, trying to set good examples for students. As a side note, Patrick was the first person to jump over an elephant during Teen Break in 1999. He joined the army in September 2005. On April 19, 2006, Patrick Tinnell died in Siniyah, Iraq.

Scott Ray Broadston (Nov. 3, 1950–Jun. 5, 1970) Scott was born in San Diego, California and later moved to Arizona. He spent most of his life in Tucson as well as Lake Havasu City. He graduated from Tucson High School in 1968. Broadston enlisted in the Army and entered via "Regular Military." He began his tour on October 7, 1969. In Vietnam, Broadston flew a UH-1H helicopter and on the day he died, he was tasked with supporting a combat assault along a highway about 10 miles west of the town of An Nhon. He died June 5, 1970. There is a memorial park in Lake Havasu City dedicated to him called the "Lake Havasu Memorial Gardens."

Carey "Gary" Dean Harmon (Jul. 26, 1948–Apr. 26, 1968) SPC Carey Dean Harmon became the first soldier from Lake Havasu City to be Killed in Action in Vietnam, as a result of multiple fragmentation wounds at the age of 19, on April 26, 1968. Harmon was attached to the 26th Infantry Regiment, nicknamed The Blue Spaders. He was in Vietnam for three months and his unit was in the Binh Duong province of South Vietnam at the time he was killed. It is possible that he fought against the TET Offensive. During his first month in Vietnam, Harmon's then girlfriend, Mary Fraze-DeWees who now lives in Prescott, knew him as Gary Harmon. She said she wanted to marry Harmon, but at 16, her father did not approve.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SACRIFICE OF CPL. CHARLES S. LAWLER

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to acknowledge the life and sacrifice of Army Corporal Charles S. Lawler, who