

She held degrees in microbiology and public health. Her knowledge of health policy and her political smarts helped her shepherd critical legislation. Thanks to Louise, we have the Affordable Care Act, the Violence Against Women Act, and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, just to name a few.

She was the first chairwoman of the Rules Committee. I am proud to now serve on this committee. It is Louise's spirit that keeps all of us going through long Rules Committee meetings. We should all aspire to be the person she was, to tirelessly serve our constituents, the Constitution, and this country.

#### HONORING JOHN POPRIK

(Mr. FITZPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and the memory of a very special member of our Bucks County community, John Poprik, who our community recently lost.

Born in Philadelphia, John attended Father Judge High School and Drexel University, where he graduated in 1970 with a degree in accounting. He was a respected business executive, having served as the CFO of Better Material Corp. before becoming the CFO of Sommer Maid Creamery.

John was truly a dedicated man, dedicated to making our community a better place through public service. He served on the Water and Sewer Authority, the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, and the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Board of Review.

More than anything, however, John was a dedicated family man. He spent some of his most treasured moments with his five grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I extend my deepest condolences to his beloved wife of 50 years, my dear friend, Pat Poprik, and their sons, Brad and Matt.

May John, a good, decent, and honorable man, enjoy the eternal reward for a life he spent serving others.

#### REMEMBERING LOUISE SLAUGHTER

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, 1 year ago, this body and our Nation lost one of its brightest lights with the passing of an extraordinary congresswoman and my dear friend, Louise Slaughter.

I first came to know Louise in the early 1980s when we served together in the New York State Assembly. We remained close until her passing on March 16, 2018. While I will always miss her presence, her legacy lives on in many, many ways.

It lives on in the renaming of the STOCK Act, an effort that I was proud to sponsor last Congress.

Louise's legacy lives on in the Fairport post office, renamed after Louise and her husband, Bob, a fitting tribute to a loving couple. I thank my colleague, JOE MORELLE, for making that happen.

Her legacy lives in the Rochester train station, named after Louise after years of her advocacy and determination to make it an improved destination and a special place of connection.

Most importantly, her legacy lives in the freshman class of this United States House of Representatives. Louise used to represent Seneca Falls and was proud of the women's rights movement that had its strongest, deepest roots in upstate New York.

This year, more than 100 women serve in this body for the first time in American history. Of course, if Louise were here, she would surely remind us that 100 is much less than half of 435 and that our work was far from over.

Madam Speaker, to my friend, Louise, our thoughts and prayers are with her as we mark 1 year since her passing. Today, we celebrate an incredible legacy, a legacy that is alive and burning bright with hope.

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The American Legion on its centennial anniversary.

On Friday, March 15, The American Legion will celebrate 100 years since it was formed in Paris, France, after World War I. More than 1,000 people gathered for The American Legion's first caucus at the American Club in Paris on March 15, 1919.

Since then, The American Legion has grown to be the Nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, boasting more than 2 million members and 13,000 posts across all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico, and the Philippines.

Its dedication to veterans, service-members, and their families extends from local community programs to State and Federal policy initiatives, including the establishment of the Veterans Administration in 1930 and the GI Bill in 1944. Hundreds of local American Legion programs and activities strengthen the Nation one community at a time.

Madam Speaker, I thank The American Legion for its service and wish its members a happy 100th birthday this Friday.

#### HONORING DONALD HERBERT EATON, JR.

(Mr. ESPAILLAT asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, New York suffered a heartbreaking loss with the passing of Donald Herbert Eaton, Jr., a Harlem native, a Korean war veteran, and an accomplished community activist.

His life was marked by selflessness and perseverance, common threads that guided him to serve his community and his Nation.

He was raised in a tough environment. Discrimination was at its peak. Yet, when his Nation called on him, he went to war and served honorably as a member of the 369th "Harlem Hellfighters" Infantry Regiment.

Upon his return, Eaton's longstanding commitment to service led him to spend 20 years leading efforts to help those in need: veterans, seniors, and the underprivileged.

Madam Speaker, may he rest in peace and may God comfort his children, Donald Eaton III and Geoffrey Eaton, Sr., and his two grandchildren, Geoffrey Eric Eaton, Jr., and Geoffrey S. Eaton III.

#### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

(Mr. TAYLOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, celebrated each March, Women's History Month serves as a time to honor and recognize the momentous achievement of women who have continued to shape the United States today.

What began as a week-long celebration in 1981 is now a month-long celebration starting in 1995.

This year, I am especially proud to highlight a group of women making history right now in Texas' Third Congressional District. Collin County, Texas, has 11 State district courts with 11 presiding judges, and 7 county courts at law with 7 presiding judges.

In 2017, an addition of a new judge brought the total number of female judges serving on district courts to six, meaning that, for the first time in history, a majority of the court seats are now held by women. But just this year, with the election of another woman in Texas' 219th district court, there are now seven women serving on the county's district benches. Making this accomplishment even more remarkable, just 12 years ago, there was only one female judge on the county's benches.

While only 33 percent of the judges throughout the United States are women, Collin County is leading the way with 64 percent of the district court judge benches held by women judges.

I salute Judge Corinne Mason, Judge Angela Tucker, Judge Jennifer Edgeworth, Judge Andrea Thompson, Judge Cynthia Wheless, Judge Jill Willis, Judge Piper McCraw, and Judge Emily Miskel.

## PRESIDENT TRUMP'S BUDGET

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, on Monday, the Trump administration released what has to be the cruelest and most irresponsible proposed budget in our Nation's 243-year history.

The Trump budget adds trillions of dollars to our national debt. The Trump budget cuts \$1.5 trillion from Medicaid, \$845 billion from Medicare, and \$26 billion from Social Security. Meanwhile, it cuts over 90 percent of the funding for freshwater in the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

We are not going to be able to combat deadly algal blooms in Lake Erie. We are not going to be able to contain invasive species like the Asian carp. We are not going to be able to restore the Great Lakes and its environmental integrity.

The President promised he would never cut Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid, yet he has done exactly that. His proposed budget adds trillions to the national debt while also undermining the financial pillars of Medicare, Social Security, and Medicaid.

Madam Speaker, budgets are a reflection of our values, and President Trump's values are clearly with the 1 percent. He is out of step with the majority of the American people and, surely, those living in northern Ohio.

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REMEMBERING LOUISE  
SLAUGHTER

(Mr. MORELLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in paying tribute to my dear friend and predecessor, Louise Slaughter.

As evidenced by the many laudatory statements being made today, Louise's contributions to this institution were immeasurable. Louise left a remarkable legacy:

The only woman to chair the Rules Committee;

A stalwart for women and children;

A leader who was instrumental in passing landmark healthcare legislation.

But what I remember most about Louise and what was at the heart of all her accomplishments is how much she cared for her friends and for her community.

Louise was my dear friend not only on the best of days, like when she encouraged me to run for my first elective office or celebrated with me when I was chosen to be the majority leader of the New York State Assembly, but also on the most difficult of days.

When my daughter Lauren passed away, Louise was there that afternoon spending hours at my house with our family. That is just who she was.

She had one of the biggest hearts of anyone I know. I am better for having known her, and I know that our entire country is better for her many years of dedicated service.

May you rest in peace, Louise Slaughter.

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(Ms. SPEIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues to honor my friend and colleague, Congresswoman Louise Slaughter.

It is inconceivable to me that it has been 1 year since the passing of this force of nature. I am consoled by knowing that her legacy lives on in this Chamber.

The brilliant former chair of the powerful Rules Committee was sharp-tongued, sharp-witted, and sharp-eyed.

Everyone who knew her was made better by her presence.

Anyone who came up against her in an argument knew they were facing a steel backbone, but her disarming sense of humor and southern drawl were irresistible.

She even taught me how to speak Southern. "Bless your sweet heart" doesn't mean bless your sweet heart.

Congresswoman Slaughter knew fake when she saw it and was not afraid to call it out. She knew truth when she saw it and stood strong in its defense.

It is in her honor that we must continue to fight for this democracy that she never gave up on, and I hope that we will consider naming the Rules Committee room in her honor.

There are many people I like in our Chamber; few, I truly love. I loved Louise Slaughter.

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SLAUGHTER

(Ms. MATSUI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, a year ago we said good-bye to Louise Slaughter, our dear, dear, friend.

Louise Slaughter was a titan of Congress. She was unforgettable.

When I first joined the Rules Committee after getting elected, I was immediately drawn to Louise. Louise took me under her wing. She even made fun of people that I thought were really wonderful, and she laughed because she knew we shared a joke.

Honestly, Louise was somebody who even made the late hours in the Rules Committee fun, too, with her wittiness and her intellect and the fact that, beneath it all, she absolutely loved serving in this wonderful House.

Louise lived in perfect balance. She was charming, yet intense; witty, yet resolute.

After spending time with Louise, you knew her heart was with the people of

western New York, and you knew she wasn't going to back down from her beliefs.

She loved her family. She loved her district as if they were her family, also. And we loved Louise because she loved everyone and gave support.

We miss you, Louise.

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SLAUGHTER

(Mr. LEWIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS. Madam Speaker, I first met Louise Slaughter 32 years ago during our freshman orientation. From the first day, she stood out.

Louise was an unbelievable, kind, beautiful person. She was a born leader who was thoughtful, mindful, and she didn't take any stuff.

I loved Louise. She called me Brother John, and I called her Sister Louise.

We miss Louise.

I can see her standing up on this floor now speaking truth to power. She never gave up; she never gave in; she kept her faith; and she kept her eyes on the prize.

Madam Speaker, I thank Louise for her service, and I know she is with her beloved Bob.

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(Ms. MOORE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I am so blessed to have known Louise McIntosh Slaughter, and I am so pleased to speak on her behalf today.

Louise was a legislator, with a capital L, and she lived up to the legacy of the ladies of New York. She represented Seneca Falls, and not only because it was her district, but she represented it in terms of her sentiments.

She was the sponsor of the Violence Against Women Act. She was the head of the Pro-Choice Caucus. She focused on medical research for women.

She was a thought leader. Consistent with her training in chemistry, she fought to decrease the amount of antibiotics, eliminate antibiotics in animals for consumption. She led on the issues of getting rid of lead, and, also, she really understood chemistry.

The first time she saw Bob Slaughter, she said, "I have just got to have him," and she went and got him.

She was a bridge to leadership. These freshmen would have really, really enjoyed being around the head of the Rules Committee, their bridge to the leadership.

And let me tell you, I loved her because she really knew how to make people happy. Madam Speaker, she gave me an orange purse because she thought that orange was a happy color and that I deserved to be surrounded by it.