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Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Carolyn Cubbedge on her retirement from the ministry and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church.

Reverend Cubbedge has made a tremendous impact throughout the First Congressional District of Georgia as Wesley's senior adult pastor. One of her most notable projects includes her work with Morningstar Children & Family Services in Brunswick, which provides therapy to children who have multiple diagnoses of intellectual disabilities. But this project is only the tip of the iceberg.

Through her work helping the most vulnerable—organizing church events, her dedication to the ministry, and her breadth of knowledge of God's word—she has helped Wesley to increase its congregation and engage those members to make our community a better place to live.

Reverend Cubbedge retired on June 30, and I am both thankful and proud that we were able to have a woman like her doing God's work in the First Congressional District of Georgia.

Enjoy your retirement, Reverend Cubbedge.

FACES 4 AUTISM

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, 18 years ago, Isabelle Mosca's son was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. At the time, she was struck by how little information and support was available for families affected by ASD, so Isabelle began a support group for a few parents to meet over coffee and talk.

Eventually, Isabelle's meeting grew into a nonprofit organization called FACES 4 Autism, which helps over 750 families with five active and expanding support groups throughout South Jersey.

In addition to these support groups, Isabelle created a program called Massi's Mission, which focuses on water safety and survival for those with ASD.

Now that her son is close to 21 years old, Isabelle is exploring employment opportunities for him and all of the FACES' participants. They are aging out of their schools.

She never stops thinking, planning, and creating opportunities to make our community of South Jersey be the best that it can be.

Mr. Speaker, Isabelle's community thanks her every day for everything she does. South Jersey thanks her every day for all that she does. She is the best.

HONORING CLAYTON EDWARD NARVESON

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Clayton Edward Narveson, an American hero and World War II combat veteran.

Mr. Narveson joined the United States Marine Corps following the attack on Pearl Harbor. He fought in the Battle of Tarawa in November of 1943. And during February and March of 1945, he served as a gunner on an 81 mm mortar during the Battle of Iwo Jima, one of the bloodiest battles in Marine Corps history, and our country's history.

After the war, Mr. Narveson attended St. Paul College of Law and had a successful career as an attorney.

For two decades, Mr. Narveson has made presentations to students telling some of the stories of his times in service and the struggles he and his family faced during the Great Depression. Through these presentations, he reminds young folks of the importance of serving your country and how blessed we are to live in the United States of America.

There are real heroes in this world, and they aren't music stars, famous athletes, or Hollywood actors. Our country's heroes are the men and women of our Armed Forces, like Mr. Narveson, who served and sacrificed for our freedom.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to honor Clayton Narveson as the Tennessee Second District's July 2019 Veteran of the Month and to thank him for his service to our country, his dedication to his work and family, and for his continued support of our community and our great country.

HONORING DOROTHY JONES

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Dorothy Jones, a long-time resident of Detroit's 48217 community.

I first met Ms. Dorothy Jones in 2008. She was very active in her local block club. She was passionate about the right to breath clean air and stood up against corporate polluters like Marathon Petroleum Refinery. Ms. Jones was never a person to shy away from a challenge, and she always accepted nothing less than the best for her family, friends, and her neighborhood.

I am honored to have known Ms. Jones for more than 10 years. She would take me to task on important issues, which I always welcomed and for which I was better for it. I am grateful for her engagement on these issues that affect the quality of life for so many residents in the 13th Congressional District. It is truly an honor to have known her and served Ms. Jones. We honor her memory and her surviving family members.

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DON'T INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, the latest proposal offered by my Democrat colleagues to raise the minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$15 an hour nationally is going to be devastating to small businesses and especially to jobs. A 107 percent increase is not going to create more jobs. It might sound nice on the surface, but it will be very harmful.

There is this myth that a large segment of Americans earn at or below the minimum wage, but, in reality, it is only 2.3 percent; and half of them are below the age of 25 who need these entry-level jobs to learn a skill, to learn to show up every day, to be on time, and to grow from there. Increasing it to \$15 an hour nationally would cause small companies to pass on higher prices to consumers, likely driving consumers away, and for a small business' little profit margin already, potentially forcing them to close their doors.

I visited a restaurant in my district that had two locations, and they have already closed one. They are afraid, as California is already on the track at \$12 and higher, how much longer they can keep their businesses open because of the huge cost of labor as a percentage of their business.

So let's get on the right track and do the things that support job growth and the success we have had the last couple of years after the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and not go down this path.

CONGRATULATING LEO GERARD ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a great leader of workers throughout North America and, indeed, the world, Leo Gerard, who retired this afternoon as the president of the United Steelworkers.

Leo rose through the ranks and was a dynamic leader of the steelworkers for 40 years, and he was president for the last 18 years. He led on so many issues.

He was a fierce negotiator for his members, but he was also a leader for all workers. For example, he brought the environmental movement and the labor movement together to tackle tough issues about keeping our water and air clean for everyone and for future generations, while protecting our jobs.

But one thing I think stands out. I want to pledge to Leo Gerard on his retirement that we are not going to pass a replacement NAFTA unless it honors the workers of Mexico, Canada, and the United States.

What a great champion for workers in North America. I assure Leo that we are going to carry on his work. God bless him.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR DEFENSE MANUFACTURING AND MACHINING SITE VISIT

(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. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, I had the privilege of returning to Blairsville, Pennsylvania, and the National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining site in my district.

Founded in 2003, NCDMM is committed to driving innovation throughout the defense manufacturing industry. They are helping revitalize our Nation's manufacturing industry by implementing solutions, cutting commercial and defense customer costs, increasing productivity, improving quality, decreasing lead times, and reducing waste. NCDMM works to leverage the expertise of their team to deliver innovative manufacturing solutions that produce real results.

My recent visit highlighted their efforts to create a 2-year curriculum, partnering with local institutions to train veterans for additive manufacturing placement following their service. This project addresses two critical issues: opportunities for veterans and strategic workforce shortages.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the leadership and the work of the dedicated staff at the NCDMM site. I wish them all the best as they continue to bring innovation and efficiency to our Nation's manufacturing industries.

HONORING OKLAHOMA ASTRONAUT JOHN HERRINGTON

(Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor another Oklahoma trailblazer in space.

Astronaut John Herrington is a retired United States naval aviator and former NASA astronaut. Born in Wetumka, Oklahoma, Herrington made history in 2002 as the first Native American to fly in space.

A citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, Herrington earned a bachelor's of science degree in applied mathematics from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, a master's of science degree in aeronautical engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School, and a Ph.D. from the University of Idaho.

As a mission specialist on the STS-113 Endeavour mission, it was the 11th American assembly mission to the International Space Station. Dr. Herrington spent more than 330 hours in space and conducted three space walks, totaling nearly 20 hours.

Dr. Herrington then served as a capsule communicator, supporting shuttle and space station training and operations, and he was later chosen to become the chief engineer for safety and mission assurance at the Johnson Space Center.

I am proud of Dr. Herrington's achievements and barriers broken for Tribal citizens in space exploration.

HONORING WORLD WAR II VETERAN RANDALL EDWARDS

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

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Randall Edwards, a veteran of World War II, who this month turns 102 years old.

Edwards enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1935, at 18 years old, and served as a first class radioman for the USS *Campus* in the Philippines. He then joined Allied ground forces, where he and his unit were captured and sent to a Japanese prison camp.

He spent 3 years as a prisoner of war, and despite being forced to work 7 days a week in appalling conditions and becoming nearly deaf due to abuse, he never allowed his spirit to be broken. In fact, after the war, he reenlisted in the Navy and was sent to Japan to serve in the U.S. occupying force. Edwards later became a national service officer for the American Ex-Prisoners of War organization, helping other veterans reintegrate.

Warrant Officer Edwards survived some of the worst of World War II, and he persevered through captivity and returned to bring democracy to his captors. Mr. Edwards represents the greatest of our Greatest Generation, and on behalf of a grateful nation, I say thank you.

COMING TO AMERICA

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, with respect to the remarks made this weekend about the squad “going back to where they came from,” it reminded me of some lyrics by Neil Diamond.

Far,
We've been traveling far,
Without a home,
But not without a star.
Free,
Only want to be free,
We huddle close,
Hang on to a dream.
On the boats and on the planes,
They're coming to America.
Never looking back again,
They're coming to America.
They're coming to America.

And it ends with:

They're coming to America.
They're coming to America.
They're coming to America.
They're coming to America.

Today, today, today, today, today.
My country 'tis of thee,
Today,
Sweet land of liberty,
Today,
Of thee I sing,
Today,
Of thee I sing,
Today.

That is the America that we know, and we are all here contributing to what makes America America, and I thank the body for listening.

THANKING HOUSTON FOR OPENING ITS DOORS

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, on this past Saturday, Houstonians gathered together at the Living Water International Apostolic Ministries in Houston with Pastor Stearns and about 10 other churches. I convened the press conference in the warehouse of this church filled with goods and necessities to respond to the most objectionable national order that I have ever heard from any President of the United States: to manipulate law enforcement and calling for national predawn raids across America.

Now, no one in America wants open borders, and Democrats do not, but we do believe in due process, the Constitution, and the justness of the phraseology on the Statue of Liberty to bring our forlorn and worn to this country.

We are the greatest experiment, and people in my constituency were frightened. I came home to say we must do something about it.

And how powerful it was for the churches in our community to say: We will open our doors to those who are frightened about the fact that they will be separated from their children or their children separated from them.

What a horrible image, internationally; how the United Nations has condemned it.

And so on that day, we opened the churches of Houston for those migrants who were frightened by these predawn raids. One even occurred today.

I finish my remarks by saying the 16th President of the United States really said what America is all about: “We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield, and patriot grave, to every living heart and hearthstone, all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.”

That is Abraham Lincoln. That is who we are.

I thank Houston for opening its doors for those who are in fear.