

cost. Truly, our veterans are the best of America.

In Congress, it is my privilege—and my responsibility—to stand up for those who have served our country in uniform, as well as to recognize these brave Americans. As a nation, we are indebted to them. On behalf of the 13th Congressional District, I thank James for his service to our nation and our community.

RECOGNIZING BLUE KNIGHTS PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER IV

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the Blue Knight's International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Pennsylvania Chapter IV.

The Blue Knights is a non-profit fraternal organization of active and retired law enforcement officers and veterans who enjoy riding motorcycles. A group of several law enforcement officers formed the first chapter of the Blue Knights in Bangor, Maine in 1974. Today they have over 600 chapters and nearly 20,000 members all over the world.

The Blue Knights are dedicated to developing a fraternal spirit among those in the law enforcement and veterans community who enjoy riding motorcycles. As a group, the Blue Knights engage in charitable activities such as supporting local law enforcement causes, honoring our veterans, and assisting children in need.

The Blue Knights Pennsylvania Chapter IV is very active in supporting the Berks community. Recently the Blue Knights held their 1st Annual Benefit Ride & Pig Roast, raising nearly \$5,000 in support of the Berks County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit. This Memorial Day, the Blue Knights also escorted 50,000 American flags that were distributed and placed on the graves of deceased veterans across Berks County. The Blue Knights are steadfast supporters of those who serve our communities and our nation.

Members of the Blue Knights have not only donned the uniform and served our communities and our nation themselves, but they also continue their service as good citizens in aiding law enforcement and veterans causes. Our community and our nation are better for their continued selfless service and dedication.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pennsylvania Chapter IV of the Blue Knights and thank them for their continued service to our nation and our communities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for a recorded vote on November 16, 2020 for S. 327, the Wounded Veterans Recreation Act and S. 3147, the

Improving Safety and Security for Veterans Act. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 219, and YEA on Roll Call No. 220.

HONORING CAROL MARIN

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Carol Marin and to honor her distinguished career in print and electronic journalism. Few reporters have done more to build public trust in the press than Carol Marin, and her lifetime commitment to unbiased, in-depth reporting has elevated public discourse and held public officials accountable to their constituents and to the principles of good government.

Born in Chicago, Carol spent her childhood in Rolling Meadows, Illinois, part of the 8th Congressional District that I represent. After graduating from the University of Illinois, she worked briefly as a high school English teacher before moving to Tennessee and beginning a career in journalism, first as a talk show host and reporter in Knoxville, and then as a news anchor and reporter in Nashville.

In 1978, Carol returned home to Chicago as a news anchor and reporter. She quickly established a reputation as a relentless investigative reporter, and demonstrated a deep commitment to the highest standards of integrity and journalistic excellence. In 1997, that commitment became a national news story when she resigned from her news anchor desk to protest the hiring of a controversial talk show host whose presence she believed would undermine her credibility as a journalist and the work of her newsroom. She moved on to national broadcast work, serving as a correspondent on the CBS Evening News and "60 Minutes," covering important stories, including reporting on the September 11 terror attacks while covered in ash from the collapse of the World Trade Center towers.

In 2002, Carol formed Marin Corp Productions, an independent documentary company providing content to media outlets including CNN and the New York Times/Discovery Channel. She also authored political commentary for the Chicago Sun-Times, and served as a contributor to Chicago Tonight, an award-winning nightly news show broadcast on WTTW, Chicago's public television station.

Carol Marin has been honored with almost every important award in broadcast journalism. She is the recipient of three George Foster Peabody Awards, two DuPont-Columbia Awards, a George Polk Award, two national Emmy Awards and at least 15 regional Emmy Awards. Carol has been inducted in the Chicago Journalism Hall of Fame, and the Silver Circle of the Chicago/Midwest chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Carol recently announced that she is stepping away from her work as a broadcast journalist after the November 2020 national elections. I am glad to note that she will continue to inspire and mentor the next generation of journalists as co-director of the Center for Journalism Integrity and Excellence at DePaul University in Chicago.

At a time when journalism is under relentless attack by forces that seek to undermine our democratic norms, I am honored to celebrate the career of a reporter who personifies honesty, integrity and a fearless willingness to speak truth to power. Carol Marin's passion for her life's work is best expressed by her own words: "There's a sense of mission for most of us in my business, a sense of purpose . . . the biggest lesson I have learned of all—every story, every day, every year that I do this—is that it is a privilege to be a reporter."

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE MARTIN FROST

HON. LLOYD DOGGETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mr. DOGGETT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my great admiration for a former colleague, and friend. Martin Frost, who always rose to the aid of those Texans he served so well for almost 30 years here in the House. He also ably led our party and our Caucus, serving as chair of the DCCC and the House Democratic Caucus.

Following his outstanding service in Washington, Martin Frost devoted much of his post-congressional life to the FMC, the Association of Former Members of Congress. This challenging year, 2020, brought to a conclusion his term as President of the FMC, after many years of serving in various leadership positions within it.

Many of my colleagues are familiar with the democracy building and civic education work the FMC conducts, including its outstanding Congressional Study Groups. Martin Frost provided the leadership for FMC to achieve incredible growth in all of these activities.

He was instrumental in strengthening FMC finances, for example, by creating and growing an Endowment Investment Fund. He greatly increased the number of actively involved Former Members from both sides of the aisle. And with his guidance, FMC now reaches a much greater number of students through the Congress-to-Campus program.

The extent of Martin's tremendous impact cannot be done real justice with these brief remarks, but I speak for everyone involved with FMC—its board of directors, its membership, and its staff—when I state that, thanks to Martin Frost, like every organization which he has led—FMC is better, more effective, and more impactful than it has ever been.

Especially during these divisive political times, when we need more bridges, not walls, Members like Martin Frost and organizations like FMC deserve our gratitude for attempting to bridge the political divide, serving as experts on Congress as an institution, and reconnecting citizens with their representative government, all in the service of strengthening our democracy.

Our political infrastructure, like our actual infrastructure, needs the attention and maintenance to keep our economy strong, our citizens safe and healthy, and to preserve our democracy. I am not planning to join Martin soon as an FMC member, but when I eventually do, I know that it will be a stronger organization because of his dedication. This is a

heartfelt thank you for his continuing efforts to make our Nation worthy for our grandchildren and beyond.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call vote No. 220, due to an error in the voting process my vote was not officially recorded when I cast my vote and was unable to return to the floor in time before the vote closed. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 220.

HONORING MR. FRANCISCO MANTILLA

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Francisco Mantilla for his commitment to the people of New Jersey. Mr. Mantilla came to this country from Ecuador in pursuit of the American Dream. A businessman, father and community leader, Francisco leads a rich life here in the United States. He is a role model for many in the Silk City. Today, I ask that we honor him for all his outstanding work.

Born to Mr. Francisco Arturo Mantilla Sr. and Rosa Mantilla Faz, Francisco's story starts in Ecuador. A studious and dedicated individual, Francisco would complete high school with high honors and by the age of twenty-one, earn a law degree from the Catholic University of Guayaquil. Mr. Mantilla, after completing his education, made the brave decision to leave Ecuador for greater opportunity here in the United States.

In 1970, Francisco arrived in the Silk City. In Paterson, Mr. Mantilla would begin his journey as an American citizen with dreams of a better life for his family. Living briefly in New York, Francisco met his wonderful wife Elsa and in 1972, resettled permanently in the City of Paterson. Married a year later in 1973, Francisco and Elsa would have three children, Rosa, Francisco and Elsa Elizabeth.

The year is 1980, and together with his wife, Elsa's Fashions is opened on 21st Ave. in Paterson. The second ever Latino owned business in the immediate area. Elsa's Fashions would become an important gathering place and respected establishment for the Latin American community. The owner and operator, Francisco would encourage and support other Latin Americans to start their own small business. Offering guidance and leadership, there has been no greater advocate for the businesses here in the Silk City.

A founding member of many community organizations, we can see Francisco's work throughout the State of New Jersey. Starting the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Paterson and the 21st Ave. Business Association, there are hundreds if not thousands of small business owners who have Francisco to thank for his contributions. A liaison with the

City of Paterson, Mr. Mantilla is a constant advocate before the Mayor and council on behalf of the small businesses on 21st Ave.

Francisco Mantilla has shared his prosperity with the community. Hosting toy drives, voter registration drives and clothing and food drives for the less fortunate, Francisco gives back and raises others up in the City of Paterson. Recognized by many different organizations for his community activism, Francisco was named the "Patersonian of the Year", "Entrepreneur of the Year" and "The Ambassador of 21st Avenue". I, on the other hand, know him to be my friend.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of individuals like Mr. Francisco Mantilla.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, friends, family, and the residents of New Jersey in recognizing Francisco Mantilla, as we celebrate his years of distinguished service to the people of the Ninth Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, due to a transportation issue, I was unable to make votes on November 16, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of both S. 327 and S. 3147.

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF S. 910, THE NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S. 910, the National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2020.

For decades, the Sea Grant College Program has provided essential oceans-focused research and support for our communities nationwide and especially now as we face the impacts of climate change on coastal communities. The bill before us today would authorize an increase in funding for our Sea Grant programs and enhance our efforts to study, conserve and effectively use U.S. coastal resources.

Climate change is wreaking havoc on our coasts, including throughout my Hawaii where coastal roads are crumbling as sea level rise and erosion take their toll. Coral reefs, which are vital resources for our ecosystems and provide protection from storm surges to our coasts, are facing mass bleaching events due to warming waters. Fish stocks are moving from traditional areas because of warming waters. The Sea Grant Program works with communities to research these issues and many more to provide useful information to

make informed management decisions based on science.

The University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program (Hawaii Sea Grant) is a prime example of focus on critical issues related to sustainable coastal development, tourism, hazard resiliency, sustainable aquaculture, indigenous knowledge, and the impacts of climate change. In all of its efforts, Hawaii Sea Grant strives to promote stewardship of Hawaii's coastal ecosystems and increase public awareness of the need to preserve and protect Hawaii's precious marine resources.

Just some Hawaii Sea Grant impacts in 2018 included:

Created or sustained 43 jobs for an economic benefit of at least \$4.2 million;

Generated \$6.8 million in leveraged funds, resulting in a return on the federal investment of approximately 200 percent;

Supported the education and training of 53 undergraduates and graduate students;

Assisted 47 communities throughout Hawaii with implementing sustainable development practices and policies;

Helped 762 fishers adopt safe and sustainable fishing practices;

Educated over 30,000 K-12 students in Hawaii through Sea Grant education activities;

Helped restore an estimated 5,500 acres of coastal ecosystems; and

Improved community resilience statewide through outreach and distribution of more than 75,000 copies of the Homeowner's Handbook to Prepare for Natural Hazards publication.

These impacts prove the longstanding importance of Sea Grant to many such communities nationwide. I am proud to support this continued work and urge all my colleagues to pass S. 910.

SUPPORT FOR H.R. 2466, THE STATE OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2020 AND H.R. 2281, THE EASY MEDICATION ACCESS AND TREATMENT FOR OPIOID ADDICTION ACT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2466, the State Opioid Response Grant Authorization Act of 2020 and H.R. 2281, the Easy MAT for Opioid Addiction Act. I'm proud to have advanced these bipartisan bills through my Health Subcommittee and I'm pleased to support them on the Floor today.

According to the most recent CDC data, in 2018, 67,000 Americans died of a drug overdose. Overdoses in 2018 alone killed more Americans than the Vietnam War. This is a national crisis.

In 2016 Congress passed the 21st Century Cures Act and CARRA, and in 2018 the SUPPORT Act was signed into law to stem the tide of addiction and devastation that the opioid crisis has created.

Yet, despite our legislative efforts to increase access to medication-assisted treatment or MAT, according to a 2019 National Academies of Science report, more than 80 percent of the 2 million people with opioid use disorder are not receiving MAT and families