

he graciously agreed to serve on a regional body that made important recommendations to the FAA regarding intrusive noise impacts on East Palo Alto and surrounding communities.

Madam Speaker, we know Larry Moody as a coach, community leader, elected leader, and booster of all things East Palo Alto but, ultimately, we know him as a man with unbounded faith in the potential of human beings. Give this man a single ray of hope for the future and he produces a blinding day of possibilities.

As he steps down from the city council, his wife Lisa, their four sons Larry Jr., Tyler, Isaiah and Cameron, will once again have Larry home each night. We thank them for their patience as he served, but their gain is our loss. Let us salute Larry Moody for his service to us all. He will long be remembered as the man who led with a smile and an enormous heart.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF URIEL PADGETT

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Uriel Burton Padgett. As a fellow service member, I am grateful for Mr. Padgett's dedication to family, state, and country.

Uriel Padgett was born October 7, 1934 in Magee, MS to Luke and Novice Kennedy. He was married to Mattie Lee Middleton Padgett for 65 years and together the two had two children, five grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren.

In March of 1952, Uriel joined the Mississippi National Guard. He served in many positions throughout his career and served as a founding member of the Special Forces Unit in the Mississippi Guard. His first NCOS class was in Mississippi and he went on to instruct the course. Uriel deeply enjoyed his time at Camp Shelby before retiring in 1989 as the Assistant United States Property and Fiscal Officer and was later promoted to Brigadier General.

Uriel spent his retirement travelling with his wife, learning woodworking, and attending arts and crafts shows. He was an active member of the Exchange Club of West Jackson, Rankin County Civitan Club, Oak Hill Lodge, and the American Legion. He was a dedicated charter member of Brandon Baptist Church. Uriel loved music and spending time outdoors. He played many instruments and could be found in his garden or riding his tractor.

Mr. Padgett is survived by his wife, Mattie Lee Middleton Padgett; children, Steve and Deborah; grandchildren, Greg, Alisha, Jana, and Ashley; and ten great-grandchildren.

Uriel Padgett was a dedicated husband and father, a servant to his state, and a man of faith. He will be deeply missed by all who had the opportunity to know and love him.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TRANS-ATLANTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECURITY ACT

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the bipartisan Transatlantic Telecommunications Security Act. I am grateful to my colleague ADAM KINZINGER of Illinois for his partnership in co-leading this critically needed piece of legislation.

The United States and our allies face down increased threats from global actors like a rising China and belligerent Russia that seek to export their malign influence and undermine democratic institutions.

China seeks to compromise allied critical telecommunications infrastructure by using statelinked companies like Huawei and ZTE to unfairly induce our allies to procure insecure fifth generation telecommunications equipment and services.

Bipartisan current and former U.S. officials and civil society members have recognized the threat of malign influence over critical telecommunications networks. 50 networks will serve as the backbone of artificial intelligence platforms with immense national security and domestic economic implications. Secure telecommunications are also critical for military interoperability with our European allies at a time when NATO coordination is needed now more than ever.

Given these critical national security needs, the United States must provide our allies alternatives to Chinese financing and provide increased diplomatic support to our allies to ensure secure telecommunications lines.

This legislation would authorize the U.S. Development Finance Corporation to provide financing for cross-border 5G telecommunications infrastructure development to our allies. This financing is key to remove risky and threatening equipment and replace it with secure equipment. The legislation seeks to increase resilience in countries in the region whose infrastructure deficit from the Soviet-era makes them especially vulnerable to malign Chinese influence, including among nations in the Three Seas Initiative.

Additionally, this bill directs the Secretary of State and other relevant agency heads to prioritize diplomacy and project support with European allies and partners to develop 5G markets that are inclusive, transparent, economically viable, socially sustainable, and compliant with international law. Finally, this legislation ensures the United States is leading with our European allies to develop international 5G standards that favor democratic institutions, not further authoritarianism spread by China and Russia.

Following unanimous House passage of H. Res. 672 supporting the Three Seas Initiative and the enactment of the bipartisan European Energy Security and Diversification Act, this bill is the next critically needed step for Congress to secure our transatlantic allies and partners from malign influence.

I urge all my colleagues to support this critical legislation.

HONORING MAYOR ROY SWEARINGEN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Roy Swearingen, and to celebrate his over 16 years of public service to the City of Pinole.

Mayor Swearingen has been a resident of Pinole for over 40 years. He began his career in construction and eventually owned his own small business. He is a dedicated public servant, having spent 16 years on the Pinole City Council, leading the Council as Mayor for five of those years. He has also served on the Pinole Chamber of Commerce for six years, including two years as president.

Drawing upon his many years in business, Mayor Swearingen has helped guide the City of Pinole through many challenges and hardships. His leadership during the 2008 recession, including steering the effort to create a balanced budget, was vital to the City of Pinole's economic recovery. Mayor Swearingen's business acumen was indispensable in guiding the recent upgrade to the Pinole/Hercules Water Pollution Control Plant, which will help keep our oceans clean and will benefit the community for generations to come.

Mayor Swearingen's dedication to his community extends beyond the roles that he has served in office. He is a highly involved member of the Pinole Rotary Club and the West Contra Costa Police Activities League, having served as president of both organizations. Though he is retiring from the City Council, Mayor Swearingen will continue to serve his community as the Treasurer of the City of Pinole. His leadership and expertise will surely be an asset in the coming years.

Madam Speaker, Mayor Roy Swearingen's integrity and continued dedication to public service is an inspiration to us all. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING 155TH ANNIVERSARY OF 13TH AMENDMENT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2020

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my fellow Congressional Black Caucus members for coming together this evening to recognize and acknowledge the 155th anniversary of the ratification of the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Mr. Speaker, 1865 was certainly a turning point in the history of our nation, with the end of the Civil War and the assassination of one of our greatest presidents, Abraham Lincoln.

But the ideal over which the Civil War was fought and President Lincoln died was not fulfilled until late in that year—155 years ago yesterday, in fact.

When Georgia became the 27th state to ratify the 13th Amendment, on December 6, 1865, our country formally put an end to the practice of chattel slavery in this country.

In the following years, Congress and the states added to the Reconstruction Era Civil Rights Amendments, with the 14th Amendment in 1868, providing for equal protection and due process, and the 15th Amendment in 1870, guaranteeing the right to vote regardless of race.

These constitutional amendments were absolutely critical in our pursuit of a more perfect union where all men, and women, are created equal.

In the first four-score-and-9 years of our Republic, slavery was allowed and, indeed, enshrined in our Constitution.

While that changed with the 13th Amendment, over the last 155 years, we have still had to struggle for true equality.

The 13th Amendment may have ended slavery, but it did not stop the Black Codes or Jim Crow.

The 14th Amendment promised equal protection, but it didn't prevent 100 years of segregation.

The 15th Amendment says that the right to vote shall not be denied or abridged, but it hasn't kept tens, if not hundreds, of thousands of people of color from being disenfranchised at the hands of voter suppression tactics.

That is why I think it is so important that we do things like this—come together to talk about our history and the steps we need to take to complete the work.

Despite the progress over the years, we have not yet solved the problem of systemic racism.

We have work yet to do to make sure that a child's future isn't determined by her zip code; to overcome disparities in our health care system that have been exacerbated by a global pandemic; to prevent innocent Black men from being killed in the street.

As we approach another milestone—the 50th Anniversary of the creation of the Congressional Black Caucus—I am proud to join with my colleagues in the CBC to do that hard work, and to finally ratify the 13th Amendment, not just in law, but in truth.

RECOGNIZING 2020 TRUMAN SCHOLAR VALERIE DOZE

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Valerie Doze, a student at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph on receiving the Truman Scholarship.

The Truman Foundation was established by Congress in 1975 to honor President Harry S. Truman's legacy of extraordinary public service. The Truman Scholarship serves as a living monument to that legacy.

Each year, a diverse group of scholars receive \$30,000 to pursue graduate studies and are granted priority placement at our nation's top universities, as well as internships within the federal government.

Valerie is one of 62 in the 2020 class of Truman Scholars, having distinguished herself in a pool of nearly 800 candidates nominated by 316 colleges and universities across the country. Valerie will serve as the North Dakota Truman Scholar.

Congratulations to Valerie on this incredible honor, and we look forward to seeing all that she accomplishes.

RECOGNIZING THE WINNER OF THE 2020 CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE'S FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, JAMIE O'KEEFE

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize high school junior Jamie O'Keefe as the winner of the 2020 Congressional App Challenge in New Hampshire's First Congressional District.

Using JavaScript and C Sharp, Jamie created "Augmentia," a physics-based augmented reality app where users can test the structural and design viability of a variety of objects: anything from a piece of furniture to a 3-D model of a skull. "Augmentia" was selected for its practicality, creativity, and versatility across all its functions.

Jamie is a student at Exeter High School in Exeter, New Hampshire and has been coding since he was in the fifth grade. Upon graduating high school, he intends to pursue a bachelor's degree in computer science and has expressed particular interest in artificial intelligence and machine learning. My office is proud to support continued investments in STEM education so that all Granite Staters can have the opportunity to explore STEM and computer science.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I congratulate Jamie on his terrific achievement. I am proud to showcase his work as a phenomenal product of STEM education in our district and wish him all my best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES RUSSELL CAPPS

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to take pause and reflect on the life of James Russell Capps.

Russell Capps was born in Raleigh, North Carolina on February 26, 1931. He attended Murphy Elementary School and Hugh Morson High School in the Oakwood neighborhood of Raleigh. He graduated from the Radio/Television Institute of Chicago and then from Wake Forest University in 1956 with a degree in Sociology.

During the 1970s, Russell worked a position in radio and later television with WRAL News in Raleigh. Capps then went on to the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary for three years and served as a volunteer pastor at a Baptist church.

Madam Speaker, in the 1960s he attended the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, North Carolina for a number of studies in local government administration and fire service. In 1968, he served as the first Wake County Planning Director and later as the first director of Wake County Emergency Management and founded the Wake County Emergency Medical Services.

Russell was then elected to the North Carolina State House of Representatives in 1994 and he served 6 terms in that body.

For 22 years, Russell also served as President of the Tax Payers Association. He was a member of the Christian Action League of North Carolina for 40 years and he spent eighteen years as a department head in Wake County Government. Russell was also Fire Marshall of Wake County for seventeen years. He was a planner in the NC Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. He served as Wake County's first Planning Director who helped develop and prepare the original Wake County Comprehensive Development Plan.

Sadly, Madam Speaker, Russell Capps passed away this year on October 6, 2020. He was 89 years old. He will be missed by his friends, neighbors, family, and the entire community.

TRIBUTE TO MARY COLLINS

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mary Collins who, after 22 years is retiring as chair of the Huntington Town Democratic Committee. Over the years, I have been fortunate to know Mary both as a friend and an ally and remember the gracious welcome she gave me when I opened my flagship Congressional office in the Village of Huntington. As a staff person to former members of Congress Gary Ackerman and Steve Israel, Mary spent many years advocating for the constituents of New York's Third Congressional District. She is admired by many and I join with them in wishing her the best as she moves on to the next chapter in her life.

I include in the RECORD the following tribute to Mary that was prepared by the Huntington Town Democratic Committee:

On the Occasion of the Retirement of Mary Collins as the Chairwoman of the Huntington Town Democratic Committee, celebrating her 22nd anniversary as our beloved chair, we honor Mary for her excellence and service to the Huntington Community. We hereby recognize and acknowledge her tenure in office by sharing some of her biography and contributions.

Mary has been a resident of the Town of Huntington since 1950. She moved here from East Hampton as a child at the age of 8 when her Father became the caretaker of the Marshall Field Estate (now Caumsett State Park) where he was in charge of the stable of horses.

Her family ties to East Hampton connected her to Eleanor's Legacy by her relationship with Judith Hope who was the East Hampton Town Supervisor. Judith Started Eleanor's Legacy. Mary brought Eleanor's legacy to Huntington by appointing Sherry Pavone as head of the Woman's Initiative. HTDC has supported Eleanor's Legacy's goal of supporting women candidates throughout NY.

Mary was a teacher by profession. She spent her career wholly within Syosset High School District. Mary's area of expertise in teaching was Global studies. However, she became very interested in local politics on Long Island after observing her mother's long service as a Board of Elections volunteer, registering voters and working through election times as far back as the 1950's.

Huntington at that time was a quasi-rural area with much farmland.

Many Huntingtonians wanted to keep the character and nature of Huntington as it had