

California. In 2002, she founded In God We Trust America, Inc., a nonprofit organization that encourages elected officials to display our national motto "In God We Trust" in public spaces like at town halls and other facilities. As a result of this nonprofit, more than 700 buildings at various levels of government throughout 37 states have the motto displayed including the Bakersfield City Council Chambers, as well as the Kern County Sheriff's Department, which recently added motto decals to its patrol vehicles.

It has been a pleasure to work with my close friend Jacquie, collaborating with her on issues impacting our community to improve the lives of our constituents. While her presence and passion on the Bakersfield City Council will certainly be missed, I have no doubt she will continue to advocate for the policies and programs that she holds dear. On behalf of the 23rd Congressional District of California, I thank Jacquie for her service and wish her well as she begins this new chapter enjoying time with her children, Richard, Julie, and Linda, and her grandchildren.

#### TRIBUTE TO DAVID KENNETT

### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2020*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a dedicated and trusted member of my staff. At the end of this Congress, my Chief of Staff, David Kennett, will be departing my office after many years of invaluable service.

After graduating from Delaware County Christian School in 1990, Dave attended Wheaton College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and History. While working at Houlihan's restaurant in Springfield, Virginia, Dave first joined my D.C. office as an intern. After writing up a well-researched memo on the history of Puerto Rico, Dave was offered a job as our staff assistant by my first Chief of Staff, Ed Slevin. He was soon promoted to a legislative assistant position, responsible for a portfolio that included infrastructure and natural resources issues. In 1998, Dave left my office, for the first time, to move to California.

Dave and his family would wind up moving back to D.C. and he rejoined my office to serve as my legislative director in 2001, a post he would fill until leaving for the second time, in 2003 to join The Ferguson Group, where he worked as a federal advocate on behalf of a number of Riverside County organizations, including the Western Municipal Water District and the Riverside Community College District.

In 2016, following the departure of my long-time Chief of Staff, David Ramey, Dave once again joined my office to serve in that leadership role. His third stint in my office began just as a new Republican administration was forming and Dave played a big role in helping qualified Californians find roles to serve in our federal agencies. Dave staffed our weekly California Republican Delegation lunches as well as aided me in my role this past Congress as a Deputy Chair of the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Dave's immeasurable contributions to my office, the constituents I have represented and to our country are something for which we should all be very grateful. Personally, I have and will continue to value my friendship with Dave and wish him and his wife Catherine, their daughter Carolyn and son David the very best and brightest future.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF COACH WALLY BUMPAS

### HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2020*

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, Coach Wally Bumpas was an icon to the many young men and women he mentored, and I'm honored to have known him when he coached at Brandon High School. Coach Bumpas taught history and coached football in Lambert, Shelby, Wiona, Jackson, McComb, and Brandon, Mississippi, and in 1990 was inducted into the Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame. He loved his players and seeing them advance in their careers and personal lives. Coach Bumpas was an avid reader, especially of World War II history, and he found great pleasure in traveling and fishing. Among his fondest times were trips to Europe and an African safari with his wife, Kennie, and fly fishing in the Bahamas with many friends including Quinton Dickerson, Dave Goldberg, and Charlie Modica, Jr. They thoroughly enjoyed his company and advice, and they cherish the photos, stories, and memories of the time they shared together.

After retiring from a longtime coaching career in 1995, Coach Bumpas was hired at his retirement party by former Mississippi Governor Kirk Fordice. Working in Governor Fordice's successful re-election campaign that year with many new friends including Lisa Buelow Ireland, Coach Bumpas began a second career in politics and public service. In 1996, Coach Bumpas worked on the successful campaign of former Mississippi Third District Congressman Charles W. "Chip" Pickering, Jr. He subsequently served for many years on Congressman Pickering's congressional staff in Mississippi. Congressman Pickering always considered Coach Bumpas to be a loyal, trusted friend and was grateful to have him as a member of his staff.

Coach Bumpas also enjoyed researching his genealogy and learned he descended from French Huguenot Eduod Bompasse, who arrived at Plymouth on the "Good Ship Fortune," the first boat to arrive after the Mayflower, on November 10, 1621. In recent years, Coach spent his days enjoying his home on Lake Lorman in Madison County, Mississippi. Coach Wally Bumpas passed away at the age of 84 on December 6, 2020, surrounded by family. He is survived by his wife and the love of his life, the former Kennie Tuth Robison, whom he married on July 23, 1961, at St. John's Catholic Church in Oxford, MS. He is also survived by son Wally Bumpas, Jr. and wife Reni, daughter Elizabeth "Sis" Bumpas, son Ken Bumpas and wife Lisa, as well as seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Coach Bumpas was pre-

ceded in death by his brother Gilbert Dell Bumpas, Jr.

Through his actions of encouragement to thousands of people he knew, Coach Bumpas left Mississippi a better place than he found it. He will be missed greatly by those who knew him, but the lessons he instilled in so many will continue to positively impact lives for many years to come.

#### HONORING SCOTT CUNNINGHAM, SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE RANK- ING MEMBER FOR THE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE

### HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2020*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Scott Cunningham, a member of my staff for over thirteen years, for his outstanding and dedicated service to the United States House of Representatives and to the Twenty-Fourth Congressional District of Texas.

A Dallas native, Scott first came to Capitol Hill in 1999 as a congressional intern for Congressman Pete Sessions and would return to intern again for each of the next two summers. In 2007, he joined my staff and has continued to serve the people of the 24th District of Texas with energy and integrity, first as my policy director and then as my legislative director and deputy chief of staff. He is currently my senior advisor, counseling and supporting me in my role as the Ranking Member of the House Ethics Committee.

Much of Scott's day-to-day work is now behind-the-scenes, but his passion for public policy is still evident. He has handled each issue area for my team at some point during his tenure, even serving as a one-man legislative team for five months. As hectic as that time may have been, I also know that Scott stresses about nothing more than managing my flights. I am sure I would not have made it to Washington every week without him.

Scott's contributions were not limited to legislative work. He is known for his servant's heart and is never happier than when he is able to help a constituent with a casework issue. Whether it takes only five minutes or a full five years to solve, Scott is always determined to see a job through to the end. He came to Capitol Hill all those years ago to help people, especially his fellow Texans, and any of my constituents who have worked with him can attest to the fact that he has succeeded.

I am not sure what my tenure in Congress would have been like without Scott Cunningham as part of my team, and not only because he drew the first-place selection in the Congressional office lottery twice for me and his coworkers. Scott's loyalty, determination, and focus on giving back all informed how my team and I approached our work here on Capitol Hill. On behalf of myself and the people of Texas's 24th District, I thank him for his thirteen years of service and wish him the very best on his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. AHMAD  
JABER

### HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the late Dr. Ahmad Jaber, a physician and founder of the Arab American Association of New York, a human rights advocacy organization.

Dr. Jaber was born and raised by his widowed mother in the Palestinian village of Yamoun in the West Bank. Following the example of his mother, Dr. Jaber worked hard to put himself through college and medical school. He immigrated to the United States in 1974 to pursue a medical career in obstetrics. While he is well-known for having delivered more than five thousand babies over the course of his career, Dr. Jaber was celebrated for his generosity and advocacy on behalf of others.

Dr. Jaber founded the Arab American Association of New York as a welcoming center for new immigrants to New York from the Middle East. Under his leadership, the organization grew to become a social services organization that provides adult education services, youth programming, and mental health services. More than that, the organization seeks to create cross-culture dialogue within New York's multiethnic communities. It has served as a liaison to challenge discrimination against Arab Americans.

I invite you to join me in recognizing the legacy of Dr. Ahmad Jaber as we give honor to his memory.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMUNITY DRIVEN RECOVERY FOR PUERTO RICO ACT

### HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Community Driven Recovery for Puerto Rico Act along with my colleague from New York, ADRIANO ESPAILLAT. This bill strengthens transparency and local oversight of federal recovery efforts in Puerto Rico by establishing a Civil Society Task Force to ensure that Puerto Ricans have a seat at the table in decisions about recovery efforts.

More than three years since Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico, the island is still devastated and Puerto Rican voices have been shut out of the federal recovery process. The Civil Society Task Force established by this bill will represent different sectors of Puerto Rican society including community organizations, unions, nonprofits and small businesses. The Task Force will be embedded within federal recovery agencies to ensure that the Puerto Rican community's ideas and concerns are incorporated into the recovery process.

The federal recovery effort in Puerto Rico has been removed from the people of the island for too long, and this bill provides an important mechanism to bridge that gap and enhance the accountability, transparency and

credibility of the process. I urge this body to advance this bill.

### TRIBUTE TO RANDY BONNER

### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to my friend Randy Bonner, who is stepping down this month from the Canyon Lake City Council. Randy is a community leader, a veteran, and a dedicated public servant whose many tireless efforts to better our region will be missed.

Randy settled into his lakeshore home in Canyon Lake more than two decades ago after retiring from his two professional careers, which included over 35 years in the computer/disk drive industry, and 28 years in the Marine Corps Reserves, from which he retired as a Colonel. His first foray into serving the small, gated city of Canyon Lake came in 2007 when Randy was elected to serve as the Canyon Lake POA Treasurer, then as the president in 2008. With his experience on the Canyon Lake POA, Randy felt prepared to serve on the City Council in 2010 and was elected by the voters to fill that role. After a brief hiatus off the council, Randy was elected again in 2016 to rejoin the council. He was selected by his city council colleagues to serve as the city's mayor in 2014 and 2017.

Throughout his time on the council, Randy has been a Board Member of the Western Riverside County Conservation Agency, the Western Riverside Council of Governments and the Riverside Transportation Agency. He has also served on the I-15 Through Temecula Valley Task Force and the Southwest Communities Financing Authorities Joint Powers Agreement (Animal Friends of the Valley). Randy is also an active member of the Canyon Lake Men's Golf Club, Over The Hill Group, After Lunch Bunch, Canyon Lake Travel Club, Canyon Lake Yacht Club, and was the Master of Ceremonies at the first Canyon Lake Veterans Day event and then again in 2010.

I want to personally acknowledge and thank Randy for serving on my Academy Nominations Selection Committee, and helping to determine which students from the 42nd Congressional District receive nominations to our military service academies. I know I speak on behalf of all residents in expressing my heartfelt thanks and praise for Randy's significant contributions to the city of Canyon Lake. I wish Randy, and his family, the very best in the years to come.

### CONGRATULATING REBECCA LEGGIERI ON HER RETIREMENT

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rebecca Leggieri, Clerk of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, who will be retiring at the end of this year after more than 24 years of service to our country.

Becky was born in Schenectady, New York, and went to St. Lawrence University on a ROTC scholarship. She joined the Army as a Quartermaster officer and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Ms. Leggieri first came to the House as an Army Fellow for Rep. Carolyn Kilpatrick of Michigan in 2009. Rep. Kilpatrick was a member of the Subcommittee, and during her fellowship Becky met the committee staff and learned the mechanics of the appropriations process. The Committee, recognizing her talent, hired Rebecca in 2010.

She began serving on the Defense Subcommittee in the minority. In that capacity, she needed to be versed on every facet of a vast and complex bill that encompasses hundreds of thousands of people and every issue ranging from day care to the delivery systems for nuclear weapons. This year's bill amounts to nearly \$700 billion and it impacts our nation's security and that of our planet. Becky's skills and her life experiences were all she needed to make the right decisions. In 2015, Becky Leggieri became the Subcommittee's Minority Staff Director and has worked by my side for the past five years to ensure oversight of the Department of Defense and numerous intelligence agencies. She balanced competing priorities from administrations, Members of Congress, labor, industry, state and local governments, and citizen interest groups. Her honesty, knowledge of the issues, and willingness to listen allowed her to develop legislation in which the many parties involved felt a sense of shared ownership in its enactment.

Becky Leggieri is a person of scrupulous ethics and is possessed of a sterling intellect and nimble mind, an innate political shrewdness, and poise under pressure. Most importantly, she used these talents in the service of her country and this institution to ensure that the Committee and House's constitutional prerogatives were respected and protected. Her steady hand will be sorely missed.

I know Ms. Leggieri's husband, John, and her children, Olivia and Gabriel, are so very proud of her, as are we all. I wish Becky every happiness and success in her future endeavors.

### COMMITTEE REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS, "HIJACKING OUR HEROES: EXPLOITING VETERANS THROUGH DISINFORMATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA"

### HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today as Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to bring attention to an important issue facing our nation's veterans.

During a hearing held on November 13 of last year, the Committee heard about the risks faced by our nation's veterans when using social media. Based on the results of that hearing, as well as additional research and analysis, my Committee has prepared a report that not only details the risks faced by veterans, but also outlines a series of policy options and other solutions. The executive summary of the report, "Hijacking Our Heroes: Exploiting Veterans through Disinformation on Social