

Madam Speaker, the Navy's legislative fellowship program is an invaluable effort that benefits members of the House and Senate with the insight of junior officers who like Cam, bring real world experience from military duty. I can honestly say I have learned a great deal from Cam's insights based on his training and experience. That has also been the case for each of his predecessors that my office has had the opportunity to host. I also enjoy watching through their eyes the workings of Congress, which I've come to know from end of year debriefs, greatly expanded their understanding of the legislative branch of government. This recurring process that the fellowship program fosters, strengthens civilian-military understanding for future leaders of the greatest military in the world, which I believe is so important to our democracy.

Cam is leaving Congress but he isn't going far and will be serving as an Operations Officer at the National Joint Operations & Intelligence Center, Operations Team Five. I know his expertise and humor will be deeply missed by both my personal staff and Seapower staff.

Our nation is best served at sea and here on shore by officers and leaders of the highest caliber. This perfectly describes Cam, who has a promising career ahead as a commander and leader in service to our nation. On his final month here in Congress, I wish LCDR Massey the best of luck in his new role. To Cam, his wife Cassidy, their children Avery and Colin, Hotty Toddy and War Eagle. Fair winds, and following seas, Massey Family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Wednesday, December 16, 2020. Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

YEA on Roll Call No. 244.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

HON. KWANZA HALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Mr. HALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about the importance of the United States Postal Service.

The Postal Service is an integral institution—so integral that its presence in our nation is mandated in our founding charter.

The United States Postal Service is so deeply ingrained in our nation's history, commerce, and quality of life, that we can often take it for granted.

In fact, their role in our country's democracy was never more evident than in this last election.

This year in addition to delivering our prescriptions and packages, they also delivered our ballots and made sure our voices were heard.

They are the unsung heroes.

During this holiday season, as we all await packages to give to our loved ones, let us not

forget the Postal workers who deliver more than 155 billion pieces of mail per year.

For their work and commitment this season, and every holiday season, I support overtime pay.

It's time to revisit the idea of mandatory overtime and propose a measure that will provide automatic overtime to workers who extend their time beyond eight hours a day during the holiday season.

IN HONOR OF EDWARD MOE

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Edward Moe of Adams County, Pennsylvania for his service to Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District on the 2020 U.S. Service Academy Nomination Committee.

Nominating exceptional candidates to attend our nation's service academies is one of my most important responsibilities in Congress. During this process, I rely on members of the Service Academy Nomination Committee, which is comprised of dedicated volunteers who have served our nation with distinction.

Edward is one of nine academy alumni who graciously volunteered their time to meet with and evaluate perspective nominees for the Class of 2025. As a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York, Edward knows firsthand the qualities and dedication that are critical for succeeding at the academies. He provided wise counsel and expertise throughout the nominating process, and I am grateful for his time and commitment.

Edward Moe is an outstanding Pennsylvanian and American, as well as an excellent role model for future academy students. On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, it is my honor to recognize Edward for his service to our community and our nation.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF CHIEF JUSTICE BERNETTE JOSHUA JOHNSON

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the retirement of Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson who serves as the Louisiana Supreme Court 25th Chief Justice. She is the second female Chief Justice and the Court's first ever African American Chief Justice.

A native of Donaldsville, Louisiana, Chief Justice Johnson graduated from Spelman College in 1964 and became one of the first African American women at Louisiana State University Law Center to earn her Juris Doctorate Degree in 1969.

During the 1960's Chief Justice Johnson worked as a community organizer with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Legal Defense and Education Fund and at the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division. After graduating

from law school, Chief Justice Johnson served as the Managing Attorney of the New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation (NOLAC). In that role she provided legal services to over 3,000 clients in underprivileged communities. In an effort to help improve civil rights for underrepresented communities, Chief Justice Johnson also worked in federal, state, and juvenile courts. In 1981, she joined the New Orleans City Attorney's Office and later became a Deputy City Attorney for the City of New Orleans. She also served as a supervisor for the litigations and appeals involving agencies of the City of New Orleans.

In 1984 Chief Justice Johnson was elected as the first woman to serve on the Civil District Court of New Orleans. Six years later she was easily re-elected and faced no opposition. In 1994, she was elected by her peers to ascend to Chief Judge. Shortly after, she was elected to serve on the Louisiana Supreme Court where she would ultimately be re-elected in 2000 and 2010 with no opposition. In 2013, she became Chief Justice of Louisiana's highest court.

Not only has Chief Justice Johnson been instrumental on the Court, she has also been a pillar of her community. She has served in several leadership roles including as an Executive Committee Member of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College, as the Chair of the New Orleans Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Young Women Christian Association, amongst others.

Chief Justice Johnson is also the recipient of numerous awards including the 2020 National Association of Women Judges Lady Justice Award, the National Bar Association Judicial Council's 2019 William H. Hastie Award, the National Bar Association's 2019 Gertrude E. Rush Award, and Louisiana State University's 2013 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Unsung Hero Award. Additionally, she was inducted into the National Bar Association and Louisiana State University Law Center Halls of Fame.

Chief Justice Johnson is a treasure to the city of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana. As the first African American Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, Chief Justice Johnson is a trailblazer whose judicial career and dedication to public service is unrivaled. I am grateful for her service in the fight for justice and equality.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson on her retirement from the Louisiana Supreme Court.

GREATER PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to inform my colleagues that this year is the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank's fortieth anniversary, and I would like to formally commemorate their four decades of service to the people and communities of Pittsburgh. Over the past forty years, the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank has become an integral part of our region by providing thousands of neighbors and

friends with the food support they need when they need it most.

The food bank was established in Pittsburgh's Hill District at a time of painful change for our region, when the unemployment rate rose to almost 20 percent and the need for food assistance surged. Over the years, the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank has expanded to the point where today it works with hundreds of partner agencies in an 11-county area distributing millions of pounds of food to those who need it.

The organization's work has never been more important than in 2020, as COVID-19 has spread rapidly across the country, devastating our economy and leaving tens of millions of hard-working Americans unemployed. As a result, many Americans who had been living paycheck to paycheck before the pandemic were suddenly unable to afford their next meal. According to the Food Bank, food insecurity in Southwestern Pennsylvania increased 42 percent this year, including a 57 percent increase in childhood hunger. The Food Bank's response has been nothing short of lifesaving—having distributed more than 30 million pounds of food since March.

I want to commend the exemplary work that the food bank has done this year, and I can say unequivocally that many in our community would not be able to get through these hard times without the remarkable contribution it's made to the region.

My staff and I have worked closely with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank over many years to support and improve federal anti-hunger programs. I participated in food distribution events recently where I met many community members whose lives were markedly improved by this organization's impressive work. The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank has been recognized a number of times over the years for its outstanding work, including by America's Second Harvest, Charity Navigator, the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations, and the Congressional Hunger Center.

I want to commend and congratulate the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank on its 40th anniversary of outstanding service to our community. I thank its staff, affiliates, and volunteers for their tremendous service to the people of Pittsburgh and look forward to continuing to work with them to fight hunger in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

IN RECOGNITION OF PAT MCGRAIL

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Pat McGrail as he concludes over twenty years of public service, retiring as the longest-serving Mayor in the history of Keller, Texas.

Mayor McGrail's tenure prioritized a broad spectrum of accomplishments to build community and enhance Keller's overall quality of life. Mr. McGrail's Public Safety initiatives helped Keller earn national accreditation and honors, including consistent recognition as one of the safest communities in the country. These efforts included expansion of the Police station and the outdoor warning system, as well as

construction of the new Fire Station 1 and renovations to the existing fire stations. His leadership helped secure approval of the Town's first Crime Control & Prevention District, and arrange regional partnerships with neighboring cities, including 911 dispatch, jail, municipal court and animal control services that served to meet community needs in a creative and cost-savings manner.

Mr. McGrail's service reached beyond Public Safety to build and improve a number of other important municipal facilities and public assets. Early in his public life, he celebrated the opening of Keller's Town Hall as Councilman McGrail, the first of many facilities he would help deliver first-hand. Keller's Municipal Service Center and Public Library were two additional high-profile investments made during his service to the community. He was also among the critical Town leadership establishing The Keller Pointe fitness and aquatics center and realizing the new Keller Senior Activities Center with its recent groundbreaking. Additionally, several parks and trails have opened or been improved, such as Bear Creek Park, preserving the natural beauty of the area and adding to current and future recreational opportunities for local citizens.

Mayor McGrail has led the town through natural and economic challenges, including floods, recessions and the current COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout these immediate leadership tests, he has remained aware of the Town's future needs. A long-standing proponent of road and utility infrastructure investment, Mr. McGrail has sought to support the needs demanded of the growing North Texas communities while protecting public and private property from the natural events all well-managed Texas communities have learned to expect.

Through his decades of service, Mayor McGrail has experienced the celebrations, satisfaction, frustrations, and sharp elbows all in public service come to know. His vision, perseverance and dedication have left a permanent mark, supporting and enhancing the quality of life to lead Keller to national recognition among the Best Small Cities in America. On behalf of the 26th Congressional District, I wish him, his wife Pauline, and his family much joy in his next endeavors. Keller is a stronger, better Town because of your service.

IN HONOR OF TODD ALEXANDER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Todd Alexander of Fulton County, Pennsylvania for his service to Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District on the 2020 U.S. Service Academy Nomination Committee.

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Todd is one of nine academy alumni who graciously volunteered their time to meet with and evaluate perspective nominees for the

Class of 2025. As a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, Todd knows firsthand the qualities and dedication that are critical for succeeding at the academies. He provided wise counsel and expertise throughout the nominating process, and I am grateful for his time and commitment.

Todd Alexander is an outstanding Pennsylvanian and American, as well as an excellent role model for future academy students. On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, it is my honor to recognize Todd for his service to our community and our nation.

IN APPRECIATION OF MILAGROS CISNEROS' WORK WITH THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, today, as the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, I join with Representative KAREN BASS, Chair of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, in expressing our appreciation for Milagros Cisneros' work with the Committee over the past two years.

Milagros came to us as a detailee from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, having worked for nearly sixteen years as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in Phoenix, Arizona, representing indigent clients in federal criminal cases. Prior to starting her career as a public defender, Milagros attended Bryn Mawr College and the Arizona State University College of Law.

At the conclusion of her detail to the Committee, she will be resuming her work in the Federal Defender's office in Phoenix, Arizona.

As counsel to the Committee's Democrats, Milagros provided indispensable analysis and advice concerning oversight hearings and a wide range of proposed legislation concerning various issues, such as criminal justice reform, prison reform, reforming our drug laws, combatting violence against women, immigration-related issues, tribal justice issues, and the federal death penalty. Her works were particularly instrumental in obtaining passage of the Effective Assistance of Counsel in the Digital Era Act, the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement (MORE) Act, and important provisions in the CARES Act and HEROES Act to protect incarcerated individuals from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the Committee continued its effort to reform our criminal justice system, Milagros' experience as a federal defender informed our legislative and oversight efforts, particularly with respect to issues related to the Department of Justice's implementation of the FIRST STEP Act.

We have appreciated and benefited from Milagros' energy, enthusiasm, and insight over the past two years, during which she became an integral part of our team. We will miss her.

We thank Milagros for her selfless service to the Committee, and we wish her the best as she continues her career.