

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.

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.

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 was 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.

SUPPORTING PRINCE HALL MASON'S BUILDING AND MARTIN LUTHER KING'S OFFICE RENOVATION IN HONOR JOHN LEWIS

HON. KWANZA HALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Mr. HALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak a truth.

And that truth is quite simple.

I stand on the shoulders of giants.

I hail from Atlanta which is the home of the King Center, a place dedicated to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., one of America's greatest citizens.

We honor him with a federal holiday and a memorial on our national mall, just outside this great chamber.

I am also the heir to the seat held by the late great John Lewis. Congressman Lewis was by Dr. King's side and Congressman Lewis dedicated his life to peaceful non-violence.

Congressman Lewis was a beacon in this Chamber for the dozens of years that he served. It is one of the greatest honors of my life to complete the term for which he was last elected, can take the baton and bring his service across the finish line.

But I would be remiss if I did not use my opportunity to make sure their lessons are known for other generations to come.

That is why it is critical to make sure that we preserve the buildings in Metro Atlanta that give life to their work. We must establish the former headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, where Dr. King did his work, alongside Congressman Lewis, as a national historic site.

If we do this, then we can do our small part to ensure that those that follow in our footsteps do so mindful of the example of these giants of the civil rights movement.

FAREWELL REMARKS

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise for the last time on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Growing up on a small farm in New Mexico, I never imagined that I would walk these hallowed halls and speak from this chamber.

Of course, I did not get here alone. I stand on the shoulders of giants like Dennis Chavez, Manuel Luján, and many others who blazed a trail for me and other Hispanic Americans to serve our communities proudly in this, the People's House.

I also owe my public service to heroes a little closer to home: my mother Carmen, a retired public-school employee, and my late father Ben, a union ironworker who became Speaker of the New Mexico House of Representatives.

They taught me that no job is too big or too small and that we must be guided by our compassion for others. It was their passion for serving others that propelled me to seek public office.

Thanks to Mom and Dad.

I also want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Speaker PELOSI, Majority Leader HOYER, and Whip CLYBURN and countless other members for their guidance and mentorship during my career in the House and during the last two years that I've served as the Assistant Speaker.

I thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for their friendship and support.

And I thank the freshman members who I have had the honor of working with mentoring during the 116th Congress. During a difficult time in our nation's history, their commitment to their constituents and the nation has inspired me every day.

I thank my staff who work long hours and weekends to serve the people of New Mexico. Their support has enabled me to make progress on the issues that matter most to New Mexicans.

And finally, I thank the people of New Mexico's Third Congressional District. It's been such an honor to represent them in the House, and I'll never stop working to make a positive difference.

I'm proud of what we were able to accomplish for New Mexico's Third District:

Defending the Affordable Care Act, which expanded health coverage to 270,000 New Mexicans;

Reaching across the aisle to pass bills into law combating the opioid epidemic that has ravaged families and communities;

Working with my Republican colleagues to make robust investments in our world-class National Labs;

Creating good-paying jobs for New Mexicans by passing measures to bolster our state's growing outdoor economy and to improve broadband deployment in our rural communities;

Passing legislation to preserve and protect Native languages for future generations;

Ensuring New Mexico's land grants and acequias are treated with dignity and respect, and can continue to thrive;

And assisting thousands of New Mexicans in navigating our federal agencies—helping veterans and seniors secure their hard-earned benefits, taxpayers navigate the IRS, and new citizens through the naturalization process.

I include in the RECORD a list of 29 bills that I led and 10 that I co-led that became law while I've served in the House.

Come January, the Third District will have a new representative in Teresa Leger Fernandez. I know she will be a champion for working families, for New Mexico.

I look forward to continuing to work with her and the rest of my friends in the New Mexico delegation from the other side of the Capitol.

I'm truly humbled that the people of New Mexico have sent me to be their voice in the United States Senate. To be perfectly honest, it hasn't sunk in yet.

But I'll miss the People's House. It's been the privilege of my lifetime to serve here along with my colleagues. Let's continue to heed the call of the American people and make a positive difference every day that we can.

I'm proud to have led the following bills passed into law to improve the lives of New Mexicans:

The Esther Martinez Native American Languages Programs Reauthorization Act;

The Prompt and Fast Action to Stop Damages Act of 2019;

The Department of Energy National Labs Jobs ACCESS Act;

The Map Improvement Act;

The Cerros del Norte Conservation Act;

The Rio Puerco Watershed Management Program Reauthorization Act;

The San Juan County Settlement Implementation Act;

The Santa Clara Pueblo Leasing Authority Act;

The Support Startup Business Act;

The Child Health Outreach and Mentorship Program Act;

The Opioid and Heroin Abuse Crisis Investment Act of 2017;

The Broadband Infrastructure Inventory Act;

The Acequia Conservation Program Eligibility Act;

A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a grant program improving treatment for pregnant and postpartum women;

The Peer Support Communities of Recovery Act;

The Growing Value-Added Economies Act;

The Medicaid Substance Use Disorder Treatment via Telehealth Act;

The New Mexico Navajo Water Settlement Technical Corrections Act;

The Improving Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women Act of 2016;

The Opioid and Heroin Abuse Crisis Investment Act;

The Columbine-Hondo Wilderness Act;

The Sabinoso Wilderness Act of 2009;

The Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System Authorization Act;

The New Mexico Aquifer Assessment Act;

The Rio Grande Pueblos Irrigation Infrastructure Improvement Act;

The Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Project Act;

The Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act;

The Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act;

A bill to authorize leases of up to 99 years for lands held in trust for Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo.

I'm proud to have co-led the following bills passed into law to improve the lives of New Mexicans:

The Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers Act of 2018;

The Maternal Opioid Treatment, Health, Education, and Recovery Act of 2018;

The Better Pain Management Through Data Act;

The Addiction Treatment Access Improvement Act;

A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prescription drug plan sponsors under the Medicare program to establish drug management programs for at-risk beneficiaries;

The Standardizing Electronic Prior Authorization for Safe Prescribing Act of 2018;

The Ashlynne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act;

The Assist Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Act of 2018;

The Preventing Interruptions in Physical Therapy Act;

The Medicare Part D Patient Safety and Drug Abuse Prevention Act.

IN HONOR OF STEVEN SIMS

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 Steven Sims of