

and led numerous companies and organizations.

Stevens faculty, students, and alumni have pioneered research and innovations in many diverse fields, including transportation, telecommunications, resiliency, sustainability, artificial intelligence, machine learning, health care, biomedicine, cybersecurity, maritime security, and systems engineering. It is not an exaggeration to say that Stevens has changed and improved the way we live, work, and communicate. Stevens has also contributed significantly to the community as well as the local, state, and national economy.

It is my great honor to recognize Stevens for this significant milestone in the history of the university and to thank its leadership, faculty, students, and alumni for their contributions to Hoboken, Hudson County, the State of New Jersey, and the United States.

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Gloucester Township, New Jersey, First Place in the Nation—2019 National Night Out.

Gloucester Township is a community in the heart of Camden County, home to nearly 70,000 residents. In 2016, Gloucester Township won eighth nationally for National Night Out and in 2018 the town won seventh place in the nation. Each year the town's National Night Out event continues to grow more popular. This year, for the thirty seventh annual National Night Out, Gloucester Township won first place in the nation for their community event for a town with 50,000 to 100,000 residents.

National Night Out is an event focused on crime and drug prevention in coordination with building stronger police-community relations. Through strengthening community spirit and developing stronger programs like crime watch, Gloucester Township is being recognized on both a state and national scale for their safe and caring environment.

Gloucester Township is protected by the dedicated Gloucester Township Police Department which responds to nearly 60,000 calls for service each year, with an average of 5,000 calls per month. The department consists of over 133 full-time sworn law enforcement officers, 35 special law enforcement officers, 17 telecommunicators, and 16 civilian employees and we extend the sincerest appreciation for Gloucester Township Police Department and all law enforcement.

In rediscovering our own communities, it is no surprise that we see more people moving to Gloucester Township and "joining the excitement." During Mayor David Mayer's administration, the township has substantially expanded economically and grown as a community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and congratulating Gloucester Township, as well as the Gloucester Township Police Department, on their achievement of earning first place in the United States of America for their 2019 National Night Out community celebration.

HONORING BONNIE LOWENTHAL'S CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bonnie Lowenthal and her career of public service.

Ms. Lowenthal began her public service to the Long Beach, California community nearly five decades ago, serving as a licensed family counselor, mental health consultant, and as an educator.

Her work in the Long Beach community began a life-long focus on affordable housing and the problem of homelessness. She was appointed as Vice Chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness in 1987 and worked to find mechanisms to house people and prevent homelessness.

Her community work also led Ms. Lowenthal to a deep involvement with the Long Beach Cambodian community and in 1989 she was named Director of Planning for the United Cambodian Community organization while also serving as the Arts Manager representing a group of Cambodian musicians and founding the Cambodian Children's Orchestra. In 1991, Ms. Lowenthal traveled to Cambodia with a national Red Cross group to investigate the proliferation of landmines left behind during the decades of war that had engulfed the country. She also helped initiate a sister-city relationship between Long Beach and Phnom Penh and would go on to be an official observer during Cambodia's first municipal elections in more than 40 years. Ms. Lowenthal has also served as Clinical Director for the Cambodian Association of America and as a participant on the Cambodiatown Advisory Board.

In 1994, Ms. Lowenthal was elected to the first of two terms on the Long Beach Unified School District Board. Her dedication and commitment to students helped Long Beach earn a national reputation as one of the country's best urban school districts.

After winning a 2001 special election for the 1st District of the Long Beach City Council, Ms. Lowenthal would go on to win two full terms for the seat in 2002 and 2006. Selected by her colleagues as Vice Mayor in 2006, she was also elected by 27 regional cities to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board. She has stated that her mission on the Long Beach City Council was to make sure that the residents of her working-class district were as well represented at City Hall as residents of the city's wealthiest neighborhoods.

In 2008, Ms. Lowenthal was elected to her first of three terms in the California State Assembly. Her district, encompassing what is now the 70th Assembly District, remains one of the most ethnically diverse populations in the state.

During her three terms in the State Assembly, Ms. Lowenthal's district included the Long Beach/Los Angeles port complex—the busiest container complex in the Western Hemisphere. As an Assemblymember, she was instrumental in helping create more than 18,000 transportation-related jobs, while also protecting the employment rights of thousands of other port workers.

In addition to transportation issues, during her tenure in the State Assembly she focused on standing up for children, seniors, and the environment. She authored laws that protected coastal waters from invasive species; made it easier for older adults to stay in their homes; encouraged state workers to blow the whistle on wrongdoing; and made it easier for school districts to provide children with a safe ride to school. She also authored important legislation that brought additional federal funds to foster youth, protected injured workers from unjust medical bills, and reduced the cost of prison healthcare by millions of dollars a year.

Her leadership positions in the State Assembly included chairing the Legislative Women's Caucus, the Assembly Committee on Transportation, the Joint Committee on Emergency Management, and the Select Committee on Ports. She served as a member of the committees on Accountability and Administrative Review, Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials, Health, and other select committees.

For her service in the State Legislature, Ms. Lowenthal was named Legislator of the Year by the California Assisted Living Association, the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, and the California Chiropractic Association, among many others.

In 2017, Ms. Lowenthal was named to the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners by Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, and elected President of the Board in July 2019, following a year of service as Vice President of the board.

As a member of the five-member board, Ms. Lowenthal is responsible for the management and oversight of City's Harbor Department which operates the Port of Long Beach, the nation's second-busiest port. She was unanimously confirmed by the City Council as the 68th appointee to the Board since the current Commission was established in 1925. Her appointment made her the seventh woman to serve on the Commission and marked the first time in the port's history that the five-member Board had four female members at the same time.

Besides serving on various Commission sub-committees, Ms. Lowenthal also represents the port on national and international trade missions and serves as the board representative or alternate to a variety of port-related leadership organizations.

In addition to her work on the Board of Harbor Commissioners, Ms. Lowenthal serves her community on the St. Mary's Medical Center Governing Board, the U.S. Vets Advisory Board, the Children Today Board of Directors, the LINC Housing Board of Directors, and the Jewish Family and Children's Service Board of Directors.

I want to thank Ms. Lowenthal for her nearly five decades of commitment to her community and for the dedication to public service that has allowed her to give so much to that community.

HONORING DR. WILLIAM CATON

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr.

William Caton, who passed away on February 6, 2020 at the age of 74. Dr. Caton was a lifelong leader in the field of neurosurgery and led a distinguished career that had lasting impacts on my district in the San Gabriel Valley and throughout California.

Dr. Caton was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on July 7, 1945 and spent his childhood in Georgia and Massachusetts. He received his bachelor's degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and then moved to California to attend medical school at the University of Southern California (USC) School of Medicine. He received his M.D. in 1971 and completed his residency in Neurosurgery at the Los Angeles County—USC Medical Center in 1977. After completing his residency, Dr. Caton began his practice in Pasadena, a community he would serve for the next forty years.

Dr. Caton's dedication to his patients earned him the reputation as one of the top neurosurgeons in California. He was a representative for the California Association of Neurological Surgery (CANS) at National State Council meetings for twenty-five years and served as President from 2009 to 2010. He also represented CANS in meetings with LA County that resulted in developing a county-wide system of trauma care centers in 1983. He was appointed to serve as Chairman of Neurosurgery at Huntington Memorial Hospital, the leading trauma center within the San Gabriel Valley, a position he would hold for over twenty years. His work was also well known around the globe. He collaborated on a project in Bangalore, India, where he advised the development of a brain cancer treatment center, and he created an international symposium on healthcare, also located in India.

He was a strong advocate for higher education and passed his knowledge on to multiple generations of students. For almost forty years, he was a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Neurological Surgery Department at USC. He was also a long-time faculty member at California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in the Department of Biology and Bioengineering. While there, he founded the Caltech Students Medical Mentor Program, served as director of the Caltech M.D.-Ph.D. Clinical Outreach Program, and became director of the Pasadena Neuroscience Fellowship. Because of his distinguished service and contributions to higher education, Dr. Caton received an honorary graduate degree from the Caltech Alumni Association in 2008. Additionally, he was a strong advocate for the education of women and served on the Board of Trustees for Mayfield Senior High School, an all-girls college preparatory high school, from 1986 to 1997.

Dr. Caton leaves behind an enduring legacy of service, patient advocacy, and leadership to the San Gabriel Valley, Los Angeles County, and California. He is an inspiration to all who knew him, and it is my distinct honor to commemorate his life.

HOMELAND SECURITY FOR CHILDREN ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 10, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a senior Member of Congress, I rise in support of

H.R. 2932, the "Homeland Security for Children Act," which would direct the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to identify and integrate the needs of children into activities to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against the risk of natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters.

The "Homeland Security for Children Act" would make children's needs a priority throughout the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), by directing the DHS Undersecretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans to incorporate feedback from children's organizations into Department-wide activities.

This legislation would require DHS to submit a report to Congress on the Department's efforts to integrate the needs of children into the policies, programs, and activities at DHS.

DHS will authorize a Children's Technical Expert position, ensuring that the Agency will adequately incorporate the needs of children into its emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities.

Due to their general incapacity to protect and advocate for themselves, children are more likely to succumb to the negative outcomes associated with disasters and acts of terrorism.

FEMA has consistently missed the mark when it comes to acknowledging and prioritizing the unique needs of children in its disaster-related activities.

When disaster strikes, whether natural or manmade, the country has historically struggled to adequately prepare for children's unique needs.

For example, in Houston Hurricane Harvey made land fall in 2017 and proceeded to affect 13 million people, cause \$125 billion dollars in damages, and take the lives of 94 individuals.

Nearly 3 million children in Harris County alone were impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Six months after the storm approximately 4,000 childcare programs, afterschool programs, and schools closed for weeks in the Greater Houston area.

Hurricane Harvey resulted in an increase to the number of economically disadvantaged children, cases of mental health issues and student homelessness.

The shortage of childcare throughout the impacted regions prevented many families from returning to their "normal" lives.

Traumatic experiences, such as a natural disaster, can negatively impact a child's mental health, cause an increase in irritability, aggression, anger, and physical ailments, such as headaches and stomach aches.

It is vital that FEMA makes it a priority to integrate the needs of children into their activities to prepare for, protect against and mitigate against the risk of natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters.

I ask all Members to join me in voting to pass H.R. 2932, the "Homeland Security for Children Act."

CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF MONITEAU COUNTY, MISSOURI

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Moniteau County, in

Missouri's Fourth Congressional District, on the 175th anniversary of its founding.

The territory that now makes up Moniteau County was originally part of the 1803 Louisiana Purchase. It was organized on February 14, 1845, carved out of territory from Cole and Morgan counties. The name of this county, taken from Moniteau Creek, is the French spelling of an Indian word meaning "spirit of God" or "Country of the Great Spirit." The county epitomizes its name as evidenced by the many vibrant churches today in the community.

Agriculture is our state's leading industry, and Moniteau County is one of our state's leading producers of agricultural goods, known particularly for its beef, ham, and turkey products.

Moniteau County is a wonderful place in which to live, work, and raise a family. As this historic anniversary is celebrated, I wish the county and its citizens well and many more years of peace and prosperity.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I was regrettably absent for votes on February 7, 2020.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 52, YEA on Roll Call No. 53 and NAY on Roll Call No. 54.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE STRONG STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND INDIA

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the strong strategic partnership between the United States and India. A relationship that is based on shared values of democracy. Our cooperation extends across many sectors including financial, defense and counterterrorism. The region of Kashmir has long been subjected to conflict and instability. I support Prime Minister Modi in his efforts to bring stability to the region.

RECOGNIZING MARINE FORCES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the heroic Marine Forces Special Operations Command (or MARSOC) which will celebrate its 14th anniversary on February 24th. MARSOC was activated in 2006 at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina and initially consisted of a small staff and the Foreign Military Training Unit which had