

measure on the House floor. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you have worked regarding this matter and others between our committees.

Sincerely,

JERROLD NADLER,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, DC, March 5, 2020.

Hon. JERROLD NADLER,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN NADLER: Thank you for your letter regarding H. Res. 756, the Moving Our Democracy and Congressional Operations Towards Modernization Resolution. This House resolution was referred primarily to the Committee on House Administration with additional referrals to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on the Judiciary.

I recognize that this resolution contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary. I appreciate your Committee's willingness to be discharged from further consideration of H. Res. 756 and that this discharge is not a waiver of future jurisdictional claims by the Committee on the Judiciary over this subject matter and will not prejudice your Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees if this were to be necessary.

I would be pleased to include your letter and this response in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of H. Res. 756.

Sincerely,

ZOE LOFGREN,
Chairperson.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ANI HALABI— 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Dr. Ani Halabi of Tujunga, California.

Ani Halabi is a devoted wife and mother and has been a successful optometrist for fifteen years. Born in Tehran, Iran, Ani was first introduced to optometry while working in her family's business marketing and designing an eyeglass frame line. She attended Glendale Community College and California State University, Northridge where she received a bachelor's degree in biology, all while working in a private optometry practice. Dr. Halabi continued her education at the Southern California College of Optometry, where she received her Doctorate of Optometry. She specializes in primary eye care, which includes diagnosis and treatment of ocular diseases, prescribing contact lenses and glasses, and working with local eye surgeons.

Dr. Halabi is an active volunteer and member of several local non-profit organizations. She is a 10-year member of the Armenian American Medical Society, where she has helped coordinate the vision clinic at the Glen-

dale Health Festival, which serves more than 1,500 disadvantaged patients annually. She is also a 10-year member of the Glendale Northwest Lions Club, where she is a co-chair of the sight conservation committee, and under her leadership, the club has provided free eyeglasses to people in need and has offered eye screenings that have restored and improved vision to more than 3,000 individuals. In addition, as a Glendale Healthy Kids organization volunteer, Ani has provided free eye care services for underprivileged families and children. She has also volunteered at vision screenings at several schools, including St. Mary's Richard Tufenkian Preschool & Kindergarten, Glendale High School and Herbert Hoover High School, educating parents about routine eyecare and providing early detection of vision problems.

Dr. Halabi has made it her mission to help aspiring optometrists by mentoring students and offering internships at her practice. She regularly sits on the panel of Glendale Community College's Professional Alumni and has volunteered at college events to guide students who have an interest in the field of optometry. Ani's successes have been recognized by "Women in Optometry" magazine, who featured her on their cover.

Dr. Halabi and her husband, Steve Khroyan live in Tujunga and have two children, Nara and Sareen.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Dr. Ani Halabi.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CARGO FLIGHT DECK SECURITY ACT

HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the bipartisan Cargo Flight Deck Security Act along with my colleague, Brian Fitzpatrick.

The safety and security of our pilots, our skies, and the flying public are at stake.

Today, many cargo planes have no cockpit barrier and without the safety of hardened flight deck doors, the aircraft's interior is open, and the flight deck is completely exposed. This leaves pilots without a means to adequately separate the flight crew from personnel riding in the bulkhead or potential cargo-hold stowaways.

Ultimately this is about parity and safety. Cargo pilots have been fighting for hardened cockpit doors for 18 years, and this bill will solve that long overdue security concern.

After 9/11, regulatory changes put in motion requirements to require hardened cockpit doors for all aircraft to separate the flight deck from the cargo/passenger bay. Unfortunately, after 2003, the TSA made changes to its requirements and erected a wholesale carve-out for cargo airplanes, effectively creating disparate requirements for passenger and cargo airline safety.

The Cargo Flight Deck Security Act ensures all pilots are protected by hardened cockpit doors and takes steps to keep our skies and flying public safe.

I urge this body to pass advance this legislation.

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HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ecko Gonzalez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Ecko Gonzalez is a student at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ecko Gonzalez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ecko Gonzalez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING MARTY LYNCH, PH.D.

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marty Lynch, Ph.D., as he retires as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to CEO Emeritus of LifeLong Medical Care. Dr. Lynch's service in the healthcare industry spans over 60 years, including service as a non-profit administrator for more than 30 years. Dr. Lynch is involved in national, state, and local public policy and research activities related to health access for the uninsured, long-term care models, chronic care, and financing care for disabled populations. In addition, Dr. Lynch is a lecturer at the University of California Berkeley in the School of Social Welfare.

Dr. Lynch received his Ph.D. in Social and Behavioral Sciences from the University of California, San Francisco, and an MPA from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. Dr. Lynch began his journey with LifeLong Medical Care in 1982 when the organization was known as The Over Sixty Clinic. After becoming the CEO in 1984, Dr. Lynch expanded The Over Sixty Clinic into what is now LifeLong Medical Care.

Dr. Lynch co-founded the Elderly Sub-Committee of the National Association, recently served on California's State task force to examine policy changes necessary for the integration of primary care and mental health services and helped to develop a California plan for Alzheimer's disease. One thing Dr. Lynch's work does, is that it underscores the humanity in caregiving, as we all are connected to someone directly or indirectly who is aging.

Through Dr. Lynch's vision and leadership, LifeLong Medical has had a profound impact on the lives of seniors in our communities and now extends that care to people of all age demographics. LifeLong is a 25-site Federally Qualified Health Center that also provides

care on the street, in patients' homes, and in nursing homes and supportive housing.

Dr. Lynch operates on the belief that healthcare is a right not a privilege. This is reflected in the LifeLong's commitment to providing integrated services to the disabled elderly and homeless communities. He has ensured this by providing access to medical assistance, mental health support, and substance abuse therapy to our elderly and vulnerable populations.

On a personal note, I am thankful for Dr. Lynch's wise counsel and friendship. I have known Dr. Lynch since 1974.

Today, I join the LifeLong Medical Care Health Services in celebrating the retirement of Dr. Marty Lynch. On behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I am honored to commend Dr. Marty Lynch for his lifelong work in healthcare. I thank him for his continued service to the community as CEO Emeritus of LifeLong Medical Care Services for All.

RECOGNIZING DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the 33rd Anniversary of National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. This important commemoration serves to raise awareness and promote respect for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities while also recognizing the importance of inclusion.

It is estimated there are over 4.6 million individuals in the United States and over 250,000 individuals in North Texas alone with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Texas' Third Congressional District is the home to incredible organizations including Cornerstone Ranch, My Possibilities, and LifePath Systems. These dedicated organizations, staffs, and volunteers serve as steadfast advocates, fostering opportunities for these individuals to realize their full potential.

My Possibilities has become a national model in vocational education and job placement for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout North Texas, dramatically changing the landscape for these individuals.

LifePath Systems is a community-based organization designed to assist individuals and families dealing with intellectual disabilities and developmental delays through its collaborative efforts with other community partners to ensure the best possible care for all Texans.

And Cornerstone Ranch provides a family-centered environment where residents thrive, confidence is nurtured, and special needs adults are empowered to lead productive lives as members of the community.

While these are just a few entities in North Texas who work tirelessly to expand the conversation of inclusion, accessibility, and lifelong independent living skills, I am honored to recognize their efforts on behalf of all Collin County residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking these organizations and recognizing the importance of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SUPPORT OUR MILITARY WORKING DOGS ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Support Our Military Working Dogs Act" in commemoration of National K9 Veterans Day later this week. The United States K9 Corps was established on March 13, 1942. As chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness, I want to thank my vice-chairman Congressman ANDY KIM (D-NJ) for his support as the bill's original cosponsor.

Military working dogs serve on the front lines with our troops to defend our nation and provide recuperating services for our veterans and their former handlers. Caring for these dogs in the field and once they return home is our responsibility.

The "Support Our Military Working Dogs Act" would ensure that our nation's military working dogs receive the best possible care and direct the U.S. Department of Defense to work with veterans' service organizations and other nonprofits to support their long-term care, once adopted by their former handler's into loving homes.

In 2019, the U.S. special forces raid that led to the death of ISIS terrorist leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi included an American special operations military working dog Belgian Malinois named Conan. During the raid, Conan chased al-Baghdadi into a tunnel underneath a compound in northern Syria, where he then detonated his suicide vest. During the chase, Conan was injured by live electrical wires in the tunnel. Under current federal law, the Department of Defense cannot cover the veterinary expenses of military working dogs like Conan, when they retire from duty or recuperate from injury while adopted.

The "Support Our Military Working Dogs Act" would remove these restrictions to authorize the Department of Defense to provide support for retired or injured military working dogs after their adoption. The bill would also ensure that the U.S. government covers all transportation costs associated with transferring retired military animals, including horses, to their new adopted homes, building upon the success of the Military Working Dog Retirement Act of 2015.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Readiness, which has jurisdiction over military working dogs, I urge all our Members of the House to join me and Congressman KIM in cosponsoring this important legislation.

HAILEY HAYNES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Hailey Haynes for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Hailey Haynes is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because her deter-

mination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Hailey Haynes is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Hailey Haynes for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

COMMEMORATING 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLOODY SUNDAY, TURNAROUND TUESDAY, AND THE FINAL MARCH FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, fifty-five years ago, in Selma, Alabama, hundreds of heroic souls risked their lives for freedom and to secure the right to vote for all Americans by their participation in marches for voting rights on "Bloody Sunday," "Turnaround Tuesday," or the final, completed march from Selma to Montgomery.

Those "foot soldiers" of Selma, brave and determined men and women, boys and girls, persons of all races and creeds, loved their country so much that they were willing to risk their lives to make it better, to bring it even closer to its founding ideals.

More than a half century has passed since that day of horror and carnage on the bridge, a day so terrible that it was immediately named and will be forever known as "Bloody Sunday."

But we will always remember.

Madam Speaker, people come from all over the world to stand on the bridge, ground sanctified and consecrated by the blood and courage and sacrifice of nameless, innocent, ordinary persons whose commitment to justice changed America for the better.

People come to Selma and remember Bloody Sunday with reverence and awe for the same reasons they visit the beaches of Normandy and the cornfields of Gettysburg.

We remember them because we know in our hearts that President Lyndon Johnson was right when he addressed the Congress and the nation the evening of March 15, 1965, stating:

"At times history and fate meet at a single time in a single place to shape a turning point in man's unending search for freedom.

"So it was at Lexington and Concord.

"So it was a century ago at Appomattox.

"So it was last week in Selma, Alabama."

On Bloody Sunday, John Lewis and Reverend Hosea Williams led 600 courageous, unarmed men, women, and children in a peaceful march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge from Selma to Montgomery to dramatize to the nation the aspiration of African Americans to become full citizens and to participate in the political process.

As they crossed the highest part of the bridge, the marchers were viciously attacked