

Award. Ms. Addicott's emphasis on workplace culture and a teamwork environment serves as a model for every American business.

In addition to her successful business career, Ms. Addicott has been a committed leader in the Northeast Ohio community. She is involved in several philanthropic organizations, serving on the board of Akron Children's Hospital, the Greater Akron Chamber, and the non-profit organization, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. She is also a trustee at her alma mater, Kent State University.

Without a doubt, Ms. Addicott's investment in our community has made a positive impact on the livelihood of thousands of Ohioans. On behalf of Ohio's Sixteenth Congressional District, I offer my sincerest appreciation to Ms. Addicott for her service and wish her all the best on her retirement.

**PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W. BUSH
AND FIRST SPOUSE BARBARA
BUSH COIN ACT**

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a senior member of Congress, and an admirer and friend of the Bush Family, I rise in support of S. 457, "President George H.W. Bush and First Spouse Barbara Bush Coin Act," to require that \$1 coins issued during 2020 honor President George H.W. Bush and bullion coins issued during 2020 are in honor of Barbara Bush.

President Bush and First Lady Barbara were friends of mine, and I have always respected and admired their service to this country.

President Bush was a heroic naval aviator, a member of congress, Director of Central Intelligence Agency, Vice President of the United States, and the 41st President of the United States, and First Lady Barbara Bush was a leading force in our country who worked to improve literacy and strengthen American families by her prime example as a mother to five children and wife to the 41st U.S. President, and mother of sons who were elected Governor and one of whom was elected the 43rd President of the United States.

President George H.W. Bush moved himself and his young family to Texas in 1948 and Texans are very grateful to the Bushes for all the work they did to improve and strengthen Texas and the nation during their lives.

The minting of a \$1 coin and a bullion coin to honor these two great Americans will ensure that the memory of the 41st President of the United States, George H.W. Bush, and First Lady Barbara Bush, will live on and be celebrated for their hard work and devotion to the Constitution and our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the Chamber on Mon-

day, January 13, 2020 for the first vote of the series. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea" on Roll Call No 14.

HONORING DR. EARL LENNARD

HON. CHARLIE CRIST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Mr. CRIST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in commemorating the memory of Dr. Earl Lennard for his upstanding service as the Superintendent for Hillsborough County Schools and Hillsborough Supervisor of Elections.

Dr. Lennard was born on March 22, 1942 in Tampa, Florida where he grew up with nine brothers and sisters. He was a part of the first graduating class of the University of South Florida, earning his bachelor's degree in education in 1963. Dr. Lennard began his teaching career at Ruskin Elementary School, a temporary position that evolved into a profession and lifelong passion. In 1996, Dr. Lennard was named Superintendent of Hillsborough County Schools, where he established magnet schools and the school choice program, allowing for students to attend schools that fit their needs best. Additionally, he oversaw the openings of countless schools throughout the district to accommodate for the rapid population growth in my home of Tampa Bay.

In 2009, I had the honor as Florida's Governor to appoint Dr. Lennard to serve as Hillsborough Supervisor of Elections. Dr. Lennard's civic involvement and commitment to the Tampa Bay community made my choice clear. As Supervisor of Elections, Dr. Lennard worked tirelessly to ensure every citizen had equal access to the ballot box.

Outside of his professional life, Dr. Lennard worked to benefit his community by serving as a Sunday school teacher at Riverview United Methodist Church, participating in the Brandon Community Foundation, and helping establish the Sandy & George Simmons Family Boys & Girls Club in Riverview. Though he is no longer with us, the impact of Dr. Lennard, both in Hillsborough and throughout Tampa Bay, will be felt for years to come through his dedication to improving academic opportunities for students throughout Tampa Bay.

Madam Speaker, please join me once again to commemorate Dr. Earl Lennard for his service and dedication to his community. His leadership and character distinguish him as a true public servant.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2020 CALIFORNIA
DISTINGUISHED
SCHOOLS FROM CALIFORNIA'S
39TH DISTRICT**

HON. GILBERT RAY CISNEROS, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Mr. CISNEROS. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor and congratulate ten elementary schools in California's 39th District for their selection as 2020 California Distinguished Schools. The California

Distinguished Schools Program is a component of the California School Recognition Program and serves to recognize schools that demonstrate outstanding education programs and practices. Schools awarded with this distinction hold the Distinguished School title for two years. This year, eligible elementary schools in the State of California were identified through a multiple measures accountability system that examines performance and progress on state indicators specified on the California School Dashboard. Schools were identified and selected within two distinct categories: Closing the Achievement Gap and Exceptional Student Performance.

Elementary schools in California's 39th District awarded this distinction include: Acacia Elementary School (Fullerton School District), Blandford Elementary School (Rowland Unified School District), Buena Terra Elementary School (Centralia Elementary School District), Charles G. Emery Elementary (Buena Park Elementary School District), Golden Elementary School (Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District), Hidden Trails Elementary School (Chino Valley Unified School District), Killian Elementary School (Rowland Unified School District), Laguna Road Elementary School (Fullerton School District), Laurel Elementary Magnet School of Innovation and Career Exploration (Brea-Olinda Unified School District), Mesa Robles School (Hacienda La Puente Unified School District), Robert C. Fisler School (Fullerton School District), Wedgeworth Elementary School (Hacienda La Puente Unified School District), and Ybarra Academy of Arts and Technology (Rowland Unified School District).

As California Distinguished Schools, these institutions set the standard for an immersive educational climate bound by a student-driven learning philosophy. Exceptional student achievement in each school is a testament to the efforts made by educators to realign pedagogical practices to allow for student empowerment and engagement. This relies on a comprehensive platform that supplements the breadth of academic rigor with collaboration and social support. Through programs ranging from dual immersion to positive behavior intervention, these schools reconcile differences in theory and praxis to close achievement gaps and instill traits vital to academic success. What results is a seamless integration between teacher guidance and student participation. It is this attunement to the holistic well-being of each student that sets Distinguished Schools apart.

As a strong believer in education and its life-changing advantages, there is nothing more pleasing than knowing that the community I serve is paving a brighter road for the academic future of California's youth. I am proud of the tireless efforts made by parents, teachers, administrators, and staff to advance a scholastic agenda that rewards integrated educational experiences. Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my honorable colleagues join me in congratulating these ten California Distinguished Schools for this tremendous achievement in the world of education. I am wholeheartedly assured in their ability to guide and leave a lasting impact on the students of California's 39th District.

PASSING OF COURTNEY EVERTS
MYKYTYN

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share a word about the untimely passing of Courtney Everts Mykytyn.

In 1954, the United States Supreme Court unanimously struck down lawful school segregation in the landmark case of *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*. In a unanimous decision, the Court stated, "where the state has undertaken to provide it, [education] is a right which must be made available to all on equal terms." Chief Justice Earl Warren went on to state that "in the field of public education, the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place."

Courtney founded Integrated Schools in Los Angeles, California in 2015 to start a grassroots movement for school integration. Integrated Schools' mission states: "America's schools are more segregated than before the Civil Rights Movement. . . . Through national organizing to promote local action, we support, educate, develop and mobilize families to 'live their values,' disrupt segregation, and leverage their choices for the well-being and futures for their own children, for all children, and for our democracy."

As champion for educational equity, Courtney recognized that school integration is one of the most powerful tools to ensure that all children have an equal opportunity to reach their full potential. She understood that the work of integrating our schools can be uncomfortable and complicated, and worked to educate parents and build community coalitions. Unlike many school integration efforts that place burden solely on families of color, Courtney's mission was also to challenge white families to integrate schools. Courtney was always intentional in her efforts as she boldly stated: "We're [white people] the ones who kind of made it all [school integration] fail. Really fixing it has to be on us."

Courtney educated white families about how true school integration requires both an understanding of systemic racism in America and the careful work of relationship-building free of self-interested agendas and without employing a white saviorism mentality. When I think of

Courtney's leadership on this important issue, I am reminded of the Court's 1971 opinion in *Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education* led by Chief Justice Earl Warren. He stated, ". . . [A]ll things are not equal in a system that has been deliberately constructed and maintained to enforce racial segregation. The remedy for such segregation may be administratively awkward, inconvenient, and even bizarre in some situations, and may impose burdens on some; but all awkwardness and inconvenience cannot be avoided . . ."

Courtney understood the consequences of segregation for children and our democracy. She often spoke about how segregation undermines our core American ideals of fairness and equality and worked tirelessly to help fulfill the promise of *Brown*. Courtney emphasized that integrating schools was not about sacrifice, but instead about a commitment to strengthening our democracy and building a better society. I hope advocates and families continue her legacy and commitment of fighting for school integration. Further, I challenge this body to honor Courtney's legacy in the months and years to come by taking the necessary actions to support and advance school integration.

Madam Speaker, the sadness of the passing of Courtney Everts Mykytyn is offset by her transformative work on school integration. Her death is a great loss to the school integration movement and our country. She will be greatly missed. I send my deepest sympathies to her loved ones, including her husband, Roman Mykytyn, her two children, Stefan and Lulu, and the Integrated Schools community.

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT OF
2019

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, January 13, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as a senior member of congress, I rise in support of H.R. 4302, the "Homeless Assistance Act," which amends the United States Housing Act of 1937 by adding in a new subsection that creates a method for information of homeless individuals to be disclosed promptly from PHAs to local government and nonprofit organizations.

This subsection, subsection 'C', would authorize Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) to disclose relevant client information to local government entities and nonprofits in order to facilitate housing and services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

PHAs can play an important role in a local strategy to end homelessness, however PHAs are limited by the Federal Privacy Act.

PHAs can receive information on incoming homeless clients, but they must obtain written consent from each client before disclosing information about its client's housing assistance with local government entities and nonprofits, which can serve as an unnecessary barrier.

One of the challenges to serving people who are experiencing homelessness is coordinating between various local entities that are working together to provide the necessary housing and services that cater to the unique needs of each individual and family.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's '2019 Point-in-Time Homeless Count & Survey' collected data showing that as of April of 2019 there are 3,938 sheltered and unsheltered residents of Houston experiencing homelessness.

The most recent data from the city of Houston had revealed nearly 69,000 individuals had signed up for their waitlist to receive housing assistance.

The Houston Housing Authority (HHA) provides services to more than 60,000 low-income Houstonians, including over 17,000 families housed through the Housing Choice Voucher Program and another 5,500 living in 25 public housing and tax credit developments around the city.

The Homeless Assistance Act assures that the collection, maintenance, use, and dissemination of information about clients can be disclosed not for public consumption, but to other home and health services programs for the benefit of the client.

The implementation of subsection 'C' would allow PHAs to disclose relevant client data with local government entities and nonprofits for the limited purpose of facilitating the expedited identification, assessment, and linkage of individuals experiencing homelessness to housing and supportive services.

I urge all Members to join me in voting for H.R. 4302.