

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
DEPUTY WARDEN ROBERT F. BOLOGNA

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Mr. ZELDIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Deputy Warden of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office's Corrections Division, Robert F. Bologna, as he culminates 28 years serving our community with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office.

Beginning his civil service career with the Sheriff's Office in January of 1992 as a Correction Officer, Officer Bologna went above and beyond the call of duty, quickly rising through the ranks thanks to his unparalleled skill set and leadership.

Promoted to Deputy Warden in 2016, he commanded correctional facilities in Yaphank and Riverhead, responsible for several hundred law enforcement officers, the safety of thousands of individuals in the custody of the Sheriff and the safety and security of communities across Long Island.

From his time as a United States Navy Operations Specialist in the Persian Gulf to his time serving in the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Warden has never hesitated to put the safety of his fellow Long Islanders above his own.

On behalf of our entire community and nation, I thank Deputy Warden Bologna for his service and wish him the best in his well-earned retirement.

HONORING STEPHEN THOMAS
COVINGTON

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my constituent, Stephen Thomas Covington, who passed away on December 21, 2019. Steve was an incredible activist who sought to better our community from the ground up. With his creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship, Steve worked to fulfill his vision to positively impact the community of Hemet.

As the owner of the Downtown Deli & Coffee Company, Steve sought to rebuild Hemet's historic Downtown District. Since the Downtown Deli opened its doors in 2014, it quickly became a local favorite and neighborhood landmark, as well as one of my favorite lunch spots. With Steve's passion for his community and his excellence in his craft, he fostered a warm and welcoming atmosphere that celebrated Hemet's history and culture.

Steve's presence in the community transcended the Downtown Deli. As a board member of the City of Hemet's Traffic Commission, Steve served as a local leader committed to uplifting Hemet. He constantly gave of himself to better the lives of his neighbors as he worked with numerous local community initiatives, such as the Ramona Bowl and Tinsel Triathlon and the restoration of Hemet's Historic Theater.

A devoted family man, Steve was known for his passion, honesty, and loyalty to friends

and loved ones. As the Hemet community grieves his loss, my heart is with wife Karen, his mother Diana, and grandparents Tom and Sally. Steve's legacy will be felt for years to come, and his memory will live on in the hearts of the lives he touched.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, regrettably, I was unable to attend the votes series for January 13, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on H.R. 4335—8-K Trading Gap Act of 2019, and YEA on H.R. 2398—Veteran HOUSE Act of 2020.

IN RECOGNITION OF TALLADEGA
COUNTY DEPUTY CHRIS ROGERS
AND THREE BRAVE CITIZENS:
MICHAEL OAKES, RONNIE
RAGLAND AND PAUL WRIGHT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Talladega County Deputy Chris Rogers and three other brave individuals, Michael Oakes, Ronnie Ragland and Paul Wright, who helped save Sylacauga Police Officer Blake McGhee's life.

On November 14, 2019, McGhee had an automobile accident with a log truck and was pinned in his duty SUV which had caught on fire. Chris Rogers and three passersby—all strangers to McGhee—worked bravely to remove McGhee despite ammunition discharging in the back of the vehicle due to the flames. McGhee suffered internal injuries and broken bones.

Because of the work of these four individuals, McGhee's life was saved.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Chris Rogers, Michael Oakes, Ronnie Ragland and Paul Wright for their selfless and brave acts to save the life of Blake McGhee.

HONORING AIDEN CARRIZZO

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Aiden Carrizzo. Aiden is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Aiden has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Aiden has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Aiden has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Aiden Carrizzo for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, on January 13, 2020, I was absent from the House chamber. Accordingly, I was unable to vote on two legislative measures on the floor.

Had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows: Aye on Roll Call No. 14: H.R. 4335, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, 8-K Trading Gap Act of 2019, and Aye on Roll Call No. 15: H.R. 2398, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Veteran HOUSE Act of 2020.

CONGRATULATING CONGRES-
SIONAL AWARD RECIPIENT
ANNELIESE MABIE

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Ms. SPANBERGER. Madam Speaker, Central Virginia is home to some of the most community-centered and service-minded students in the country, and today I am fortunate to recognize one of these students as a recipient of the Congressional Award.

Anneliese Mabie, a constituent of mine from Locust Grove, earned this national recognition for her work in community service, personal development, physical fitness, and exploration of the world around her.

Anneliese's community service centered on volunteering for Four County Players, a community theater in my district. She ensured the productions ran smoothly by serving as a spotlight operator, sound board operator, assistant stage manager, and stage manager. Anneliese has demonstrated an ability to set goals, make a strategy, and see it through to the end.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Anneliese on her accomplishments. I look forward to seeing how she will continue contributing to our Seventh District communities in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, on Friday January 10, 2020 I missed votes in the House of Representatives to attend funeral services for my brother Former Congressman Michael G. Fitzpatrick. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 09; NAY on Roll Call No. 10; YEA on Roll Call No. 11; YEA on Roll Call No. 12; and YEA on Roll Call No. 13.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROMOTING NATIONAL SERVICE AND REDUCING UNEMPLOYMENT ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Promoting National Service and Reducing Unemployment Act to address one of the greatest workforce tragedies resulting from today's economy—our unemployed young people—and to spur economic growth and to alleviate strain on state and local governments. This tragedy is not only harming our young people, but it is also costing our government billions of dollars each year in lost productivity, lost tax revenue and other costs. Although total unemployment has reached a relative low (3.5 percent), the unemployment rate for young people is eight percent. These young people have not had a fair chance to use the high school or college education we strongly urged them to obtain.

What is particularly disappointing, particularly in today's low unemployment economy, is the high unemployment rate for young people who heeded our advice to graduate from high school and college. The total unemployment rate is currently eight percent for people 16 to 24 years old, 4.5 points higher than the overall employment rate, and hundreds of thousands of them now compete for unpaid internships wherever they can find them. By significantly expanding AmeriCorps, my bill would need no new administrative structure or bureaucracy but would allow unemployed young people to earn a stipend, obtain work experience and develop a good work history to help secure future employment. The net cost of the expansion would be low because these young people would be providing urgently needed local services that are being eliminated or curtailed because of state and local budget cuts, such as after-school programs, tutoring and assistance for the elderly.

The bill would significantly expand job opportunities for young people who have done what they could to enter into the job market, but, despite their best efforts, remain unemployed in this economy. AmeriCorps participants receive a living allowance and are also eligible for an education award equal to the value of a Pell grant, school-loan forbearance, health care benefits and child care assistance. By expanding AmeriCorps, we would reduce the number of unemployed young people, provide them with work skills and experience and help cash-strapped state and local governments provide services that they would otherwise have to cut or eliminate altogether.

For some time, it has been clear that policies to address the most stubborn forms of unemployment need to be targeted in order to be effective. Without significant targeting, many young graduates will continue to face their first years as adults without jobs and with no way to acquire necessary work experience. They deserve a better start in life as adults. I ask my colleagues to support this urgently needed, targeted assistance for young, unemployed Americans.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF LILIJIA GRUMULAITIS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the remarkable life of Liliija Grumulaitis and recognize her unwavering dedication to her community and causes closest to her heart.

Although a devoted American, Liliija was not born in the United States. Born on February 15, 1938 in Marijampole, Lithuania, Liliija migrated to Germany and Australia before calling America home. Her journey began during World War II when Russian forces attacked Lithuanian cities—making it impossible to live peacefully under communist rule. In 1944, her family sought refuge in Berlin, Germany for four weeks. At the young age of six, Liliija vividly recalls uttering her first words in English to an America soldier at a refugee camp in Wiesbaden, Germany, “Thank you for my freedom.” Liliija's family dreamed of moving to America—where she could practice faith and support candidates freely—but at the time, her family had the option to safely relocate to Australia through the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRAA).

Many years later, Liliija was able to fulfill her dream to come to America when she married Leonas Grumulaitis. In 1958, the couple arrived at Ellis Island in New York. The pair would go on to live in New Jersey, Illinois and Florida before making their permanent home in Conroe, Texas in 1979. It was in Texas where Liliija would establish a lifelong legacy of service. Seeing a need for representation, Liliija helped establish several civic organizations and was an honorary member of Rotary Club Lake Conroe. With a strong sense of civic duty, she went on to be a strong supporter of both President Reagan and President George H.W. Bush. She was entrusted to gather diverse crowds and encourage others to use their freedom to vote.

One of Liliija's proudest moments was on July 26, 1972—the day she became a U.S. citizen. For decades after obtaining her citizenship, the joy of liberty never left her, once stating how inexpressible it was to see the Statue of Liberty years later. Anyone who knows her, knows she never failed to take advantage of the opportunity to thank veterans for her freedom as she had done as a six-year-old in Germany. For years, she expressed her gratitude through Christmas cards to over 200 veterans each year and was a guardian on two of the Lone Star Honors Flights. Liliija is a remarkable patriot and example of how we can best serve our community.

While we mourn with Liliija's family, we also celebrate the life, service, and legacy that will live throughout our community. I am proud to join her family, friends, and the Eighth District of Texas in honoring her life and steadfast devotion to the United States of America.

HONORING AVERY DOGGETT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Avery Doggett. Avery is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Avery has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Avery has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Avery has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Avery Doggett for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

COMMEMORATING THE 2020 NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize Catholic schools and parishes in our nation as we celebrate National Catholic Schools Week. As we approach this celebration, I am excited to announce that this year's theme is “Catholic School: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed” which resonates with my District which is home to thirty-five Catholic schools. Parochial education strives to instill faith, community involvement, and commitment in the classroom to shape each generation of students into well-educated, compassionate members of our communities. For forty-six years, Catholic schools have taken part in this tradition, which provides a time to reflect on and commemorate their contributions to education.

Due to the National Catholic Educational Association's (NCEA) leadership, 99.2 percent of all students at Catholic schools graduate high school and 86.2 percent go on to four-year college. The NCEA's legacy of success is a testament to the quality education and guidance through faith that each student receives through their time in Catholic schools.

As a proud graduate of St. Anne Grade School in East Moline, Illinois and Spalding Catholic High School in Peoria, Illinois, I am honored to co-sponsor legislation supporting National Catholic Schools Week. The religious values and foundation of faith instilled through Catholic schools guides my daily life and continues to strengthen my relationship with God. My wife and I are thankful that our three sons have the opportunity to attend Catholic schools, allowing them to be immersed in the Catholic faith, endure a quality education, and participate in community service.

During National Catholic Schools Week, I extend my sincere blessings to Catholic