

Against overwhelming odds, Mr. Kull and a couple of other squads continued to fight. Members of the 5th Division arrived to relieve them on Christmas Eve. Travelling by truck back into France, he was sent to hold the Remagen Bridge, only just captured by American Forces. He recalled that once they crossed the Rhine River and then went along the Danube, they were met with sporadic resistance.

With the war in the European Theatre essentially over, his unit remained as part of the occupying forces and shipped back to France. He received many medals, badges and citations for his exemplary service including the Order of Leopold II with Palm Degree of Chevalier and the Croix d'Guerre with Palm Leaf cluster. He was awarded the Bronze Star with Oakleaf Cluster "for exemplary conduct in ground combat against the armed enemy on or about 12 November 1944 in the European Theater of Operations."

Mr. Kull left military service in 1945 and returned to the New York Fire Department where he retired after twenty-three years of service. He has three sons Richard, David and Chuck who reside in Colorado and Texas. Mr. Kull exemplifies incredible intelligence, courage, and perseverance, and we must show our due appreciation and honor to all the men and women who lost their lives to help end the war. I truly admire Mr. Kull for answering the call of duty during one of the most historic moments in our nation's history. On this day we pay tribute to his service to our country and wish him a very happy 100th birthday.

I ask that all Members join me in honoring the birthday of William J. Kull on June 29th.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RALPH LEE ABRAHAM

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 29, 2020

Mr. ABRAHAM. Madam Speaker, on Friday, June 26, I was unavoidably detained on Roll Call Vote No. 122. Had I been present to vote I would have voted "NAY" on Roll Call Vote No. 122.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 29, 2020

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, June 25, 2020, I missed votes due to flight changes and delays. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 116, and NAY on Roll Call No. 117.

SMITH REYNOLDS AIRPORT

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 29, 2020

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, the Smith Reynolds Airport—located in North Carolina's Fifth District—is set to be designated as North Carolina's first legacy airport.

Originally named Miller Municipal Field in 1927, the airport was soon renamed in 1942 after the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation made a donation to the airport.

Since its inception, the airport has served as an Army Corps facility and was the birthplace for Piedmont Airlines, the legacy carrier that merged with US Airways.

The Smith Reynolds airport has been a vital component of the Piedmont community. Through this designation, its impact will lead to further growth and innovation within North Carolina's aviation sector and will serve as a boon to the stat and local economy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 29, 2020

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I am back home in Green Bay, Wisconsin on paternity leave with my family. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 120; YEA on Roll Call No. 121; and NAY on Roll Call No. 122.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 29, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call votes. Had I been present for them, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call 120—Veto Message to Accompany H.J. Res. 76, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability"—NAY, Roll Call 121—Republican Motion to Recommit on H.R. 51—YAY, and Roll Call 122—H.R. 51—Washington, D.C. Admission Act—NAY.

TRIBUTE TO DOTTIE REICHARD

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 29, 2020

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD a statement on behalf of my predecessor, Congressman Barney Frank.

One of the great bargains the American people get is the hard work done by the unselfish men and women who work for members of Congress.

No one I have been lucky enough to work with exemplifies that better than Dottie Reichard, who died last week after a great public career.

Sometimes the smartest things you do take the least effort. I inherited Dottie in 1980 in my first run for the House from my predecessor, Fr. Robert Drinan. No decision I made in fifty years in government did as much good, not just for me, but for the people and values I tried to serve.

She was an exemplary combination of all the virtues required to make government work the way it is supposed to. A first rate intelligence, unshakeable integrity, and unstinting compassion rarely coexist in equal force in one person with perfect political instincts, great organizational ability, and niceness. They did in Dottie.

The skill, generosity and absolute efficiency with which she coped with two unconventional and sometimes challenging personalities—Fr. Drinan and me—were all the more remarkable for how easy she made it look. But she didn't fool everybody. When I had the sad responsibility to share the news of her death with the people she had worked with, the genuine sadness was universal that we lost someone special.

No politician ever had a better supporter, teacher, friend, counselor, or—most of all—colleague—than I had in Dottie Reichard.

RECOGNIZING THE LATE PEDRO SALAS FOR HIS DEDICATION TO MANY CONTRIBUTIONS HE MADE FOR HIS COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 29, 2020

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Pedro Salas, a Vietnam War Veteran and active member of his community in Buffalo, New York. Salas, also known as Pete or Pello, was born in Moca, Puerto Rico in 1949 to Ignacio Salas-Lorenzo and Maria Gonzalez-Soto de Salas, and moved to Buffalo's West Side in the early 1950s with his family. Salas' family was deeply involved in the flourishing Puerto Rican businesses within the growing Latino neighborhoods.

Salas graduated from Grover Cleveland High School in 1968 and earned his degree at the University at Buffalo, where he was also a member of the University's Latino Student Organization, PODER.

Salas was drafted into the Vietnam War, where he courageously served in the United States Army. He was stationed in Germany and received an honorable discharge as a ranking Specialist. Salas' extensive career also included working for General Motors and Westinghouse, as well as serving as an academic counselor at the University at Buffalo, and as a counselor at the New York State Division for Youth. Salas' dedication to civil service is also reflected in his active membership in the American Legion, where he served as an active contributor to the Francis A. Lombardo American Legion Post. Salas was also one of several veterans who worked to found the Gabriel A. Rodriguez American Legion Post 1928, and he served as the organization's First Commander, in which he recognized the contributions of Latino veterans in Western New York.

In addition to Salas' dedication to his community, he was also a loving husband to his wife Ana Lopez, and a loving father to his three children: Mariana, nicknamed Mimi, Pedro Jose, nicknamed P.J., and Michael. Salas is also survived by his three grandchildren: Nick, Mari, and A.J., as well as his brother, Arturo. He was a dedicated sports fan, who was actively involved in local Puerto

Rican softball leagues and was known to have never missed a Bills game.

I wish to thank and honor Pedro Salas today, and his dedication to the United States Army, as well as his active participation in civil service organizations that aided in expanding the ways in which Latino Veterans are honored and remembered. His family, local community, and the United States as a whole are better for having known Salas and we stand here today to recognize his impactful leadership and heartfelt commitment. I thank Pete Salas, for his life-long service and dedication to this country.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR.
WILL DEGREGORIO

HON. TOM MALINOWSKI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 29, 2020

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the memory of William "Will" DeGregorio, a beloved member of the Cranford, NJ community.

A fiercely dedicated member of his community, Will worked with the New Jersey State Legislature to advance S1538/A894, a bill to create a State pediatric cancer fund to advance research efforts in the battle against pediatric cancer. The measure sought further to amend the personal income tax form to allow filers to make direct contributions to the fund. Although the measure remains outstanding, Will's contributions demonstrates his ability and willingness to use the means he had available to him to make the most positive change he could. Will also always remained active and engaged in his local community, particularly with sports organizations—most notably the Cranford Police Athletic League (PAL), in which Will played sport for much of his life.

When he was not doing his civic duty to improve the lives of others and communities around him, Will loved anything and everything related to sports and was a fierce competitor. He loved playing video games with his friends and bantering back and forth about plays, players, and coaches with anyone that would challenge his knowledge of the sport and the game. He loved the color blue, any shade of it mainly because blue represented all of his favorite professional teams: The Giants, Yankees, and Rangers.

Will always sought to unite, rather than divide, those around him. His charm was one way to do this, but he also embraced #WillPower and #WillsWarriors hashtags as rallying cries to face adversity with a positive attitude. Though he faced a myriad of challenges in his life, his grit and determination allowed him to brighten up every room he entered. His beautiful blue eyes and infectious smile and giggle allowed everyone around him to feel at ease, even when he was in discomfort. He had a gift for making people laugh, most especially his friends at Brookside Place School in Cranford.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in recognizing the extraordinary accomplishments of Will DeGregorio.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRO-
TECTING RENTERS FROM EVIC-
TIONS AND FEES ACT

HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 29, 2020

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Protecting Renters from Evictions and Fees Act along with my colleague, BARBARA LEE.

Our country is facing an unprecedented pandemic and an economic crisis greater than we've seen in generations. I'm introducing this bill which will prohibit the eviction of tenants for failure to pay rent or additional fees because if people across the country are forced out of their homes then both of the crises we face will deepen.

More than half of my constituents in Chicago rent their homes. Businesses in my district have closed or reduced hours, and some of them won't reopen again. My district is a working class, immigrant district, and far too many of my neighbors have to choose between putting food on the table and paying rent. Many of them can't access some of the benefits that Congress passed because they don't have sufficient documentation. They should not have to worry about losing their home during a public health crisis.

I am introducing this bill today so that they don't have to. I urge this body to advance this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO THE MICHIGAN GRAD-
UATES OF THE WEST POINT
CLASS OF 2020

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 29, 2020

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 2020 graduates of the United States Military Academy from the state of Michigan.

Brilliant and talented young Americans from across the country spend four years studying and serving at West Point, our nation's oldest military academy. Each one undergoes rigorous training and testing, preparing to serve our country and its mission around the world. This challenging experience culminates with graduation and commissioning, after which these exceptional individuals go on to serve our country proudly.

The class of 2020 has impressively faced the additional challenges of these unprecedented times and I am proud to say that all the cadets from Michigan have graduated and are officially commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army. As a West Point parent, myself, I hope that the values of Duty, Honor, and Country that have been instilled in them follow them throughout their careers in the Army and in their future endeavors. I want to wish a strong congratulations to:

Nicholas Bennett-Carpenter, Grace C. Beverage, Bayleigh L. Gable, Noah M. Hanau, Nathan P. Hein, Hannah E. Homsy, Connor M. Ingleson, Adam P. Kopp, Jacob D. Lemelin, Ian D. Mackinnon, Gavin P. McAuliffe, Ashleigh P. McCabe, Bryce A.

Meylan, Damaria A. Morton, Wynter C. Nickless.

Scott J. Nieboer, James A. Niemeyer, Riley D. Page, Tyler T. Picardat, Ross R. Reason, Lindsey M. Reichard, Matthew J. Robinson, Ryan A. Rocca, Michael S. Shin, Patrick D. Sutherland, James E. Tweedie, Benjamin C. Vollbach, Benedict G. Watson, Benjamin W. Whitlow, Benjamin Q. Xu, Amy T. Ziccarello.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize the newly commissioned Second Lieutenants from our state and extend my deepest appreciation for their sacrifice and commitment to Michigan and the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF
WILLIAM A. MILLICHAP

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 29, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of William A. Millichap, a native of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, who died on June 22, 2020, at the age of 76.

William Millichap was a graduate of the University of Maryland and served his country as an officer in the United States Navy. In 1971, he joined what was then G.M. Marcus Company and quickly rose through the ranks. He became the President of Marcus and Millichap in 1986, a post he held until 2000, and he has been the company's Co-Chairman since then.

Mr. Millichap was managing partner of Marcus and Millichap Venture Partners and served on the boards of Essex Property Trust and Loopnet. He was a Director of the National Multifamily Housing Council, and a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers, the Urban Land Institute and the National Venture Capital Association. Among his many accomplishments he helped launch San Jose National Bank and the Mid-Peninsula Bank of Commerce.

Hassam Nadj, CEO of Marcus and Millichap said that "Bill's passion and commitment to providing the best support to our sales force and creating value for our clients were contagious and remain essential parts of our culture to this day."

William Millichap's Co-Chair at Marcus and Millichap, George Marcus, is quoted as saying that "Bill was the truest of friends that one could ever have, and a real partner in good times and challenging ones. He was a unique and exceptional leader, coach and innovator. All who knew him would point to his intelligence, endless energy, enthusiasm, discipline, loyalty and competitiveness as main ingredients that made him the life force that he was."

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our sincerest condolences to William Millichap's wife Sherrie, to their children Laura, Greg, Jeff and Stacy, and their eight beloved grandchildren. Our country has lost a great patriot, a great innovator and an unparalleled leader who made our country stronger and bettered the lives of so many because of everything he did.