

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 123; NAY on Roll Call No. 124; YEA on Roll Call No. 125; NAY on Roll Call No. 126; YEA on Roll Call No. 127; NAY on Roll Call No. 128; and NAY on Roll Call No. 129.

HONORING PLEASANT GREEN
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church (PGBC), located at 505 East College Street, shepherded by Reverend Darrel McQuirter, as they celebrate 150 years of religious service in the Clinton, MS community.

On June 28, 1852, the First Baptist Church of Clinton was incorporated, ending that first year with fifty-six members, twenty-eight Whites and twenty-eight Blacks. For the first eight years, the congregation worshipped together on the Mississippi College campus in Clinton, MS. After the campus chapel was built in 1860, Blacks were allowed to worship independently in the chapel basement. Led by Mississippi College Professor Reverend T.A. Parrish and college president Walter Hillman, in 1867 a Sunday School was formed for the Black congregants. Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church was established in 1870 under the leadership of Reverend Dunbar, who was associated with Mississippi College. The college allowed Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church (PGBC) to meet on the Robinson's Athletic Field until property was purchased and a wood frame structure was built, incorporating stained glass windows at what is now 505 East College Street. As time progressed, a brick building with modern amenities was erected.

Currently, Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church (PGBC), acknowledges the struggles and accomplishments of the spirit-filled and faithful people and events of the past that have made a bright future for the current members. Now, the church's legacy continues, ever growing and building, while striving to keep all plans within God's will and reaching out to all people.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church (PGBC), as they celebrate 150 years of service.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY
OF PROFESSOR JEROME A.
COHEN

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Professor Jerome Alan Cohen, the Founder and Faculty Director Emeritus of the U.S.-Asia Law Institute of the New York University School of Law. Professor Jerry Cohen is a true champion of human rights and the rule of law in China and today

he is celebrating his 90th birthday with his family and friends.

Professor Cohen is one of the foremost experts in Chinese law and government and he also serves as a Senior Fellow for Asia Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. He has provided sage advice and wise counsel to international leaders, U.S. government officials, and Members of Congress throughout his illustrious career including in testimony to the Congressional-Executive Commission on China.

Professor Cohen's extraordinary career on China began in the 1950s when he traveled to Hong Kong to interview with refugees and publish a book on Chinese criminal procedure. In the 1960s he created the East Asia Legal Studies Association at Harvard School of Law and was influential in securing the release of John T. Downey, a former classmate who had been held in a Chinese prison. In the following years he met with Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai and accompanied Senator Ted Kennedy to Beijing to meet with Deng Xiaoping.

Throughout the 1990s, Professor Cohen lived and worked in mainland China. After the Tiananmen Square protests, he established the U.S.-Asia Law Institute at New York University School of Law, dedicated to facilitating the development of the rule of law throughout Asia. As a strong advocate for human rights, Professor Cohen led the way supporting political prisoners in China and helped secure the release of Song Yongyi and Chen Guangcheng. His former students include Taiwanese president, Ma Ying-jeou, and Annette Lu, former Taiwanese vice president under Chen Shui-bian.

Professor Jerry Cohen has not only participated in the history of U.S.-China relations, he has shaped it. All those to advocate for human rights and the rule of law in China owe him a great debt of gratitude. Thank you, Professor Cohen for your exemplary service for humanity.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSS SPANO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mr. SPANO. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 122; YEA on Roll Call No. 121; and NAY on Roll Call No. 120.

IN MEMORY OF ANN VARNUM

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorable life and work of a beloved Alabamian, Mrs. Ann Varnum. Mrs. Varnum passed away on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, after a full life of 80 years. A Dothan native, local media personality, and friend to many, Mrs. Varnum will be dearly missed.

Ann Varnum was born in Dothan on January 15, 1940, to the late Elizabeth and J.P. Jones. Mrs. Varnum attended and graduated from Huntington College and Auburn Univer-

sity with a degree in English. Following graduation, she began a career in teaching before getting her big break at Dothan's WTVY television station.

Mrs. Varnum devoted nearly 50 years to WTVY, working her way into the hearts of Alabamians through her dedication to the community, charming personality, and devotion to God. She is best remembered for hosting the station's morning show, beginning in 1974 until the late 1990s.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Mrs. Ann Varnum. Her life was one of service, grace, and love for her family and community. She will be greatly missed by all whom she encountered, and her remarkable legacy will be remembered for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND
OPENING OF ALDERWISH CPA,
PLLC

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the grand opening of the new Alderwish CPA, PLLC office in Dearborn, Michigan.

Alderwish CPA, PLLC was formed by Ngeeb Alderwish, CPA in September 2008. In the years since, the company has been dedicated to providing a variety of quality tax and accounting services to people across Michigan. With a strong focus on community, Alderwish CPA strives to cultivate attentive and meaningful relationships with all clients to develop solutions that fit their unique personal and professional needs. Alderwish CPA is committed to the philosophy of building relationships one client at a time, and their promise of excellence is backed by years of experience in the financial sector.

Throughout the community, Alderwish CPA is recognized as an exemplary institution. Under the leadership of Ngeeb Alderwish, the team of Alderwish CPA is composed of diligent, transparent, and honest tax professionals who are consistently commended for their knowledge and great expertise. The team goes above and beyond expectations and tirelessly works to support clients in all capacities. Without a doubt, Alderwish CPA has dedicated themselves to uplifting families and businesses throughout Dearborn and Detroit. Their services have assisted countless institutions across the community navigate complex tax and financial matters and have helped clients move forward with financial clarity and reassurance. Their continued work makes a difference.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the grand opening of Alderwish CPA, PLLC in its new Dearborn office. Alderwish CPA has become an invaluable resource for businesses and families across Dearborn and Detroit, and I am grateful for their work in supporting our local businesses. We wish them the best of luck in their new office location and continued success in the years ahead.

COMMEMORATING BRIGADIER
GENERAL TODD CANTERBURY

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the retirement of Brigadier General Todd Canterbury. He began his career in the Air Force after earning his commission from Arizona State University's ROTC program in 1993 and is retiring as the Commander of the 56th Fighter Wing at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.

Flying fighter jets is in his blood as General Canterbury is the son of the former Commander of the 56th Fighter Wing—making them the first and only father-son combination to hold base commanding positions at Luke Air Force Base.

In his 27-year Air Force career, he had 20 assignments, was a graduate of the National War College, and served as a Command Pilot. He has more than 4,200 flight hours in the F-15 Eagle, F-16 Fighting Falcon, F-35 Lightning II, and MC-12W Liberty aircraft with over 650 being combat hours defending our great nation.

During his time in service, General Canterbury acquired a long list of achievements and awards to include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, multiple combat campaign medals, and more.

I would also like to recognize General Canterbury's leadership in making Luke Air Force Base the F-35 fighter pilot training headquarters, which created a partnership between the United States and NATO members to train their pilots on the F-35 aircraft.

General Canterbury has not only made his family proud, but the United States Air Force, Arizona, and his country. We appreciate his selfless service and wish him the best in his next adventure.

On this day, I invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing the sacrifices that his family has made over the years and to thank Brigadier General Canterbury for his service to the United States of America.

INVESTING IN A NEW VISION FOR
THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUR-
FACE TRANSPORTATION IN
AMERICA ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say a few words about the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise—or DBE—Program. While our progress toward equal opportunity for minority and women entrepreneurs has been slower than I would like, the DBE program is a big part of the reason we are at least moving in the right direction. In a recent study in my home State of Illinois, researchers examined business opportunities associated with the Pace Suburban Bus agency. This agency connects my district to the suburbs surrounding Chicago and also provides paratransit services to people with disabilities. This

study didn't just examine Pace's own spending, but also examined how businesses in the broader Illinois construction market are faring. This is very important because Pace operates the DBE program which at least opens the door to businesses owned by women and minorities, while the broader construction market is dominated by the private sector which generally lacks such equal opportunity measures. The study performed regression analyses to determine what business earnings were for women and minority business owners even after adjusting for a number of factors such as education, age, occupation and industry. The results were startling: business earnings for Latino firm owners as compared to white male firm owners were 6 percent lower, for Asians they were 10 percent lower, for white women they were 19 percent lower, for Native Americans and African Americans, they were 26 percent lower. Pace Suburban Bus Disparity Study 2015, Colette Holt & Associates, 2015, at 96. These statistics make clear why it's so incredibly difficult for women and minorities to get ahead in business—and why the DBE Program is so necessary.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF POLICE CHIEF BARRY BAR-
NARD OF PRINCE WILLIAM
COUNTY AFTER 44 YEARS OF
PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Retirement of Police Chief Barry Barnard of Prince William County after 44 Years of Public Service. Barry Barnard was selected as police chief in 2016, and has served in the Prince William County Police Department since 1976.

Police Chief Barry Barnard joined the Prince William County Police Department as an officer in patrol. Barnard served as an officer in patrol until 2000, when he was named an assistant chief of police. In 2009, Barnard was appointed as the deputy chief of police in 2009, and held the position of acting chief of police in 2012, before becoming Chief of Police in 2016.

Police Chief Barry Barnard's long history with the Prince William County Police Department shows his dedication and loyalty to his community. Throughout his time as police chief, Barnard was committed to providing efficient and interactive police service to the residents of Prince William County. He served as the final authority in all matters of policy operations and discipline.

Barnard committed to the principles of integrity and trust during his time with the Prince William County Police Department, and he believes that honesty and equality in delivery of police services is essential. Barnard is a strong example of what public service should look like, and he is leaving a strong and positive legacy on the Prince William County Police Department.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me in recognizing Prince William County Police Chief Barry Barnard's public service and dedication to his community in the First District of Virginia.

EMERGENCY HOUSING PROTEC-
TIONS AND RELIEF ACT OF 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 29, 2020

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letters:

1. A letter on behalf of 600 organizations in support of the housing provisions included in the Heroes Act, which are the same provisions included in the bill we are considering today, H.R. 7301.

2. A letter on behalf of over 800 national, state, and local organizations in support of H.R. 6820, the Emergency Rental Assistance and Rental Market Stabilization Act of 2020, which is also included in H.R. 7301.

3. A letter from the National Urban League in support of H.R. 7301.

4. A letter from the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Housing Task Force in support of H.R. 7301.

5. A letter from the National Alliance to End Homelessness in support of H.R. 7301

JUNE 29, 2020.

Hon. MITCH MCCONNELL,
Washington, DC.

Hon. CHUCK SCHUMER,
Washington, DC.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Washington, DC.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MAJORITY LEADER MCCONNELL, MINORITY LEADER SCHUMER, SPEAKER PELOSI, AND MINORITY LEADER MCCARTHY: We, the National Low Income Housing Coalition on behalf of more than 600 national, state, and local organizations across the country, urge you to immediately enact the critical housing investments and protections included in the "Emergency Housing Protections and Relief Act of 2020" (H.R. 7301) and the "Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act" to address the health and housing needs of America's lowest-income renters and people experiencing homelessness during and after the coronavirus pandemic. Every day that Congress waits to enact this vital legislation, policymakers put millions of low-income people—including seniors, people with disabilities, families with children, low-wage workers and other individuals who were already struggling to pay rent before the current pandemic—at risk of eviction and homelessness. Without the protections and resources in H.R. 7301 and the HEROES Act, our nation will see an increase in homelessness as renters lose their homes.

The "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)" included \$12 billion in housing and homelessness resources and other critical protections for low-income renters. This bill was an important first step, but far more resources are needed to protect those individuals living on the brink. While the CARES Act's stimulus checks and expanded unemployment benefits will certainly help, they only last a short duration, many people with the greatest needs are facing challenges in accessing these resources, and even those who were successful in receiving these benefits will still be severely rent-burdened and at risk of homelessness unless Congress provides targeted assistance.

Even before the pandemic, people of color were significantly more likely than white people to experience housing instability,