

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
WILLIAM S. "BUD" LEONARD

## HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of William S. "Bud" Leonard. Mr. Leonard left this earth on Monday, June 29, 2020 at the age of 90 years. Mr. Leonard was born in Kingsville, Texas on July 9, 1929, the second child of William and Effie Leonard. His father was an Irish railroad man and his mother a first-generation U.S.-born child of Italian immigrants.

In junior high, Bud met his first love—football, a love affair that would eventually take him through college at Lamar University. It was at Lamar where Mr. Leonard won the heart of the love of his life, his wife Charlene Matthews Leonard whom he married in 1953, embarking on 66-and-a-half years of a blessed life together. Shortly after marriage, Mr. Leonard joined the United States Navy where he trained to become an airplane pilot and rose to the rank of Lieutenant. Mr. Leonard earned his Wings of Gold in 1955 and served tours that took him from California to Hawaii, Guam, Japan, and the Philippines before being released from active duty in 1957.

Following Mr. Leonard's active duty, he and his wife returned to Texas in 1958 and settled in Beaumont.

Mr. Leonard began a successful career in advertising and remained close to Lamar University where he was instrumental in forming the Cardinal Club, Ex Letterman's Association and the Cardinal Hall of Honor. In 1974, he was called by Dr. John E. Gray to join the Administration at the University where he remained until his first retirement in 1994 as Vice Chancellor of Development. Following his retirement, he returned for one year to teach at Lamar and then started his own consulting/advertising company which he did until he retired for a second time at age 87.

Lamar honored Mr. Leonard's contribution to the University on and off the field by naming the stadium playing field the W.S. "Bud" Leonard field in his honor. In addition to many other honors he was also named Distinguished Alumnus in 2000.

Closely intertwined with his community, Mr. Leonard served in the Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Neches River Festival and the Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife were active members of their beloved Calder Baptist Church for over 60 years where he served as Deacon and a Sunday school teacher.

He is survived by his loving wife Charlene, daughter Joni, son Will and his twin granddaughters, Anne and Claire who were the apples of his eye.

A wordsmith and artist with a servant's heart, Mr. Leonard made the world a better place.

CELEBRATING PRINCE WILLIAM  
COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S  
50TH ANNIVERSARY

## HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Prince William County Police Department's 50th Anniversary. The Prince William County Police Department is a vital part of the safety and community of the First District of Virginia, and it is an honor to serve as their U.S. Congressman.

In March 1970, the Prince William County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed Resolution 11 to establish a Police Department for Prince William County. On July 1st, 1970, a group of 42 individuals met at the Old Bennett School in Manassas as the first members of the Prince William County Police Department. They started small with limited resources, and have grown into a leading organization within Prince William County and Virginia.

The mission statement of the Prince William County Police Department is to enhance the quality of life by providing police services through shared responsibility with the public. The Prince William County Police Department is committed to protecting constitutional guarantees and impartially enforcing the law. The department does so through integrity, trust, and honesty, all of which they believe are essential to providing exceptional police services.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me in celebrating Prince William County's Police Department's 50th Anniversary. I have full confidence that the department will continue to be an integral part of the wonderful Prince William County community as well as the First District of Virginia.

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

SPEECH OF

## HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act, a transformative investment of \$1.5 trillion to create jobs, protect our climate, and modernize our highways, hospitals, schools, broadband connectivity, housing, clean water, and energy infrastructure.

The American Society of Civil Engineers evaluated the state of the nation's infrastructure in 2017 and gave the U.S. a D+ grade. They estimated that we need to invest \$2 trillion more than we are today to bring our infrastructure to a good state of repair. While this is a significant amount, failing to act will lead to an estimated \$4 trillion in lower economic output, including the loss of 2.5 million jobs. With the economy still reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic, this legislation takes on an even greater urgency.

The Moving Forward Act is not only big, it is green. Climate policy is a cornerstone of the

bill because the transportation sector contributes nearly one-third of our country's greenhouse gas emissions. The legislation invests \$100 billion to make our public transit faster, cleaner, and more reliable, taking cars off the road and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. These investments include significant funding for electric buses which will help transit providers such as SamTrans, VTA, and Santa Cruz METRO transition their bus fleets to all zero-emission vehicles by 2040. The bill also provides \$1.4 billion to deploy electric vehicle charging stations across the country, \$8.3 billion for state carbon reduction grants, and \$70 billion to modernize the electric grid to support additional renewable energy, improve energy efficiency, and support an expansive electric vehicle charging network. Together these investments make the Moving Forward Act one of the most significant bills to address climate change ever considered in Congress.

In addition to emission reductions in the transportation and power sectors, the Moving Forward Act also includes significant funding for environmental restoration, including \$125 million for the San Francisco Bay. These funds will support ongoing work to restore habitats for endangered species and protect cities like Mountain View, Palo Alto, and Redwood City from sea level rise. The bill also provides funding to reclaim abandoned coal mines, increase drought resilience, and clean up drinking water contaminated by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

I'm pleased that the Moving Forward Act provides \$3.6 billion in guaranteed transit funding for the Bay Area, a 50 percent increase from the last highway bill in 2015. It also adjusts the criteria for several discretionary grants that will make Bay Area transit projects more likely to receive additional federal funding. The dedicated \$2.5 billion for grade separations nationwide will benefit both Caltrain riders and communities along the Caltrain corridor which has 42 at-grade crossings, including the crossing at the top of the California Public Utility Commission's priority list. This funding will be a welcome relief to my constituents who are choking in traffic, with commute times in the Bay Area prior to the pandemic nearly twice as long as they were ten years ago.

The Moving Forward Act also provides \$100 billion to ensure every American has internet connectivity. Tens of millions of Americans across the U.S. still lack basic access to high-quality broadband internet service. Access to high speed internet service is essential in the 21st Century, particularly as Americans are conducting more of their lives online during the COVID-19 public health emergency. I'm pleased that two of my broadband bills are included in this legislation. My bipartisan Nationwide Dig Once Act of 2020 is commonsense legislation that requires the inclusion of conduit—plastic pipes that house fiber optic cables—during federally funded highway construction. My Community Broadband Act protects municipal broadband networks from state laws that thwart the efforts of communities establishing their own networks.

The Moving Forward Act provides \$10 billion for hospitals and community health centers to make critical capital improvements and rebuild their infrastructure to meet the growing demands on these health care facilities, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Importantly, the bill also creates a pilot program to

fund upgrades to state and local public laboratories, which are essential to our nation's testing capacity as we work to control and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The infrastructure investments in the Moving Forward Act create good-paying jobs that cannot be outsourced, promote economic growth, reduce our greenhouse emissions, and expand broadband to communities across the country. I'm proud to support this legislation and urge my colleagues to join me in voting for it.

#### U.S.C. IS AMONG THE TOP 100 WORLDWIDE FOR PATENTS RE- CEIVED BY FACULTY

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 1, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the Columbia Business Report of June 22 reported another success of the University of South Carolina with the leadership of President Bob Caslen.

U.S.C. IS AMONG THE TOP 100 WORLDWIDE FOR  
PATENTS RECEIVED BY FACULTY

The University of South Carolina ranked among the top 100 universities worldwide for number of U.S. utility patents received by faculty members in 2019, marking the eighth consecutive year the university made the top 100.

USC ranked 90th in the world in 2019 with faculty named as the lead on 31 patents, according to a news release from the university.

The annual list (.pdf) has been published by the National Academy of Inventors and the Intellectual Property Owners Association since 2013. Rankings are based on the number of utility patents granted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office that list a university as the first assignee.

"Our faculty's ability to create new technologies and innovate year after year is one of our great strengths as a university," said Bill Kirkland, executive director of USC's Office for Innovation, Partnership and Economic Engagement. "Their continued contributions to scientific discovery ultimately improve the quality of life not just our state, but all over the world."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 1, 2020*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following votes due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 123; YEA on Roll Call No. 125; YEA on Roll Call No. 127; YEA on Roll Call No. 128; and YEA on Roll Call No. 129.

#### RECOGNIZING FRANCKY PIERRE- PAUL

#### HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 1, 2020*

Ms. FRANKEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Francky Pierre-Paul, a

local hero from Florida's 21st Congressional District that has gone above and beyond as a tireless advocate for the homeless community in Palm Beach County.

Francky has become a familiar and friendly face to those in our community experiencing homelessness. Before COVID-19, Francky would go to John Prince Park once a month with a mobile shower, hold clothing and food drives, and offer haircuts to the people who live there. He would also frequently go to Palm Beach County Commission meetings and speak on behalf of the John Prince Park homeless community. Since the pandemic started, however, Francky has only become more generous with his time. In fact, he has now started going to John Prince Park two-to-three times every day to distribute food and resources to those in need.

Francky's selflessness and compassion during this difficult time is truly humbling. His outstanding work has touched countless lives, and I am so thankful for his dedication to our community. I am proud to honor him today.

#### HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF MR. BOBBY J. MORROW

#### HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 1, 2020*

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the extraordinary life of Mr. Bobby J. Morrow and recognize his achievements as a three-time Olympic gold medalist.

Mr. Morrow was a resident of San Benito, TX for much of his life. He attended San Benito High School, where he excelled athletically in both track and football. Following graduation, Mr. Morrow was a sprinter for Abilene Christian University, where he would go on to break and defend records on the national collegiate scale.

At just 21 years old, Mr. Morrow travelled to Melbourne, Australia, for the 1956 Olympics to represent the United States of America. Mr. Morrow would win three gold medals in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, and 4x100-meter relay—even going so far as to break the world record in the relay, and match it in the 200-meter dash. His success on the collegiate and Olympic levels earned him the Sports Illustrated's title of "Sportsman of the Year" in 1956. He would also collect the Amateur Athletic Union's James E. Sullivan Award in 1957 before being inducted into the National Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1975.

Bobby Morrow was not only a talented athlete, but also a kind and giving man. He donated all of his Olympic medals in hopes of inspiring others to pursue their own dreams. Mr. Morrow is survived by his longtime, loving partner of 20 years, Judy Parker of Harlingen, TX, his five children, eleven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

His rare talent and character are remembered throughout San Benito and the 34th Congressional District of Texas. San Benito CISD has dedicated two athletic facilities to him as a tribute to his athletic excellence and to share his inspirational story.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating and remembering the life of Mr. Morrow.

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

SPEECH OF

#### HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 30, 2020*

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act. This vital legislation makes critical investments in our nation's transportation, upgrades our drinking water and energy systems, and builds new hospitals, schools, and homes.

My constituents in Metro Atlanta know all too well that we have fallen behind in building for the future. Every day, we waste time and gasoline in some of the worst traffic in America. We have uneven access across our region to transit and safe bicycle and pedestrian paths. Our schools and water systems struggle to keep up with the demands of our time.

We need something new. Our current system puts good jobs out of reach, good homes out of grasp, and good air out of breath. For too long, our nation's transportation system prioritized highway expansion and exclusionary legacies that result in gentrification and displacement. These transportation planning policies contribute to racial and socioeconomic disparities in income, health, education, and environment. We can and we must do better.

The bill before us puts our country on the right track. H.R. 2 is a model that builds a 21st century transportation and infrastructure foundation. It increases funding for transit expansion, highway repair, and connectivity in low-income communities. It ensures that drivers, passengers, bicyclists, and pedestrians can safely use roads. H.R. 2 also makes a down payment towards leaving a planet that is a little cleaner and a little greener for our children.

I am pleased that H.R. 2 also includes three amendments critical for my constituents in Metro Atlanta. The first amendment allows Federal funds to build noise barriers that protect older neighborhoods from highway noise. In my district, many communities predate the interstate system. Over time, these highways became wider, busier, and louder, and the trees that kept the sounds down have worn thin. Residents are sick and tired of the noise and want some peace and quiet. My no-cost amendment will improve quality of life in frustrated communities across America.

The bill also includes my proposal about disputed changes in airport ownership. This amendment enacts current rules which maintain the Federal government's neutrality on these sensitive local matters. This common-sense policy provides certainty for passengers, airlines, concessionaires, and airport employees.

Finally, I am proud to co-sponsor an effort led by my friend, Ms. NAPOLITANO of California. Our amendment overturns a Federal rule on sales taxes that uniquely affects Clayton County in my district. It would recover \$24 million per year for the county, its cities, and the Clayton County Public Schools.

When I first came to Congress, I joined what was then the House Public Works and Transportation Committee to work on many of these issues, and I am proud to continue to