

the embodiment of a full and meaningful life. I am thankful to have lived in a time where these men and women were pillars of our community and the foundation of their families. Almost 75 years ago today—a price was paid for the life we live today, owed to the men and women that fought in World War II to preserve the foundations of our Republic. One such warrior is Perry Arthur Justice. As part of the Second Engineer Special Brigade operating in the Pacific Theater, Perry saw first-hand the price that must be paid to preserve the peace of this world. Through six campaigns and 22 landings on beachheads throughout the Pacific, the Second Engineer Special Brigade provided mission-critical services to win the battle. Even in the midst of the chaos of combat, surely aware of his impending doom, Perry said “I just wanted Dad to know I died like a man. When I knew I was going to die, I stopped being scared and have never been afraid since.” Amazingly, Perry’s fearless life continued years after his time in the Pacific with his marriage to Norma Ploss, his career at Dow Chemical Company, his time as a teacher, and his legacy carried through his children and grandchildren. Even in retirement, Perry enjoyed his time as editor of the “Farm and Ranch Reporter.” I am always amazed that such individuals in the heat of battle, continuously facing death, came home and lived their lives to the fullest. Truly, Perry Arthur Justice is an example of a life well-lived. He is also a sign of the debt we owe to those who came before us to ensure our freedoms and way of life. The oppression of distant terrors was hurled back at a time when hope was bleak but the Greatest Generation responded as true heroes and prevailed. I am honored to highlight the life of Perry Arthur Justice. May God bless him, his family, and our great country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE WATKINS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. WATKINS. Madam Speaker, I was unfortunately unable to vote due to a personal matter. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 162; NAY on Roll Call No. 163; YEA on Roll Call No. 164; YEA on Roll Call No. 165; and NAY on Roll Call No. 166.

ED TOMLINSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ed Tomlinson for receiving the Arvada Chamber’s Man of the Year Award.

The recipient of the Chamber’s Man of the Year award is selected by a committee and is awarded to a local community leader who has gone above and beyond to selflessly serve their community.

As 2019 Man of the Year, Ed was selected to receive this award as recognition of his

commitment and contribution to the Arvada community over the years. He was twice elected to the Arvada Fire Protection District, the first non-fireman to serve on that board. Friends and colleagues describe Ed as benevolent and community-centered.

In addition, Ed has served on numerous local boards and committees, worked to support local schools, and volunteered his time, treasure and talent for many organizations such as the Arvada Festivals Commission, Adopt a Street and the Arvada Harvest Festival.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ed Tomlinson for this well-deserved award and appreciate his many contributions to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express how I would have voted on S. 2163. I was unable to vote because I was with the Vice President of the United States. If I had been present, I would have voted “YEA” for the bill.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF NICHOLAS GENEROUS, LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOW, TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, as the Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security, I rise to honor Mr. Eric Nicholas Alexandre Generous, or as we call him Nick Generous, upon the conclusion of his service to the Committee as a Congressional Fellow from the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

We brought Mr. Generous onto our staff in April 2019, hoping to utilize his specialized knowledge to enhance the Committee’s oversight and legislative activities. When we onboarded him, little did we know how fortuitous it was that we had someone with a background in epidemiology and data analytics on our staff. When news began emerging about a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Wuhan, China, Mr. Generous was immediately engaged and, over the past six months, he has proven to be an invaluable resource, helping me and the Committee Members navigate the cascading effects and underlying questions around the pandemic.

More broadly, Mr. Generous has served as a reliable resource to our Committee Members and staff on not only COVID-19 but ongoing questions about how the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) can better partner with the scientific community as well as State, local, tribal and territorial governments to enhance detection, preparedness, response to biological, chemical, radiological, and nuclear

threats. Among Mr. Generous’ numerous contributions to the Committee’s work with respect to bolstering resilience within America against disinformation during crises like COVID-19. His efforts are reflected in legislation that the Vice Chair, Representative Lauren Underwood, introduced in June to DHS to analyze disinformation threats that may pose a health to public health or emergency response and to provide federal resources and guidance to help local public health and safety professionals mitigate the impact of such disinformation in their communities.

Throughout his time on the Committee, Mr. Generous displayed a high degree of professionalism and personal commitment to providing Committee Members and staff valuable insight and information. His ability to communicate complicated scientific matters in an accessible manner enhanced the Committee’s ability to carry out its oversight and legislative responsibilities.

We thank Mr. Generous for his service to the Committee and our country and wish him the very best as he returns to the Los Alamos National Laboratory and continues his service to the country by applying his considerable talents to tackling COVID-19.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOE WILLIAMS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Joe Williams, a great Texan who became an angel on July 24, 2020. I salute his lifetime of service and join his loved ones in mourning his loss.

Joe’s dedication to both nation and family reflect the values we hold dear in Central Texas. A fellow graduate of Texas Tech University, he spent a lifetime working in and advocating for the retail and groceries industries. Starting in the 1960’s, Joe spent 24 years at Mrs. Baird’s Bakeries—Bimbo Bakeries USA, before serving as president of the Gulf Coast Retailers Association beginning in 1994 until its merger with the Texas Retailers Association in 2006. Joe finished his career with the Texas Retailers Association as Vice President for Regulatory and Member Services and head of the Texas Food Council.

A tireless champion for the food sector, Joe played a key leadership role in several industry-related organizations, including the American Leadership Forum, Food Industry Association, Food Industry Association Executives Board of Directors, Texas Interagency Task Force for EBT, and the Texas Attorney General’s Employer Task Force. He also served on the advisory board for The University of Houston’s Retailing and Consumer Science Department and was appointed to USDA’s Maternal, Infant, and Fetal Nutrition National Advisory Council, which he chaired in 2006.

Joe’s advocacy wasn’t limited to the interests of the food industry. He also served as the President of his community’s Municipal Water District and served many years on the Board of a local non-profit (SEARCH) that works with the homeless, and in addition served on the Board of The Greater Houston Chapter of the Red Cross. His work at these

organizations speaks to the devotion of one committed to service.

In addition to his leadership in the business and philanthropic community, Joe was a loving husband of more than 50 years to Jackie, father to Jeremy and Jo Leigh, and a proud grandfather. He was a dear friend and mentor to many in both Texas and well beyond our borders.

While we mourn Joe Williams' passing, his presence was a blessing for all who knew him. The positive and lasting impacts he had on the lives of others will remain forever in our hearts.

SUPPORT FOR S. 2163, THE COMMISSION ON THE SOCIAL STATUS OF BLACK MEN AND BOYS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this important legislation. As our country faces a public health and economic crisis, we are in desperate need of the talents of black men and boys to address these unprecedented challenges.

Our country's history of institutional racism has caused tremendous inequality. This legislation confronts the educational and economic disparities experienced by black men and boys for far too long.

This nation will rise when all of us are able to rise together.

I thank my friends, Congresswomen FREDERICA WILSON and LUCY MCBATH, for their inspiring leadership.

HONORING ROBERT BENDORF

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Bendorf and his incredible 31-year career devoted to the people of Yuba County. As Mr. Bendorf retires from his position at the helm of Yuba County, he offers a prime example of the beneficial impact that a single person can have to his or her community.

Mr. Bendorf began his career with the Yuba County Sheriffs department in 1986 and joined the County Administrator's office in 2000. He has been appointed to serve on numerous state and local committees and commissions including AB 109, Court Transfers, County—Court Mediations, CSAC—League of Cities Task Force on Homelessness, the Governor Brown's No Place Like Home Advisory Committee and the CSAC Finance Corporation. He is President of the Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way. Mr. Bendorf has been serving as the County Administrator in Yuba County for the past 15 years.

Along with his duties as County Administrator, Mr. Bendorf also serves as the Director of Emergency Services. Along with a Deputy OES Director and two additional full-time staff, Yuba County has developed a state-of-the-art

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and alternate sites ready at the "flip of a switch." Supplemented by national, state and locally trained section chiefs, EOC equipment is always ready and designed to rapidly be relocated to different locations. In recent years Yuba's EOC has had to activate, along with our partners, for two high water events, the Oroville Dam Incident, CASCADE Fire, CAMP Fire and most recently the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Bendorf's career in Yuba County has been truly noteworthy over the years through his active involvement and work for the betterment of the community. While his presence on the board will surely be missed, the 15 years that he dedicated to serving the residents of Yuba County has undoubtedly left a legacy that will last for many more years to come. On behalf of the people of California's 3rd Congressional District, please accept my sincere gratitude for your dedicated service and best wishes upon your retirement and future endeavors and accomplishments.

TONI AND LARRY WINKLER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Toni and Larry Winkler for receiving the Arvada Chamber's Image Award.

Toni and Larry Winkler employ over 100 people across their three local businesses—WL Contractors, Steel Affairs and the Lamar Street Center. They continuously give back to the community by offering non-profit, military and political discounts, and hosting and supporting events such as the 9Health Fair, which provides free and low-cost health services to the community.

In addition, the Winklers generously donate goods and services to local non-profits such as Food for Thought, Community Table, Ralston House, Police K9 Association, Morgan Adams Foundation and the Jefferson County Business Education Alliance.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Toni and Larry Winkler for this well-deserved award and appreciate their contribution to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, I was unfortunately unable to attend votes on July 27, 2020, due to unavoidable personal obligations.

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 167.

CHILD CARE FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT AND THE CHILD CARE IS ESSENTIAL ACT

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of legislation that is before the House to ensure access to child care, a critical work support for tens of millions of Americans.

Childcare is a necessary work enabler. Conversely, lack of access to childcare hinders the ability of many, including women and marginalized persons, to enter, re-enter, or stay in the workforce. High quality and affordable childcare is a necessity, not a luxury so I am glad that these two excellent bills are being debated today.

Even with recent increases in federal appropriations for programs like the Child Care and Development Block Grant, only about 1 in 6 eligible children received federal childcare assistance prior to the pandemic, fewer children than were helped in 2006.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated prior childcare shortages, making it difficult for essential workers to find care during their work hours—even for those who had reliable childcare before the pandemic. In the meantime, childcare providers have been hit hard, laying off employees and closing permanently or facing the threat of permanent closure. During this pandemic, childcare facilities that want to stay open or reopen are generally serving far fewer children. A recent survey found that the majority (65 percent of those childcare facilities that remain open report operating at less than 25 percent capacity, so that even while open they continue to lose money.

Yet as great as the need was before this pandemic, it may get worse.

One estimate by the Center for American Progress found that nearly 4.5 million existing childcare slots are at risk of being lost permanently.

Without access to childcare, many Americans cannot go back to work. Without support from the federal government, quite frankly, I am concerned that the loss of childcare slots will continue to hinder our communities even long after we hit public health milestones needed to safely reopen.

With the Child Care for Economic Recovery Act (H.R. 7327) and the Child Care is Essential Act (H.R. 7027), House Democrats are again leading the way in helping ensure we meet the real needs facing Americans hard hit by this pandemic. I urge my colleagues on the other side of the aisle in both chambers to join us.

Among other provisions, H.R. 7327 would make the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit refundable, allowing many low- and middle-income families to claim the credit for the first time. To help childcare providers, the bill would create a 50 percent refundable payroll tax credit for mortgage obligations, rent obligations, and utility payments incurred by childcare facilities that have been affected by COVID-19.

H.R. 7327 would also increase mandatory federal funding through the Child Care Entitlement to States (CCES) program for the first time in over decade, raising the amount to \$10 billion per year. The bill also supplies an additional pot of funds—some \$850 million—to help essential workers find childcare.