

COVID-19 to meet strict health and safety guidance that ensures American children are kept safe from the virus.

H.R. 7327 makes critical investments in the long term needs of child care providers and expands the availability of high quality child care in our country. It provides funding to states for existing child care programs, invests in child care infrastructure, and fills in gaps in child care for essential workers on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill also makes the Child and Dependent Care tax credit fully refundable and creates new tax credits for employees and employers to access child care.

Together, these bills will address one of our nation's enormous challenges—access to high quality, affordable child care. I'm proud to support both H.R. 7027 and H.R. 7327 and I urge my colleagues to vote for them.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Thursday 7/23 due to a previously scheduled minor medical procedure.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 157, NAY on Roll Call No. 158, NAY on Roll Call No. 159, NAY on Roll Call No. 160, and NAY on Roll Call No. 161.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN STEPHANIE DUARTE, OHIO NATIONAL GUARD

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Captain Stephanie Duarte, Ohio National Guard, 237th Brigade Support Battalion. During the COVID-19 pandemic, many people in our communities rose to high occasion to support those in need—nurses and doctors turned into family for patients and their loved ones, neighbors turned into delivery services and PPE manufacturers, and National Guardsmen turned into hunger lifelines. Cpt. Duarte was one of those tireless servants.

Cpt. Duarte serves as Officer in Charge at the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio in my district. As COVID-19 surged and job security waned, many were forced to turn to local food banks for the first time. Understanding this harrowing position, Cpt. Duarte ran into action without hesitation. Among many notable efforts in this assignment, she helped to organize, coordinate, and implement Second Harvest's No Touch Drive Thru Mobile Pantry distribution. This process remains instrumental in efforts to feed the overwhelming demand of new families in need of assistance, and in an expedited means. Her strategic leadership was invaluable in developing and implementing such a monumental challenge. Because of her dedication, the people of Lorain, Erie, Huron and Crawford counties were given food and more importantly, hope.

On August 7, 2020, Cpt. Duarte will depart from her duties at Second Harvest Food Bank as she moves onto a new assignment with the Ohio National Guard. Her unparalleled leadership and keen sense of intellect and duty will not be forgotten. Her system and capable guidance has ensured that the remaining guardsmen can continue the mission without hesitation or interruption. That is a sign of true leadership, mission above self. We wish her all the best as she continues to serve her country.

Captain Stephanie Duarte, a hero during one of America's darkest hours. The people of Ohio's 9th Congressional District, Ohio, and America owe her a debt of gratitude. God-speed, and I thank Cpt. Duarte for her enduring spirit and service.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN LATINO ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2420. This bill would direct the Smithsonian Institution to create a National Museum of the American Latino. This museum would highlight the important contributions made by Latinos and Latinas throughout the history of the United States.

As a Texan, I have seen firsthand the contributions made by Latino Americans through science and culture. The history of Texas is intertwined with contributions made by people of Latin origin. From their role in Texas declaring its independence from Mexico, to the food we eat and the music we listen to today. Simply put, my state would not be where it is today without these individuals and their cultural influences.

For too long, we have failed our brothers and sisters in the Latino community by not giving them the space to share their journey through the history of our country. In fact, it is likely that anti-immigrant voices that arise from some corners of our country are there simply due to a lack of knowledge and understanding of the roles Latino Americans have played throughout the history of the United States and the impact that they have on our culture today.

Madam Speaker, it is my hope that the National Museum of the American Latino will provide clarity to all Americans on the important role of Latino Americans in our American story. I hope this museum will also allow the over 58 million Latinos and Latinas that call the United States home to remember and celebrate how their values, culture, and heroes are also those of this country.

JED LADD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jed Ladd for receiving the Arvada Chamber's Image Award.

A staple in our community, Jed is known by friend and colleagues as someone who cares very much about the City of Arvada and who has a great sense of humor. In his role at the Lamar Street Center, he helps promote the 9Health Fair as well as volunteers for multiple local causes. He's always looking for new ideas and ways to help out fellow neighbors.

He also owns Laddy's, a local restaurant, where he holds the claim to fame for Arvada's Shortest Parade to celebrate the sidewalk he was required to put in outside the restaurant. He was required to put in a sidewalk.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jed Ladd for this well-deserved award and appreciate his contribution to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I was regrettably absent for votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 167.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, while I unfortunately was unable to attend the vote series on July 27, 2020 due to events in my district, I would have strongly supported S. 2163, the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act. I was proud to have previously voted for this legislation on June 25, 2020, as part of the JUSTICE Act. I believe we must continue to address inequality, expand opportunity and prosperity for Black men and boys in our country, and make the American dream accessible to all.

REMEMBERING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ENTREPRENEUR AND PUBLIC SERVANT WILLIAM COLE, JR.

HON. CAROL D. MILLER

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mrs. MILLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously recognize, Mr. William Paul Cole, Jr. Paul was born to William Paul Cole, Sr. and Harriet Foote Cole on December 21, 1931, in New York City, New York. However, Bluefield, West Virginia, is where the Cole Family planted its roots and where Paul grew up. Paul started serving the Bluefield Community in his adolescence and teenage years by working alongside his father and grandfather at the Cole family-owned West Virginia Hotel. Entrepreneur and Community leaders themselves—Paul's father and grandfather taught him the beginnings of business management, entrepreneurship, and public service; skills he would cultivate throughout young adulthood, which lead to many successes later in life.

After Paul graduated from Beaver High School in 1949, he left Bluefield to further his education at Davidson College. He returned home in 1954 with his degree in-hand. That same year, he married the love of his life, Carol Ann McHugh. To provide for his wife and future children, Paul joined the United States Army. He served our country fearlessly in active duty for two years and continued his service in the Reserves until reaching the rank of Captain. He would later attend Harvard School of Business, earning a Master's in Business Administration.

Thereafter, he was hired by IBM to work at their Headquarters in New York City as a Systems Engineer. He pursued this role and lived in New York City until his father's unexpected death in 1965. He quickly took a one-year "leave of absence" from IBM—which he never came back from—and returned to Bluefield to take over the Cole family estate.

Paul took up his father's mantle as the Head of Operations over the Cole Motor Company. At that time, the Company was internationally known as a Harvester Dealership. Through his up-bringing and education, Paul was a natural Captain at the Helm. His leadership brought forth many opportunities for the Company. The two most prominent were the formation of Truck City Parts in 1975 and the purchase of Evans Chevrolet in 1982 (Later to become Cole Chevrolet).

As his father and grandfather did, Paul continuously sought ways to give back to the community. He was elected to Bluefield's Mayoral office in 1981. He was consecutively re-elected between the years of 1981 and 1993. He served one nonconsecutive term from 2000 to 2001. Paul is known as Bluefield's longest serving Mayor. Pulling from his business experiences, Paul brought integrity, honesty, and fiscal responsibility to the office. The city truly thrived under his leadership.

A list of Paul's other accomplishments includes—Chairman of the American Truck Dealers Association from 1978 to 1980, lifelong member of the West Virginia Auto Dealers Association and was elected for a period of time as their President, the first West Virginian to be inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame, lifelong member of the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce and was elected for a period of time as their President, lifelong member of the Bluefield Rotary Club and was elected for a period of times as their President, received an honorary Doctorate Degree from Northwood University for his leadership in helping to establish a Truck Marketing Curriculum, traveled with Bluefield State College's delegation to Taiwan to help establish a partnership between Bluefield State College and three higher education institutions within the People's Republic of China, lifelong member of Mesa, inducted into Bluefield High School's High of Fame in 2003, Bluefield State College named their School of Business after Paul's namesake in 2010, husband, father of three, grandfather to thirteen, and great-grandfather to fourteen.

Today, Paul's legacy can be seen all throughout Appalachia. The Cole Automotive Group, formally known as the Cole Motor Company, is now operated by generations of Coles—all striving to uphold the precedent of excellence achieved by Paul, his father, and grandfather. With many locations in Bluefield and in the surrounding areas, the Coles continue to provide an exceptional service to my

constituents in West Virginia's Third Congressional District.

May God bless William Cole, Jr. I wish I could thank him for all he did for the great State of West Virginia. He will always be remembered by his family, friends, and the countless people he impacted throughout his life. I send my sincerest condolences to the Cole family, especially his wife, Carol Ann, and children, Bill, Tom, and Charles.

REMEMBERING DOÑA GRACIELA CRUZ

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Doña Graciela Cruz. It is with a heavy heart that I reflect on our loss of a valued member of our community in my district. Ms. Cruz, who passed in early June, left us with a legacy of compassion and kindness, which lives on in both the memories of her loved ones and those in Williamsburg she inspired.

Ms. Cruz spent the majority of her life in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, and sought to repay her community for the kindness it showed her. She did not spend her days idly, instead preferring to pour her energy into the neighborhood around her. In the 1970's, she served as the coach for a women's softball league at McCarren park, teaching others how to find the same joy she had for her favorite sport. Throughout her life, she was an active member of her local church, regularly putting all of her effort into events and activities for the local youth. Her work with the children was borne of a true love for seeing those around her flourish.

Ms. Cruz possessed the strong spirit of an activist, putting that energy towards the betterment of her community where we needed it most. She always believed in political empowerment and the importance of encouraging more people to vote. Some might say she loved two sports equally: softball and politics.

Ms. Cruz, along with other members of her community, fought to start a garden in her neighborhood, later known as the Keap Street Community Gardens. Despite opposition from some local elected officials, Doña Graciela persevered. She and neighbors broke down both physical and political barriers to take a previously unused space and transform it into a valuable community anchor.

Over many decades, she became a steadfast activist for tenants' rights, and attended countless rallies over the years to fight for fair, livable housing. Her devotion is truly inspiring to everyone she knew, myself and my staff included.

Doña Graciela is survived by her children, extended family, and friends, as well as a community that has felt her loss deeply. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. I hope they may take some comfort during these difficult times in knowing just how deeply she is missed by us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Friday 7/24 due to a previously scheduled minor medical procedure. 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MIAMI CITY BALLET

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of the Miami City Ballet on the occasion of its 35th anniversary.

The Miami City Ballet was founded in 1985. A majority of the company's performances are made up of the work of George Balanchine, one of the most influential choreographers of the 20th Century. Today, the Miami City Ballet is widely considered the chief interpreter of Balanchine's choreography. The foundation of the company's repertoire—consisting of more than 100 ballets, including 12 world premieres—was built on Balanchine's style and technique but has now expanded to include notable classical works and new groundbreaking, contemporary artists. The Miami City Ballet has performed in more than 100 cities in the United States, and internationally throughout Canada, Europe, Israel, South and Central America.

This year, the Miami City Ballet is returning to its original home on Lincoln Road in Miami Beach to celebrate its 35th anniversary season with "A Love Letter to South Florida". I am proud this organization is representative of our Miami community with its diverse international ensemble of over 50 dancers. It is an honor to join the South Florida community in celebrating the Miami City Ballet's vibrant history.

Through engagement programs aimed at diminishing barriers to access to the arts, the Miami City Ballet continues to give back to our community, serving over 19,000 youth, seniors, and historically underserved populations at home. As the Miami City Ballet honors South Florida with their love letter to the community, I am grateful for all this organization has done to contribute to the rich culture of the Magic City.

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SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as an original cosponsor and senior member of Democratic congressional delegation from