

On August 15, 1945, Imperial Japan surrendered to Allied forces in the Pacific—effectively bringing an end to the hostilities of World War II. More than 150,000 American Servicemembers died in the Pacific Theater of WWII, including many Michiganders. Victory over Japan Day honors their sacrifice and celebrates the victory they helped ensure. In honor of V-J Day, VFW Post 2356 in Hillman, Michigan, hosts an annual community celebration. This celebration has been held for the past 75 years and includes a breakfast for local Veterans and parade—making Hillman the only town in Michigan that still celebrates the occasion with a parade. By coming together to honor those who stood up to defend and to serve, the people of Michigan's First District can ensure that their sacrifice is never forgotten.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the men and women who helped ensure victory in the Pacific Theater of World War II, and in thanking the Hillman VFW Post 2356 for its efforts to ensure their sacrifice and devotion to our nation is never forgotten.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EVAN BATH OF OAK CREEK

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to remember the life, service, and sacrifice of Private First Class Evan Bath of Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

Pfc. Bath grew up wanting to serve our country and become a Marine. Evan's mother, Aleta, said he enjoyed typical hobbies for a teenager: drawing, playing video games, and studying his ancestry. However, unlike most his age, Evan answered a higher call—the call to service. After attending Oak Creek High School and graduating from Connections Academy, Bath joined the U.S. Marine Corps. Pfc. Bath was stationed at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California when he lost his life during a naval exercise on an amphibious assault vehicle.

At only 19, Private First Class Bath displayed courage, strength, and a sense of duty beyond his years.

Those who knew Evan said he was a loyal, loving, and caring man. Pfc. Bath is a hero.

His bravery, dedication, and love of country will never be forgotten.

Pfc. Bath's mother, Aleta, said her son died doing what he loved—protecting his country.

Evan embodied true selflessness and patriotism.

Our nation will be forever grateful for Pfc. Bath's sacrifice.

On behalf of Wisconsin's First Congressional District, I thank Private First Class Evan Bath for his service and pray for his family and friends. We will never forget.

HONORING TANNERS TEAM SPORTS AS A FOURTH DISTRICT HERO

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional work of Tanners Team Sports in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The local company stepped up to the plate during COVID-19, transitioning the production of their famed baseball and pickleball products into developing high-quality face masks.

As an economic shutdown approached, the cancellation of the spring baseball season put Tanners' peak shipping season on hold. While many businesses shut down, Tanners got creative with a way to move forward, keep local jobs available and support the health and well-being of the communities around them.

Owner Vince Signorelli and his staff worked tirelessly with their existing network to create a mask that would not only meet the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's protection recommendations, but also allow athletes to wear and still perform. Within just three weeks of planning and design, Tanners and their in-house clothing brand, Vulcan Sporting Goods, had these masks in production and distribution.

This team of Fourth District citizens are heroes who have battled the COVID-19 pandemic directly. It is my hope that all Arkansans will see the value of their labor. Mr. Signorelli said it best when he said, "I can't help but marvel at how the American Spirit is alive and well right here in Hot Springs, Arkansas."

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF THE REVEREND DOCTOR NATHANIEL EDMOND OF THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF ELGIN

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the upcoming retirement of the Reverend Doctor Nathaniel Edmond of the Second Baptist Church of Elgin, and to commend his many decades of service to our community. Pastor Nate can begin the next chapter of his life secure in the knowledge that he built a foundation of spiritual leadership that continues to support the youth he mentored, the local entrepreneurs he advised, and the faithful who found comfort in his ministry.

Pastor Nate began his professional life at Alcoa Corporation, rising to a position of high executive leadership. Although committed to excellence in his chosen career, Pastor Nate found time to assist his church, serving as an Associate Minister, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, spiritual advisor to several church organizations, and coach of many church sports teams. After 31 years in the world of business, Pastor Nate answered a call to the ministry, and on February 20, 2000 was installed as Pastor of Second Baptist Church.

Under his stewardship, Second Baptist Church delivered strong moral leadership and

tended to the needs of communities devastated by poverty, disaster, famine and disease. Under his guidance, the church partnered with local schools to mentor at-risk youth, and led initiatives including the Prison Ministry, "Operation Joshua" street ministry, and SAFE Ministry (to break the often multi-generational cycle of domestic violence). In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Second Baptist Church rallied to aid families rendered homeless by the storm's devastation, and in 2007, as part of its effort to support the ongoing ministry of World Vision, extended its compassion to the people of Africa, helping to build a housing complex for teachers in Tanzania, and pledging continuing monetary support to over 130 Tanzanian children.

This ever-expanding circle of service to others was accompanied by growth in Second Baptist's membership. Pastor Nate can take great satisfaction in the organization that will continue after his retirement, a structure that has evolved in size and sophistication enabling 32 active ministries to flourish and attend to its members' spiritual needs. He can rest easy knowing that under his leadership, Second Baptist Church acquired and constructed a campus sufficient to serve its community for years to come.

Pastor Nate's ministry extended well beyond his church. He served on boards or in other capacities for many important organizations in the Elgin area, including the Alignment Collaborative for Education, Advocate Sherman Hospital, the United Way, Judson University, U-46 School District, the NAACP of Greater Elgin, and the African-American Christian Minister's Alliance. He has been honored for his work by the Rotary Club of Elgin and received the Partner in Peace Award from the Community Crisis Center for Domestic Violence, the City of Elgin's Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award, the Lasting Impact Award from Elgin Community College, and the Boys and Girls Club of Elgin Distinguished Citizen Award.

For 26 years, Pastor Nate has ministered to his community and guided a vibrant congregation whose love and generosity reached far beyond its church walls. While he may be ending his service as Pastor, I know Pastor Nate will continue his life's work of service to others. On behalf of the people of Illinois and all Americans, I wish Pastor Nate and his family great happiness and fulfillment in the journey ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MIAMI BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce for its 100th anniversary.

The Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce has reached a monumental milestone this year, helping local businesses flourish for an entire century. The Chamber is a valued organization in our South Florida community, boasting a membership network upwards of 1,000 businesses. Between providing industry-specific advice, hosting monthly networking events, and offering informational seminars

and council meetings, the Chamber helps businesses gain exposure and promote their services.

In addition to its contributions to the South Florida business community, the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce has made a lasting impact on countless children in Miami Beach. Through the Miami Beach Chamber Education Foundation, the organization has provided a number of kids with educational opportunities and access to medical care through scholarships and grants to students and teachers in Miami Beach.

I am pleased to extend my congratulations to the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce as it marks its 100th year of service. I am grateful for all this organization has done for our South Florida community and I look forward to its work in the coming years.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF JOHN W. RUFFIN, JR.

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of my dear friend and fraternity brother, John W. Ruffin, Jr. John was a natural born leader who understood the importance of education and his duty to give back to the community. He passed away peacefully on Friday, July 24, 2020, surrounded by his loving family.

John first moved to South Florida in 1980 as an executive with Food Fair/Pantry Pride, Inc. His entrepreneurial spirit always drove him to start his own businesses. He made this dream a reality when, in 1986, he and his business partner purchased WRBD, establishing the first black-owned radio station in South Florida. John and his wife, Dottie, fanned a partnership with a travel retailer and to this day operate shops throughout Florida, while also providing consultation services to new businesses.

As a philanthropist, John tirelessly advocated for a number of community and civic groups. As Chairman of the United Negro College Fund, he helped raise more than two million dollars in scholarships for Broward County students. He also served as the Chairman of the Urban League of Broward County, and Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Florida Memorial University. As Chairman and Board Member of the Internet Coast Initiative Council he helped to provide high tech access to underserved communities in South Florida. John's dedication to helping those less fortunate is inspiring and his presence in South Florida will be missed.

Madam Speaker, John always gave back to the community, earning him numerous awards. He truly was selfless and determined to make a difference in the lives he touched. I extend my heartfelt condolences to John's family and friends, during this extremely sad time. John's legacy and loving memory will always live on. He will be dearly missed.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of my amendment to redirect an additional \$25 million within the Department of Energy Office of Science to increase support for the Argonne Leadership Computing Facility.

The Argonne Leadership Computing Facility is at a critical moment as it prepares for the 2021 deployment of Aurora, the first exascale computer in the United States if not the world. As planned, Aurora will be able to perform one quintillion, or one billion billion, operations per second.

My amendment will allow America to reach this goal. Argonne's Leadership Computing Facility needs the additional funds to cover increased cost of High-Bandwidth Memory, which will be necessary to reach and sustain exascale computing performance. Without additional funding to support Aurora's memory, the entire exascale project is at risk, and the resulting smaller machine will not be able to perform all of the powerful computations planned.

If fully funded, America will remain competitive in the global supercomputing race. Additionally, our scientists will gain a powerful tool for research in drug discovery, energy production, materials science, and additive manufacturing.

It is an economic and national security imperative that the United States maintains leadership in supercomputing by developing an exascale computer as planned. I ask my colleagues to support this amendment.

CITIZEN COSPONSORS OF THE
GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, on June 25, the House passed the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act to address systemic racism and police misconduct, increase accountability and transparency, and change the culture of law enforcement. Since passage, thousands of Americans have visited the website Justice in Policing us to learn about the bill, weigh in with their support, and sign on as citizen cosponsor in support. I would like to include in the RECORD the following names of citizen cosponsors:

Claudia DeRubeis, Palm Beach Gardens, FL; Tairay Skolnick, Oxnard, CA; Bella Gottlieb, Chicago, IL; Maggie Hollennan, Chicago, IL; Kathryn Pensgard-Trevino, Harwood Heights, IL; Lisa Sullivan, Chicago, IL; Elizabeth Jackson, Norfolk, VA; Alexis Holmes, Lawrenceville, GA; Ann Phillips, Chicago, IL; Elizabeth Lycans, Blissfield, MI; Cherene Saradar, Chantilly, VA; Vicki Jean Bonham, Tulsa, OK; Diane Dresdale, Summit, NJ; Ruth A Harris, Houston, TX; Candace Derbyshire, Indianapolis, IN; Zachariah Oquenda, Hayward, CA; Dr. Nely Navas

de Rentas, Chicago, IL; Margaret Williams, Stockton, CA; Gwen Macchione, Whitehouse Station, NJ; Sara Novak, Chiago, IL; James Donegan, Portland, OR; Mike Tucker, Long Beach, CA.

Jim Simonis, Chicago, IL; Tangie Scales, Mechanicsville, MD; Megan Calderon, Chicago, IL; Emily Drexler, Chicago, IL; Geoffrey Detweiler, Chantilly, VA; Robin Johnson, Portland, OR; John Lalich, Long Beach, CA; Kerry Sandler, Stevens Point, WI; Anne Kupillas, Long Beach, CA; Willis Johnson, Santa Monica, CA; Elliot Ransom, Chicago, IL; Claudia, Wilmette, IL; Bev Vanderstar, Geneva, FL; Melissa Diaz-Viera, Arlington Heights, IL; Paul, Stanton, CA; Chelsea Witmer, Chalfont, PA; Mimi, Dallas, TX; Glenda M. Loveless, Succasunna, NJ; Tiana Schlottman, Chicago, IL; Tiffany Alvarez-Thurman, Dallas, TX; Pamela Wilson, Manassas, VA; Terri Freedman, Los Angeles, CA; Wade Buchanan, Chicago, IL; Breanne Lee, Cypress, CA.

Jon Kelly, Hardy, VA; Spencer Williams, Plano, TX; Julia Sarr, Manassas, VA; Kael Lalonde, Long Beach, CA; Suzanne Freiberg, Newbury Park, CA; Joannie Weisberger, New York, NY; Leslie Davis, Long Beach, CA; Chaz Shields, Long Beach, CA; Omar Rodriguez, San Pedro, CA; Kayla Bell, Los Angeles, CA; Mark Henderson, Hillside, IL; Mary A Carroll, Chicago, IL; Joe Campbell, Washington, DC; Mary Sullivan, Huntington Beach, CA; ERIKA Applewhite, Glenn Dale, MD; Michael Ross Kupillas, Delray Beach, FL; Emily Hector, Fort Mill, SC; Thomas, Bell Gardens, CA; Kathryn S, Ashburn, VA; Amy Owen, Chicago, IL; Maggie Nakachi, Chicago, IL.

William Grier, Melrose Park, IL; Deborah, Chicago, IL; George F. Barnes, Jersey City, NJ; Shannon Sewell, Ladson, SC; Rebecca Lyric Taylor, Chicago, IL; Aaron Clark, Stephenson, VA; Pamela Sevoian, Signal Hill, CA; Stacey Bagnoli, Saint Simons Island, GA; Grisel Q, Streamwood, IL; Jamie Kavanagh, Western Springs, IL; Kyle Deasy, Chicago, IL; Ruth Harris, Chicago, IL; Kenny Hyman, Lanham, MD; Harkiran Kaur, Fairfax, VA; Laurel Kent, Great Falls, VA; Genevieve Burke, Chicago, IL; Terrance Reece, Ellerbe, NC; Jasmyn, Henrico, VA; JoAnne Conroy, Chicago, IL; Jessica Rooney, Chicago, IL; Lynne McClintock, Flemington, NJ.

Pam Schmoll, Burke, VA; Jessica Going, Glendale, CA; Virginia D Sivigny, Burke, VA; Kim Souers, Chicago, IL; Katie Hertsch, Redondo Beach, CA; Margarita Brown, Fairfax, VA; Sarah Moyer, Chicago, IL; Andrew Baldwin, Chicago, IL; Christina Malzenski, Chicago, IL; Sifredo Rivera, Chicago, IL; Janet Lipner, Chicago, IL; Robert Green, Chicago, IL; Laurel Beason, Carrollton, TX; Sarah Coulter, Chicago, IL; MJ Dorris, La Grange Park, IL; Larry Levy, Chicago, IL; Monika sythor, Niles, IL; Cindy Budek, Chicago, IL; Mary Manching, Chicago, IL; Tammy, Salem, VA; Elizabeth Peters, Chicago, IL; Leslie Holston, Brandywine, MD; Rebecca Jackson, New York, NY; Jacqueline Patterson, Chicago, IL; Joan Coffman, Medonough, GA.

Amber Kelly, Hardy, VA; Julianne Litzkow, Chicago, IL; Pamela Cappello, Sewell, NJ; Neil, Chicago, IL; Stacy, Chicago, IL; Melanie L Wiley, Chicago, IL; Ross Henderson, Chicago, IL; Francis Anderson, Greenbelt, MD; Jabbar Holston, Brandywine, MD; Elise Hayden, Chicago, IL; Matthew Christopher Janicki, Chicago, IL; Kathryn Burdett, Garden City, NY; Janet Mroczek, Chicago, IL; Daneen Jachino, Chicago, IL; Meg Hayde, Chicago, IL; Julia Rohde, Bethesda, MD; Theresa Hush, Chicago, IL; John Mio, Chicago, IL; Rev Carolyn Bavaro, Chicago, IL; Del Lausa, Seattle, WA; John Hermansen, Catharpin, VA.