

Rescue Department to serve the community. I am honored to recognize the dedicated men and women of the Burke Volunteer Fire Department who have volunteered for extra duty as Officers or as members of the Board of Directors and include in the RECORD their names:

Board of Directors: President—Ian Dickin-son; Vice President—John Powers; Sec- retary—Kaitlin Lohrmann; Treasurer—Susan Weeks; Board Member—Kathleen Beer; Board Member—Larry Bocknek; Board Member— Kenneth Senn.

Officers: Chief—Thomas Warnock; Deputy Chief—Tina Godfrey; Deputy Chief—John Hudak; Captain II—Melissa Ashby; Captain II—Larry Bocknek; Captain II—Keith O’Con- nor; Lieutenant—Kevin Grottle; Sergeant— Peter Hamilton; Sergeant—Caitlin Curran; Chaplain—Harry Chelpon.

In addition to the men and women who have generously assumed the responsibilities of serving as an Officer or a member of the Board of Directors, the Burke Volunteer Fire Department is also presenting awards to the following individuals in recognition of their ex- emplary service during the last year: Rookie of the Year—Tricia Counihan; Rookie of the Year—Christopher Hauge; Rookie of the Year—Caroline Hennings; Rookie of the Year—Mark Heyungs; Operational Member of the Year—Paul Stracke; Operational Member of the Year—Kevin Grottle; Career Member of the Year—Carlos Carrillo; (Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Dept.); Administrative Member of the Year—Nancy Stone; Chiefs Award—Justin Parrack (Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Dept.); President’s Award—Susan Weeks; Founder’s Award—Chuck Fry.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the department for 72 years of service and in thanking all of the brave volunteers who do not hesitate to drop everything when the community calls in need of help. To all of these men and women who put themselves in harm’s way to protect our residents I say: “Stay safe.”

HONORING RICHARD B. BLACKWELL’S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. BERA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 100th birthday of Richard B. Blackwell from Sacramento, Cali- fornia. Mr. Blackwell was born on August 28, 1920, in Franklin, Indiana where he lived and worked on a family farm and graduated from the local high school. Mr. Blackwell went on to receive his Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from Indiana University.

Shortly after, he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942 and attended Mid- shipmen’s School. Mr. Blackwell served aboard the USS *Colorado* in the Pacific The- ater during WWII as a Deck Gunner Officer. He bravely served the United States and re- ceived the Purple Heart and seven stars for his time in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre and Phil- ippine Liberation campaign.

After four years of service, he was honor- ably discharged in 1946 and moved to Cali- fornia to pursue his career. Mr. Blackwell

worked in marketing and insurance and worked his way to become Vice-President of Cal-Farm Insurance. In 1969 he married his late wife, Ana Maria Morales, and lived in Oakland before moving to Sacramento, where he still resides. I ask my colleagues to join me in sending Mr. Blackwell and his family best wishes and great thanks for his service to this country as they celebrate his 100th birthday today.

IN HONOR OF THE MEMORY OF HAROLD LETINSKI

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Harold Letinski. Mr. Letinski will forever be remembered for his unwavering dedication to the Downriver com- munity, and he will be deeply missed.

Over the course of 101 years, Harold Letinski watched the United States transform and witnessed the great challenges, hard- ships, and victories our nation endured. A Downriver native, Mr. Letinski grew up in the Delray neighborhood of Detroit. As a child in the Great Depression, he rose at 5 a.m. each morning to deliver papers and knocked coal off train cars to ensure families in his neigh- borhood could stay warm. After graduating from Southwestern High School in Detroit, Mr. Letinski dutifully served his country with the Coast Guard during World War II.

After the war, Harold Letinski returned to Michigan and committed himself to bettering his local community. Throughout his 20s, Mr. Letinski lived in Dearborn with his parents, but later moved to Allen Park after marrying his wife, Josephine, and started a family. He be- came the patriarch of two children, seven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. He worked for over three decades at the Ford Rouge Plant in the hot strip mill and was a founding member of the Father Saylor Knights of Columbus in Allen Park. He was a generous volunteer, and encouraged all to live a life of faith, kindness, and compassion. Among his friends and com- munity, Mr. Letinski was known as a devoted family man who was gentle, kind, and loving. He rarely was upset, and always had a kind word to offer to others. Mr. Letinski’s passing is a loss to our entire community, but his warm legacy will forever endure. He and his generation’s contribution to progress will al- ways be remembered, and his strength, faith, and perseverance through turbulent times pro- vides a lasting example of what can be achieved when we all work together.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Harold Letinski. We will forever remember his remark- able life, work, and community impact. May he rest in eternal peace.

HONORING ROYCE CARTER

HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Royce E.

Carter. Throughout his adult life, Royce has been a dedicated leader in his community. He has been a passionate and devoted Pierce County resident and played an instrumental role in the implementation of a roundabout that was recently approved by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners.

This roundabout is part of a realignment of County Farm Road to make way for the new Pierce County High School, and Royce was responsible for the oversight of the project from start to finish.

Because of his immense dedication not just to this project, but every project he has spear- headed in his community, the Pierce County Board of Commissioners named the round- about the Royce E. Carter Roundabout.

This dedication is a simple “thank you” for his leadership and for everything Royce has done to make Pierce County a better place. He has always approached every project and challenge with a can-do attitude, and he is kind to everyone he meets.

I am thankful to know Royce, and I know he will continue to be an asset for Pierce County.

RECOGNIZING MOUNT ZION BAP- TIST CHURCH FOR THEIR SANCTUARY’S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mount Zion Baptist Church on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of its sanc- tuary.

Mount Zion moved into their new building in March of 2010 and have called this sanctuary their home ever since. The church was origi- nally organized in Stafford, Virginia in 1876 shortly after the end of the Civil War by Rev- erend Charles Gibson. In 1918 the church moved to Prince William County to better ac- commodate its growing membership. In 1922, Mount Zion built their first Prince William County sanctuary in Triangle, Virginia, creating a spiritual home for people in and around the county.

Since being founded in Prince William County, Mount Zion has played a fundamental role in building the community. Under the leadership of their Pastor, Reverend Dr. Alfred Jones, Jr. the Church has embodied its of “Living By Faith.” Since his installation, Rev. Dr. Jones has served an instrumental role in the growth of membership to over 2000 mem- bers and the development of five fundamental ministries: Evangelism, Inspired Arts, Christian Education, Discipleship Building and Family Life Principles. From these ministries, 37 sub- ordinate ministries were established reaching into the lives of those beyond the church walls to provide financial support, clothing assist- ance, and food assistance to the global com- munity. Because of this continued growth and expansion of its mission throughout the com- munity, Mount Zion opened a new sanctuary in 2010. The positive impacts on our region have continued to flourish this past decade through this new sanctuary. We in Prince Wil- liam are lucky to have Mount Zion in our com- munity.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Mount Zion Baptist Church

for its efforts to better the Northern Virginia region and in congratulating them on the occasion of this anniversary. It is a privilege to work alongside this great congregation in the community, and I wish them continued success through faith, family, and service.

REMEMBERING ROBERT EUGENE
HELTZEL, JR.

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Robert Eugene Heltzel, Jr., of Pepper Pike, Ohio, who passed away on August 17, 2020, at the age of 73.

Bob was born on January 22, 1947, in Warren, Ohio. He was the second eldest of seven children and attended St. Stephen's Elementary School in Niles, Ohio. Bob "Robbo" was a 1965 graduate of Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills, OH. The friendships he made there remained a source of strength and joy for him his entire life.

In 1972, Bob married Heidi, the love of his life. They settled in Warren, OH, where they raised their five daughters. Bob was an active member of his community, generous benefactor, and tireless entrepreneur.

Bob founded Kenilworth Steel Company in 1981 where he served as CEO and President until his retirement in 2006 and remained a consultant until 2009. He dedicated almost 30 years of his life to establishing a thriving business driven by his desire to serve his family and the families of his employees.

A lifelong lover of the game of golf, Bob dedicated several years to coaching not only family members, but the men's golf team at John F. Kennedy high school in Warren, Ohio. Bob led the team to the State Tournament and became State Champions in 2001–2002. He was inducted into the Coaches Hall of Fame for his role as coach in 2014. Bob passed on his passion for golf to his five daughters and enjoyed endless spirited rounds with his sons-in-law, grandchildren, and dear friends.

Bob was the loving husband of Heidi Heltzel (nee Browning) and devoted father of Jennifer Farrior (Julian) of Boulder, CO, Katie Ricotti (fiance Rocco DiPuccio) of University Heights, OH, Maggie Schumacher (Brett) of University Heights, OH, Robin Heltzel of Pittsburgh, PA, and Erin Moore (Tim) of Cleveland, OH. He was the proud grandfather of Robert and Leo Ricotti, Marley and James Farrior, Izzy and Andy Schumacher, and Elizabeth and Charlie Moore. He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert Eugene Heltzel, Sr. and Mary Jane Heltzel (nee Hazzard), and brothers Paul and Mark Heltzel.

Mr. Heltzel was the recipient of many honors throughout his life, but I have no doubt his greatest was being the husband to Heidi and the father and grandfather to his children and grandchildren. My deepest sympathies go out to Bob's family and to all whose lives he touched.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CONGRESS
LEADS BY EXAMPLE ACT OF 2020

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Congress Leads by Example Act of 2020, which would subject Congress and the rest of the legislative branch to many of the workplace laws that protect employees in the private sector and the executive branch. Congress should abide by the laws it imposes on the American people and businesses. In 1995, Congress passed the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (CAA), which applied 13 civil rights, labor and workplace safety and health laws to Congress and legislative branch entities. In 2018, after reports of sexual harassment in Congress and in light of the #MeToo movement, Congress passed the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 Reform Act (Reform Act), which changed the name of the Office of Compliance to the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights (OCWR), revised the process to resolve workplace claims and extended CAA protections to unpaid staff, interns and fellows. It also made Members of Congress personally liable for their own violations of harassment and retaliation laws. However, more remains to be done.

The CAA and the Reform Act were important first steps in making the legislative branch accountable for its employment practices, but they did not finish the job. As noted, the CAA did bring the legislative branch under 13 major civil rights, labor and workplace safety and health laws but it omitted important substantive and administrative protections. In its latest Section 102(b) biennial report to Congress, the OCWR identified additional provisions of federal workplace laws and standards that should be applicable to the legislative branch. OCWR's recommendations include providing whistleblowers with protection from retaliation by making the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989 applicable to the legislative branch. My bill takes into account the OCWR report, and seeks both to apply the standard of fairness to employees in the legislative branch that Congress requires for other employees and to provide a safer work environment for Congress, Capitol Hill employees and visitors by bringing the legislative branch in line with the legal requirements of private sector employers and the executive branch.

My bill provides general whistleblower protections and anti-retaliation measures and makes additional Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) retaliation provisions applicable to the legislative branch. My bill also provides subpoena authority to OCWR to conduct inspections and investigations into OSHA violations.

This bill also furthers the CAA's mission to prevent discrimination in legislative branch offices by prohibiting the legislative branch from making adverse employment decisions on the basis of an employee's wage garnishment or involvement in bankruptcy proceedings pursuant to the Consumer Credit Protection Act and Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code.

Finally, this bill bolsters the CAA's record-keeping requirements. It extends the obligation to maintain accurate records of safety information and employee injuries, as otherwise re-

quired by OSHA, as well as employee records necessary to administer anti-discrimination laws in the legislative branch.

By passing this bill, Congress would help restore the public trust in this institution by redoubling our efforts to exercise leadership by example. I urge bipartisan support for this important measure.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING
VENUS HOLMES

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Venus Holmes, who went to be with the Lord at the age of 82.

To know Venus was to love her. She was a beloved resident of Brunswick and Darien, and she was a woman of faith and character. She was also a champion for civil rights and was a member of the NAACP for over 53 years. Her life was marked by a long list of accomplishments and awards—she was truly a remarkable woman.

Venus served as the 3rd Vice President of the Georgia State NAACP Conference, and served as Secretary of the Georgia State Conference NAACP for nine years. In addition to her leadership titles, she received numerous accolades, including the Rudy Hurlly Plaque Award for "Outstanding Service," as well as the Thomas B. Murphy "Lifetime Achievement Award."

Venus was also chosen as "Woman of the Year" for the NAACP twice, served 14 years on the Brunswick School Board, and served as Vice Chair on the Brunswick School Board, as well. She was also a devoted member to her church, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, where she was a musician for 39 years.

Although Venus is no longer here on earth with us, her legacy will remain for years to come. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends during this most difficult time.

RECOGNIZING COACH GERRY
PANNONI AND THE 6A STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP SOUTH COUNTY
FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Coach Gerry Pannoni and to congratulate him and the South County High School football team, the Stallions, on their 6A State Championship.

The South County football team was undefeated during their 2019 State Championship run. This was the first time in school history the Stallions won a state title. Their 15–0 record demonstrates the team's dedication and hard work. The Stallions were led by head coach, Gerry Pannoni, who has been head coach at South County High School since 2011.

Coach Pannoni has been committed to the sport of football for several decades, both as