

generating nearly fifty million dollars in revenue a year into our local economy. But beyond its economic importance to our community, its value lies in the connection it brings to us. It connects the New Haven line into New York City, the Hartford Line into Hartford and Springfield. It also connects the Shoreline East into New London and Amtrak's Northeast Corridor from Boston to Washington, D.C. and points beyond.

Most importantly, Union Station connects our past to our future. Opened in the shadow of the Spanish Influenza pandemic, it is a particularly poignant reminder of what can be done and what must be done even amid calamity. We stand here today to both celebrate that old victory and to set our eyes forward to new ones. It is inspiring to see a local reminder of what America can do when we build toward a better future through infrastructure and when we at all levels of government support local priorities.

I extend my deepest thanks and sincere appreciation to all the workers who keep Union Station running every day—especially those declared essential at this difficult time. I am honored to stand today and join all of those gathered in wishing this remarkable institution a very happy 100th anniversary. As we say in Italian, Cent' Anni.

IN RECOGNITION OF EDWARD
JAMES LOVE

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Edward James Love, better known as Ed Love, a legend in Detroit's music scene, on the occasion of his retirement. Ed Love is the renowned voice of "Destination Jazz: The Ed Love Program", playing jazz classics and new material each week on Detroit's WDET radio station.

Born in Parsons, Kansas, Mr. Love was raised in a family of music lovers and whose parents instilled in him a great appreciation for jazz music. He began studying the trumpet in grade school and continued his studies through junior college. After graduating from Parsons Junior College in Kansas, Mr. Love chose to pursue a career in broadcasting at the Pathfinder Broadcast School in Kansas City, Missouri, where he graduated at the top of his class.

Ed Love's first job in broadcasting came in 1951 at radio station KIND in Independence, Kansas. In 1952 he joined the United States Air Force and served as an Armed Forces Radio staffer in the Philippines, during the Korean War. After returning home from the war, Mr. Love returned to KIND to continue his career in radio. Throughout the 1950s, Ed Love worked at radio stations in New York, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

In 1959, fate brought Ed Love to Detroit, where he went to convalesce among family and friends from a severe case of influenza. Mr. Love was delighted to discover the proliferation of jazz clubs and lively musical scene in the city of Detroit. From then on, Ed Love made his home in Detroit. Pursuing his passion for music by night, Mr. Love worked as a U.S. postal carrier by day, a job he held for more than thirty-five years.

During his tenure in Detroit, Mr. Love worked at a variety of jazz stations before landing at Detroit's National Public Radio affiliate WDET in 1983. His weekly show, *Destination Jazz: The Ed Love Program*, grew into a one of the station's most popular programs, responsible for introducing several generations of young people to jazz. His deep and mellifluous voice is familiar not only to Detroiters, but also to the national audiences who heard his syndicated National Public Radio (NPR) program, *The Evolution of Jazz*—a program that ran for six years and was heard on several stations around the US and two stations in Puerto Rico.

Ed Love overcame a stroke suffered in 1994 to continue making an impact in the world of music. There is no doubt that his passion for music has left a lasting impression on appreciators of jazz locally and across our nation. Please join me in recognizing his many contributions as we wish him well in his retirement from more than six decades in broadcasting.

HONORING MS. LUSILA "LUSI"
ORTEGA

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a remarkable community leader from my district, Ms. Lusila "Lusi" Ortega.

A native of Lozano, Texas, Ms. Ortega, got her first job as a teacher at the Rio Hondo Head Start in 1971. At the time, the Head Start program did not provide transportation, so she, along with her husband Juan Alaniz, retrofitted an old GSA van and drove it to transport children in the surrounding rural areas. She also organized many fundraisers and fun family events to benefit the Head Start children and families. Ms. Ortega's dedication and success caught the eye of her supervisors and she was promoted to work at the administrative level as a Parent Involvement/Volunteer Services Coordinator. With the support of her peers and community leaders, she helped build a phenomenal Parent Involvement Program that was recognized at the national level. Ms. Ortega spearheaded many fund raising events that provided parents the opportunity to travel and advocate for Head Start in the state of Texas and across the country.

In 1990, Neighbors In Need of Services, Inc. (NINOS) was awarded the Head Start grant and Ms. Ortega was promoted to Assistant Head Start Director. During her tenure, the Head Start Program grew from serving a few hundred children to now serving over 2,900 Head Start and Early Head Start students. Ms. Ortega served on the National Head Start Association Board of Directors and she was the first Head Start staff member elected to preside over the Texas Head Start Association (THSA) Board of Directors. The THSA continues to honor her service by awarding a yearly scholarship in her name. Ms. Ortega was also selected to represent Region VI at the White House when President Bill Clinton signed a bill into law that broadened the Head Start Program to include children under the age of three.

Ms. Ortega was a member of the National Head Start Association Board of Directors, the

Texas Department of Human Services Licensing Advisory Council, the University of Texas at Brownsville Child Care and Development Advisory Council, the Rio Grande Valley OIC Foster Grandparent Advisory Council, and was the Region VI Head Start Association Board of Directors officer. She was also a fellow with the Johnson & Johnson Management program and served as intergovernmental staff in the Office of Children and Families Region VI for one year.

Anyone who knows Lusi Ortega knows her as the "Voice of Head Start." I wish her a happy retirement and thank her for her lasting contributions to the educational and personal development of the children of South Texas.

ONGOING TRANSATLANTIC EN-
GAGEMENT THROUGH THE OSCE
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to update my Congressional colleagues on my continued consultations with transatlantic partners to address critical challenges in European security.

On September 2nd, I joined a video meeting of the leadership of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE PA), in my capacity as Chairman of that body's Committee on Political Affairs and Security. The meeting included about one dozen parliamentarians from across Europe. Senator ROGER WICKER of Mississippi also participated in the discussion.

The news of the confirmed poisoning of Russian political figure Alexey Navalny broke during our meeting, and I am pleased to report that my colleagues and I immediately agreed to unanimously condemn this heinous act, whose origins can be traced directly to the Putin regime. There are now reports that some in Germany are reconsidering the Nordstream 2 pipeline deal with Russia. I have long argued against this project in the Parliamentary Assembly on grounds that it jeopardizes Europe's energy security.

The Assembly's leadership continues to monitor the deeply concerning developments in Belarus in the wake of the falsification of the results of the presidential elections in Belarus on August 9. Detentions and brutal treatment of protesters, members of the media, and bystanders continues unabated even as the Belarusian people rise in defense of their fundamental rights, rights the Belarusian government has pledged itself to uphold under the Helsinki Final Act. I am honored to represent the U.S. Congress in discussions with our European partners as we try to encourage a peaceful and democratic way forward for the people of Belarus.

Among the other issues under discussion was the outbreak of fighting along the Armenia-Azerbaijan border in mid-July and the role that regional powers may be playing in the tense security situation. We agreed that the parties should continue to look for ways to de-escalate, and to resume negotiations under the auspices of the OSCE Minsk Group. The Assembly has generally backed the work of the Minsk Group Co-Chairs, the agreed international format for addressing the conflict; the

Co-chairs have called for all sides to refrain from provocative statements and actions. We were asked to look into troubling reports that, following the devastating August 4th Beirut port explosion, de facto Armenian authorities in Nagorno Karabakh are resettling displaced Lebanese Armenians to disputed or occupied territories. While any reasonable person witnessing that horrible event would welcome the Armenian Government's efforts to provide relief and resettlement support to displaced Lebanese Armenians, I fear that resettlement in disputed or occupied territory could damage prospects for a peaceful, negotiated resolution to the Nagorno Karabakh conflict. The Assembly's leadership agreed to consider additional steps it could take towards supporting peaceful resolution of this conflict.

The OSCE, including the Parliamentary Assembly, engages in election observation efforts, primarily with the goal of encouraging good practices in countries still in the process of democratic transition. In Montenegro during the last week of August, the Assembly deployed its first observation mission since the pandemic struck. I welcomed that effort in our NATO ally, not only to strengthen the democratic institutions that fundamental to NATO membership but also to support that country as it faces malign outside influences, including from Russia.

The OSCE also intends to observe our general elections in November, demonstrating that all countries, not just those in transition, should be open to observation and willing to consider ways to improve their respective electoral processes. I noted the extensive debates we Americans have on this same subject, including now the issue of mail-in voting. In discussing the situation in the United States, I made an effort to note that our country is facing challenges but is still strong. I believe it is important to present a complete picture that counters perceptions of a more dire situation when viewed across the Atlantic, as well as malign messaging that seeks to separate us from our friends and allies.

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Madam Speaker, provides Members of Congress with a unique, bipartisan opportunity to work with our friends and allies to help resolve pressing global issues while promoting our shared values. Because it also includes delegations from Russia, Belarus and other countries who disregard the OSCE commitments to which they gave their consent regarding democratic government and respect for human rights, it is also uniquely suited to speaking to their representatives directly and making clear that their behavior is unacceptable and negatively affects our bilateral relationships.

Madam Speaker, I hope all my colleagues agree and join me today in condemning Lukashenko's cruel repressions in Belarus and the Putin regime's sinister efforts to silence its critics, as well as in recognizing the importance of continued Congressional engagement with the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE as a means to address these important matters.

HONORING TROY AND TANNER BARABY, FOUNDERS OF SOUTH JUNCTION ENTERPRISES, FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL REVITALIZATION OF THE PLATTSBURGH RAIL YARD

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the tremendous effort Troy and Tanner Baraby have put into revitalizing the rail yard in Plattsburgh, New York.

In 2017, the Baraby brothers established South Junction Enterprises to provide local businesses the opportunity to ship inventory in and out of the area by rail. The company has facilitated local farmers in reaching a wide customer base as their cars ship products across the North Country, New England and Canada. This project has successfully repurposed an abandoned rail yard to a thriving business. In the first two years of operations, South Junction Enterprises has quadrupled its rail car capacity to greater fulfill the community needs.

Local businesses are the backbone of the North Country economy and push innovation forward. Job creation and economic growth stemming from entrepreneurship are vital for long term sustainable development in our community. I applaud the entrepreneurial spirit that runs within the Baraby family and their commitment to serving our community that has continued over many generations. In addition to South Junction Enterprises, the brothers continue to operate Moore Recycling in Keeseville, New York which was founded by their grandfather, George Moore.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank the Baraby family and the entire South Junction Enterprises team for their dedication to the community and congratulate them on their hard-earned achievements thus far.

HONORING SABETHA MUMM AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating an Iowan who models the promise of the American Dream and someone who has turned their passion for dance into a thriving small business. It is my great honor to recognize Sabetha Mumm, the owner of Dance Vision in Johnston, as Iowan of the Week.

A lifelong dancer, Sabetha always knew she was meant to share her love of dance with others. After one semester of college as a pre-law major, she switched to a dance major, eventually graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Dance with Honors. Without enough resources to help her career in dance immediately come to fruition, she initially opted for a more traditional career path in an office setting.

Years later while encouraging her young son to follow his dreams, she realized she

needed to do the same. She wanted to lead by example for her children and provide young Iowans the resources she hadn't had to pursue their dreams of careers in dance. With the support of her family, the native Iowan dedicated the next few years to researching and planning her business: Dance Vision. Since opening in 2003, Mumm has grown Dance Vision from a rented, 2,500 square foot space with one studio to a custom-designed, 12,000 square foot facility with five different studios.

Thousands of talented students have come through her classes and several hundred have gone on to find professional success as dancers in the United States and abroad. They've graced Broadway shows, advanced through televised dance competitions, toured with world-famous musical artists, and been featured in music videos, Sabetha credits this overwhelming success to the spirit and work ethic of Iowans. There's plenty of talent here, she says, and now a resource to help it flourish.

After learning more about Sabetha's journey and growing venture, it came as no surprise that she was named the Small Business Administration's 2020 Iowa Small Businessperson of the Year: a prestigious honor very well deserved.

Businesses like Sabetha's are vital to the success of any community. This is a fact we see more each day as the pandemic stretches on. As a small business owner myself, I know it is an incredible challenge to start and maintain that vision. Sabetha's drive to pursue her dream is inspiring—that kind of leap is not for the faint of heart. Her decision has clearly paid off as we celebrate her success and thriving dance studio today. She's helping kids and families find joy through movement and self-expression and is passing her passion for dance down to new generations. She is a perfect example of how strategic collaboration, creativity, a little patience, and a lot of hard work can make your dreams a reality.

As I've traveled all 16 counties across my district, one thing every place has in common is that women are who hold our communities together. Whether it's through volunteering at church, providing child care for neighbors, organizing an annual festival, or operating a successful small business—the ladies in our communities are getting things done.

Sabetha says, "The only dreams impossible to reach are the ones that you never pursue." It is people with that kind of spirit that make Iowa such a great place to live, have a family, and grow a business. I will continue to fight in Congress for small business owners like Sabetha to ensure the American dream will always be alive in our community. It is my honor to recognize Sabetha Mumm as our Iowan of the Week.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COMMANDER OLIVER G. "JACK" EVERETTE

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Commander Oliver G. "Jack" Everette.

Commander Everette was born in 1937 in North Dakota. During his childhood, the