

Park for more than fifty years, Ms. Lewis strived to make Highland Park a world-class city. First elected to the City Council in 2003, Norma Lewis served five consecutive terms. She was the longest-seated woman to serve in the history of Highland Park. Her service included terms as City Council President Pro-Tem in 2007 and City Council President in 2009.

Norma Lewis' public service to Highland Park is marked by her dedication to improving access to services for senior citizens and access to clean water for all. She actively worked to improve city infrastructure for improved water service. In addition, Ms. Lewis led several projects to provide holiday meals to Highland Park's most vulnerable residents. Ms. Lewis spearheaded the revitalization of the city's Mark E. Storen Memorial Park, allowing for greater enjoyment of the public space.

Norma Lewis' work has been recognized by dozens of organizations. Please join me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of Norma J. Lewis, wife, mother, and public servant, as we honor her memory.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM SLEIGHT FOR A DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH MICHIGAN WORKS! SOUTHEAST

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 23, 2020*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to William Sleight as he celebrates his retirement and recognize his years of distinguished service with Michigan Works! Southeast. His contributions to Michigan are worthy of commendation.

William Sleight's career in workforce development spans nearly 40 years. After earning a master's degree in Public Administration from Michigan State University, Sleight served in various roles for the workforce programs in Livingston and Washtenaw Counties before starting his career with the Michigan Works! Association. He served as Director of Livingston County Michigan Works! for 25 years, and later was appointed Director of Michigan Works! Southeast in May 2016.

Sleight has also served on numerous state, local and regional boards and committees throughout Michigan. He is the founding co-chair of the Workforce Intelligence Network for Southeast Michigan and the current chair of the Southeast Michigan Works Agencies Council (SEMWAC). His dedication to Michigan has expanded jobs, facilitated economic growth, opened doors, and created a host of opportunities for thousands of people. His years of devoted work have made a difference in the lives of Michiganders across the state, and his efforts in labor development will leave a lasting impact on the workforce in the years to come.

Without a doubt, William Sleight has devoted his career to serving Michigan and has worked tirelessly to ensure it remains a fruitful and prosperous place. Across all capacities, William Sleight has been recognized as a dedicated, compassionate, and humble leader who strives to make a meaningful difference.

He has been the voice of reason in challenging times and has encouraged all to work together to better our state. His efforts have transformed Michigan, and his impact will forever be remembered.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the retirement of William Sleight. I am proud to honor his work, accomplishments, and significant community impact. We thank him for his outstanding service and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 23, 2020*

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, due to pre-scheduled travel with the President, I was absent from voting on September 22, 2020.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 196 and YEA on Roll Call No. 197.

### IN REMEMBRANCE OF JACK EVERSOLE

### HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 23, 2020*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of T. Jack Eversole, founder of the Barren River Area Development District (BRADD) in my district. Jack passed away peacefully last month, and he will be sorely missed.

A World War II Marine Corps veteran who served in the South Pacific, Jack graduated from the University of Kentucky and Western Kentucky University and was passionate about serving his community. Before founding BRADD, Jack worked in journalism and communications in Glasgow and Bowling Green, was on the Bowling Green-Warren County Planning Commission, and served as a Warren County Magistrate. He established BRADD in 1968 and led the organization for 32 years, growing it from a three-person team with a \$50,000 budget to a thriving agency with a budget of \$7.6 million when he retired in 2000.

Jack was innovative, and he always wanted to help solve problems. He directed many projects that have been instrumental to the Commonwealth and to the region. His hard work continues to benefit Kentuckians, and I am grateful for all that he did during his time with BRADD and serving our country. I join the entire south-central Kentucky community in mourning the loss of Jack Eversole who was a faithful servant to our state and country. My prayers are with his family and friends as he is laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

### HONORING LITERACYCNY

### HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 23, 2020*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, in celebration of National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, I rise today to honor LiteracyCNY. In Central New York, LiteracyCNY is making a tremendous impact on our community by working to boost literacy rates for adult students who read, write, or speak English below the 6th grade level.

Founded by Ruth Colvin in 1962, for more than 70 years LiteracyCNY has helped thousands of adults in Onondaga County improve their literacy and English skills by offering free reading and writing instruction. However today, there's still more work to be done. According to the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies, there are approximately 60,000 adults in Onondaga County with limited literacy skills and English proficiency. Without these skills, individuals in our community are unable to fully participate as citizens, parents, or employees.

In recent years, LiteracyCNY has continued to make progress, enrolling more than 350 students on an annual basis, with approximately 80 percent of their students making measurable gains on standardized tests. Even amid the COVID-19 pandemic, LiteracyCNY has continued their important work. The organization adapted to changing circumstances and provided learners with instruction via teleconferencing.

In addition to its work on reading and writing, LiteracyCNY provides students with lessons to help them thrive in their daily lives. The organization offers information and referrals to human and emergency services, and makes individuals aware of local job opportunities. LiteracyCNY also works to raise awareness about the issue of adult literacy and volunteers advocate to policymakers on behalf of their students in Central New York.

Madam Speaker, as we celebrate National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the contributions of LiteracyCNY. Through its work to boost literacy rates, this organization is helping adults in Central New York achieve career success, teach their children, and reach their full potential.

RECOGNIZING TIM HAY FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AS THE FLORIDA SENATE SERGEANT AT ARMS

### HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 23, 2020*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Mr. Tim Hay, who will shortly be leaving his role as Sergeant at Arms of the Florida Senate. Tim's commitment to protecting and serving the Florida Senate is of the highest caliber and I am thankful for his years of dedication to my home state.

A lifelong Floridian, Tim received his bachelor's degree in criminology from Florida State University, and, in 2012, began his career with

the Florida Senate as Assistant Sergeant at Arms. He held this position until 2014, where he was appointed to Sergeant at Arms. In this role, Tim has been responsible for managing twenty-five full time employees and overseeing the security and maintenance of the Florida Senate buildings, including the Senate Chamber. For close to six years, Tim has done a commendable job ensuring the safety of all who work in or visit the Florida Senate and I am thankful for his dedicated service.

Having had the privilege of knowing Tim for many years, I can firsthand attest to his professionalism and dedication to serving the State of Florida. His respectful demeanor is apparent to all who have worked with him and I know that he has represented the Florida Senate well. While I recognize that Tim's colleagues will greatly miss his leadership and expertise, I have no doubt that he will excel in his future position at the Florida Department of Education.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Tim Hay, and I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual.

#### SAFEGUARDING THERAPEUTICS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 21, 2020*

Ms ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5663, the Safeguarding Therapeutics Act. I'm proud to have advanced this bipartisan bill through my Health Subcommittee and I'm pleased to support it on the Floor.

The Safeguarding Therapeutics Act was introduced by Representatives BRETT GUTHRIE and ELIOT ENGEL.

Today, the FDA has the authority to destroy confiscated counterfeit or adulterated drugs. This bill extends that authority to medical devices.

Illicit trade and counterfeit products present growing risks to patients and consumers. We have the opportunity to ensure that FDA has the authority needed to destroy counterfeit drugs, devices and combination products.

This bill closes a gap and protects patients from the growing threat of counterfeit products, and I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

#### IN CELEBRATION OF EDYTHE McTAGGART'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 23, 2020*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Edythe McTaggart as she celebrates her 100th birthday. This significant milestone is worthy of commendation.

Edythe McTaggart was born August 21, 1920 to Edmond Parent and Edith Tice, and grew up in Trenton, Michigan. Throughout her childhood, Edythe enjoyed performing with her

sister Dottie, and even sang on a children's radio show in Detroit at the age of nine. During the Great Depression, Edythe stayed home to care for her father who lost his job. To get through the troubling era, she would collect discarded skim milk from a local creamery and help her father knock coal off freight trains to heat their house. At the age of 17, Edythe became a nanny where she earned one dollar a day plus room and board. Despite the meager wages, the impact of the Great Depression taught Edythe how to be frugal in her spending and allowed her to save enough earnings to buy a wedding dress when she got married.

In 1940, Edythe married her husband, Robert McTaggart. The two built a home together in Wyandotte and completed much of the work themselves. Although it was difficult finding materials during the war, they were able to move into the new home in 1948. Throughout the war, the two also started a family and welcomed sons Robert Jr., Thomas, and David by 1952. After raising her children, Edythe returned to school and earned her bachelor's degree in education at the age of 50. She became a teacher in the Taylor School District, and later earned a master's degree in special education. Until her retirement 35 years ago, she dedicated her teaching career to helping children with special needs and disabilities.

Beyond the classroom, Edythe is fond of traveling and has explored the world with Robert. Together, they visited Europe, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Upon her retirement, Edythe and Robert began spending winters in Florida, until Robert's passing in 1998. Today, Edythe remains active in the community and enjoys reading, crocheting, and spending time with her sons, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Her attitude and spirit continue to shine bright for all to see. Throughout her 100 years, Edythe has demonstrated a true commitment to her family and her community. Her strength and perseverance through turbulent times has provided a lasting example of what can be accomplished when we all work together and treat one another with compassion, respect, and dignity.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Edythe McTaggart on her 100th birthday. I join with Edythe's friends and family in extending my best and warmest wishes to her on this special day. May her 100th year bring her many blessings and a continued life full of laughter, peace, and every happiness.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 23, 2020*

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, during the week of September 14, 2020, I was unable to vote due to the devastating and deadly wildfires burning throughout my District. I am working with the White House, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Army Corps, U.S. Department of Transportation, and Governor Brown to help my constituents get the assistance they need.

Had I been present for votes, I would have voted:

On Roll Call Vote Number 183, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 4894, as amended, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Vote Number 184, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2193, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Vote Number 185, On Ordering the Previous Question to H. Res. 1107, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Vote Number 186, On Agreeing to the Resolution H. Res. 1107, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Vote Number 187, On Agreeing to the Allen Amendment to H.R. 2639, I would have voted Nay.

On Roll Call Vote Number 188, On Agreeing to the Moulton Amendment to H.R. 2639, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Vote Number 189, On Passage of H.R. 2639, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Vote Number 190, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 7909, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Vote Number 191, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions H.R. 2574, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Vote Number 192, On Passage of H.R. 2574, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Vote Number 193, On Agreeing to Resolution H. Res. 908, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Vote Number 194, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions on H.R. 2694, I would have voted Nay.

On Roll Call Vote Number 195, On Passage of H.R. 2694, I would have voted Aye.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 23, 2020*

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 196; YEA on Roll Call No. 197; and YEA on Roll Call No. 198.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PETE STAUBER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 23, 2020*

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on September 22, 2020 due to a personal matter.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 196; YEA on Roll Call No. 197; and YEA on Roll Call No. 198.

#### HONORING JOHN REINHART FOR HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE PORT OF VIRGINIA

**HON. ELAINE G. LURIA**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 23, 2020*

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize John Reinhart upon his retirement from the Port of Virginia.