

John's passion for service began even before he championed community service and empowerment in the community. It was during his college years as an ethnic-studies student at University of California, Riverside that John started learning about and developing his Filipino-American identity, eventually starting the Asian American fraternity Psi Chi Omega and continuing to serve in community organizations throughout college. Upon graduating, he served his country as part of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves, receiving a National Defense Service Medal, a Good Conduct Medal, and a Rifle Expert Marksman badge during his six years with the Marine Corps. John then spent the rest of his career and life dedicated to advocacy and service.

John had only recently been appointed as the Executive Director of Search to Involve Pilipino Americans (SIPA), an organization in my district that seeks to enrich and empower Pilipino Americans by providing important health and human services, community economic development, and cultural enrichment. Previously, he led SIPA's small business counseling services and entrepreneurship program as a staff member. Even before his term as Executive Director began, John was out there on the frontlines. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, he delivered food to seniors and underserved families and led wellness and cultural webinars. John even secured critical funding to support SIPA's outreach programs and was later honored by the state legislature as one of the "Unsung Heroes of Southern California."

What stands out to all those who worked with John over the years is his work ethic, his selflessness, and his unwavering commitment to serving all communities, regardless of people's race, ethnicity or background.

John's lifetime of dedication and service will be remembered and greatly missed by all whom he encountered and all those who were impacted by his tremendous work. May it bring comfort to his family, friends, and loved ones that so many are celebrating the life John led and praying for them at this time.

RECOGNIZING THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF CHICAGO

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ukrainian National Museum of Chicago (UNM), a cultural landmark in the heart of my district, on the occasion of its annual banquet. The UNM prides itself, for good reason, on its museum artifacts, library, and archives, which highlight Ukraine's history, its ongoing fight for freedom and democracy, and the rich culture and contributions made by Ukrainian Americans and Americans of Ukrainian heritage, both to Chicago's cultural tapestry and to that of the United States.

Each one of the four waves of immigration from Ukraine, as well as the generations of American Ukrainians who have followed, have brought with it a wealth of literary, music, artistic, and cultural artifacts, historical testimonials, relics, scientific patents, personal keepsakes and reminders, all of which speak to the importance of Ukrainian heritage and

the personal and professional accomplishments of American Ukrainians across our country.

Themselves a part of the third wave of Ukrainian immigrants to the United States, Olexa Hankewych, Julian Kamenetsky and Orest Horodsky, founded the Ukrainian Library and Archival Center in 1952 in order to preserve books and other documents at risk of destruction in Ukraine. Shortly after the establishment of the Library and Archival Center, a call went out to the Ukrainian community, which enthusiastically responded. Several years later the Library and Archival Center grew into the Ukrainian National Museum of Chicago, fully funded by community donations. While some artifacts in the Museum's burgeoning collection were purchased in Ukraine, others were donated by Ukrainian American collectors and artists, as well as from personal libraries and individuals throughout the community, in Chicago and beyond. Over 100,000 Ukrainian Americans live in Chicago, and I am proud that the Museum has its roots in our great city.

The Ukrainian National Museum of Chicago too has much to be proud of, due to the hard work of its staff, board of directors, and officers. Unfortunately, only two of its past presidents remain with us—Dr. George Hrycelak and Jaroslaw Hankewych, son of the Museum's founder, Olexa Hankewych. Today, under the leadership of Lydia Tkaczuk, the Museum's first female president, the UNM continues its work in one of Chicago's most historic neighborhoods, Ukrainian Village. More than just engaging visitors and adding to their understanding of Chicago's rich and diverse communities, it also serves as a window to Ukraine, its history, and its people.

The Museum's diverse collection of folk-art, fine art, tapestry, traditional dress and artifacts help to illuminate the societal impact American Ukrainians have had on Chicago and across the United States. Its permanent exhibitions educate visitors on the history, heritage, politics, culture and religions of Ukraine and the broader Ukrainian American community, including exhibits on the Kozak period, Ukraine's role in the World Wars and importantly, the Holodomor, the forced famine-genocide of nearly 4 million Ukrainians by Stalin across 1932 and 1933.

Madam Speaker, the Ukrainian National Museum is a place where visitors feel welcomed and engaged. It serves as a pillar of knowledge and culture for the Ukrainian community, for individuals of every background who call our city home, and for all the universities and students, artists, and authors throughout the world who have benefited from work in its archives. The City of Chicago is lucky to house such an institution, and it is my privilege today to recognize the Ukrainian National Museum here in Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE OF REGGIE ROBINSON

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Reggie Robinson, who passed away last

week. Reggie was a fixture at the University of Kansas and inspired countless Jayhawks during his time there. He is survived by his wife and their two daughters.

Reggie attended KU both as an undergraduate and law student. While there, he served as the student body vice president and went on to work as editor in chief of the Kansas Law Review. But his dedication to KU did not stop after earning these degrees.

Reggie devoted nearly 40 years of his life to KU and held numerous leadership roles. He was vice chancellor for public affairs at KU, director of KU's School of Public Affairs and Administration, president and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents, a faculty member at the Washburn and KU schools of law, and chief of staff to Chancellor Robert Hemenway. Most recently, Reggie served as CEO of the Kansas Health Foundation, a position he deeply loved.

Another way that Reggie gave back to the community was through service on several leadership boards, including for the Friends of the Spencer Museum of Art, Hall Center for the Humanities, Kansas Leadership Center, Douglas County Community Foundation, and Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center. He also was a life trustee of KU Endowment and held advisory roles with the KU Alumni Association.

On a personal note, I had the opportunity to meet Reggie several times and I always found him to be incredibly passionate about his job and ready to represent the best interests of his students. Though we didn't serve at the same time, Reggie and I were also both White House fellows. Reggie spent five years in Washington, D.C., including the time he served as a White House fellow assigned to the office of then-Attorney General Janet Reno.

Madam Speaker, I offer my sincere and deepest condolences to Reggie's family, friends, and all those who benefitted from his kindness and mentorship. Reggie inspired many who walked the halls of KU and he will be dearly missed.

THE IMPROVING CYBERSECURITY OF SMALL ORGANIZATIONS ACT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I'm proud to introduce H.R. 8379, the Improving Cybersecurity of Small Organizations Act, a bipartisan and bicameral bill to help small businesses, nonprofits, and local governments implement strong protections against cyberattacks.

Many small businesses, small nonprofits, and small local governments can't afford to hire cybersecurity professionals, yet they are still vulnerable to highly damaging cyberattacks. Ransomware attacks have caused critical government functions to become inoperable. Data breaches have harmed employees and customers of businesses. Devices managed by organizations have been turned into botnets used to attack other organizations.

H.R. 8379, the Improving Cybersecurity of Small Organizations Act simply requires federal agencies to recommend easy-to-understand and evidence-based guidance that small

organizations can adopt to improve their cybersecurity and protect everyone they serve. Specifically, H.R. 8379 directs the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to issue guidance that documents and promotes evidence-based cybersecurity policies and controls for small organizations (i.e., small businesses, nonprofits, and local governments); requires CISA, the Small Business Administration (SBA), and the Minority Business Development Agency to promote the cybersecurity guidance; requires the Secretary of Commerce to submit to Congress a report describing methods to incent small organizations to improve their cybersecurity; and requires the SBA to report on the state of small business cybersecurity every two years.

I thank Congressman JOHN KATKO, Senator JACKY ROSEN, and Senator JOHN CORNYN for partnering with me to introduce this bipartisan, bicameral bill, and I urge the House to take up this legislation in a timely fashion and ask my colleagues to support it.

HONORING DR. MONIQUE BUTLER, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Monique Butler who will be honored by The Chamber of Northwest Douglas County as a “Woman Who Soars.”

Dr. Butler has been the Chief Medical Officer for Swedish Medical Center since 2018 and her career is an inspiration to all aspiring female doctors. A board-certified internist, Dr. Butler graduated from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and received her medical training at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

Dr. Butler also completed a Master of Business Administration from the University of Tennessee Physician Executive MBA program and holds a clinical assistant professorship at Michigan State University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Prior to joining Swedish Medical Center, Dr. Butler came from the Children’s Hospital of Michigan—Detroit Medical Center, where she was the Chief Operating Officer. Previously she held positions as the Chief Medical Officer at Detroit Receiving Hospital and Sinai-Grace Hospital.

Dr. Butler was voted A Woman of Excellence in STEM careers in Michigan, was recognized as one of the Michigan Chronicle’s 40 under 40, and most recently was identified in Becker’s Hospital Review as one of the 50 great African American leaders in healthcare to know in the nation. She is the co-founder of the Young Doctors of Detroit program and founder of The Women Physicians Network.

A dedicated leader who brings an exceptional background, knowledge, expertise, and record of success to our community, there are few others deserving of such an honor. I congratulate Dr. Butler for receiving recognition as a “Woman Who Soars.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on September 15, I joined President Trump for the historic signing ceremony at the White House. For this purpose, I was absent from votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call No. 185, and Nay on Roll Call No. 186.

SALUTING AMERICAN PATRIOTS OF WWII FOR SERVICE WITH THE CANADIAN AND BRITISH ARMED FORCES

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to formally honor the legacy of the Ohioans and all other Americans who volunteered to defend democracy, our nation, and our allies during the Second World War. These individuals joined the military by the thousands prior to the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt encouraged the volunteerism through words and initiatives, and Hollywood supported these efforts in feature films.

Notably, the responding patriots proactively fought the forces of Nazism and fascism before the U.S. was officially a combatant, which helped provide time for the United States to prepare. The practical skills and knowledge obtained through Canadian and British training and operations proved invaluable once our nation officially took up arms in Europe and Asia.

The intrepid volunteers from the State of Ohio included Edward Tracey of Cortland, Donald James Matthew “Don” Blakeslee of Fairport Harbor, and Dominic Salvatore “Don” Gentile of Piqua. Gentile has been often referred to as a “One Man Air Force” and the “Ace of Aces.” I would be remiss if I did not mention Frank Zavakos of Dayton, who was a member of the famous No. 71 (Eagle) Squadron of the Royal Air Force, a unit largely comprised of American pilots, who gave his life.

Madam Speaker, those American women who served in the British Air Transport Auxiliary are also deserving of recognition. Among this group was Bessie Lee Pittman, more commonly known as Jacqueline “Jackie” Cochran. Cochran was a pioneer of women’s aviation and the first woman to fly a bomber across the Atlantic. She was the wartime leader of the Women Airforce Service Pilots and in the postwar era the first female to make a supersonic flight. Another was Helen Richey, who in 1934 won the premier air race in Dayton, Ohio, during the first National Air Meet for women. Richey was the first female pilot to be hired by a commercial airline in the United States. Ann Wood-Kelly was also an ATA standout, receiving the King’s Medal for Service in the Cause of Freedom and eventually becoming an assistant to the U.S. air attaché in London, a public relations manager for Northeast Airlines, and the first female vice-president of Pan American Airways.

There are certainly more heroes to note. Kermit Roosevelt, the son of President Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., secured a commission in the British Army. John Gillespie Magee, Jr., enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force and subsequently composed the immortal sonnet High Flight. William Meade Lindsley “Billy” Fiske III, who was the youngest gold medalist in any winter sport until 1992, died as a Royal Air Force aviator. Joseph Charles “Big Joe” McCarthy of the Royal Canadian Air Force flew on Operation Chastise, the famous Dams Raid. William Robert “Poppy” Dunn, either the first or second American ace of the conflict, served in the Canadian Army and Royal Air Force. William J. Vanderkloot, Jr., Prime Minister Winston Churchill’s personal pilot, flew for the Royal Air Force Ferry Command. Chesley Gordon “Pete” Peterson earned a Distinguished Flying Cross while flying with the Royal Air Force. Last but not least was the inspirational Vernon Charles “Shorty” Keough, who flew many missions during the Battle of Britain. Keough was the most diminutive aviator in the Royal Air Force; yet his legacy is lofty in the annals of history.

This year, 2020, marks the 75th anniversary of the formal ending of World War II. The bravery and foresight displayed by the volunteers from my state and the rest of the United States represent a largely unrecognized story of valor. Therefore, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in saluting them.

EXPANDING ACCESS TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4447, the Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act.

As we know from the devastating wildfires in my state, the reality of the climate crisis is here. The planet we are leaving to our children is different from the one we were born on, and we have to reverse course now before it is too late.

I want to thank my colleagues who offered amendments to make this an even stronger green bill. In particular, I thank my friend Representative BARRAGÁN for offering an amendment I co-sponsored to invest in helping seaports to make their operations more efficient and less polluting. And I thank the environmental groups who gave critical input on this legislation and on the urgent need for our country and for the world to close the chapter on the era of fossil fuels.

During this year’s unprecedented wildfires, smoke has been at unhealthy and even hazardous levels for weeks on end in my district. Wildfire smoke is especially damaging to vulnerable populations, for example unsheltered people. H.R. 4447 includes the Smoke Planning and Research Act to help state and local governments protect their communities from wildfire smoke. I believe we have a critical need for this legislation to respond to a serious threat to public health—for example by creating shelters for at-risk populations or retrofitting schools with air filters so students can safely attend school.