

he worked on the housing privatization programs to provide soldiers globally with better base housing. He also worked on the reorganization of the Headquarters of the U.S. Army.

His management capabilities are evident throughout his career. Mr. Kelley is a patriot of the First Congressional District, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States. Without the full support of his loving wife, Hélène, it would be impossible for him to achieve his accomplishments. For his service to the nation, Madam Speaker, today it is my honor to recognize the Honorable John A. Kelley.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, due to a matter outside of my control, I was unable to participate in roll call number 218. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 218.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CONGRESS COMMISSION ACT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the importance of establishing a Congressional Commission to Strengthen Representative Democracy. My legislation, the Congress Commission Act, would establish such a commission to analyze the current size of the House of Representatives, examine alternatives to the current method by which Members are elected, and study the harmful effects gerrymandering continues to have on our democracy.

Today, a Member of Congress represents an average of over 740,000 constituents, well over 10 times the number of constituents envisioned by the First Congress. The United States presents itself as the world's leading representative democracy. And yet, the House's weighty representative ratio makes the United States an outlier among the 35 nations in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, most of them highly developed, democratic states.

It has been nearly 110 years since the House of Representatives has increased its ranks even though the United States' population has more than tripled in size. It is time we examine how this institution is constructed, so we can make the necessary changes for a more equitable tomorrow. It is not only within the power of Congress to improve itself, but it has a responsibility to do so. Such an effort as embodied in my proposed Congressional Commission to Strengthen Representative Democracy will result in a Congress that better reflects the constituencies, states, and nation we serve.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this critically important legislation, so that we can better serve the American people.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHRISTEL DEHAAN

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Hoosier philanthropist, businesswoman and education advocate Christel DeHaan. After building the successful Resort Condominium International business, DeHaan spent the remainder of her years dedicated to philanthropy and education of children around the world. The City of Indianapolis, the State of Indiana and the philanthropy world recently lost a brilliant and generous woman on June 6, 2020.

Christel was born in Nordlingen Germany in 1942 to Anna and Adolf Stark. Her father, a German soldier, was killed during World War II. She left home at age 16 to become a governess in the United Kingdom. Four years later, she immigrated to the United States and eventually settled in Indiana. In 1974, she co-founded Resort Condominium International (RCI), a pioneering timeshare company, which became a leading company in the multi-billion-dollar industry. She co-led the business until 1987 when she bought 100 percent of RCI for \$67.5 million. She then expanded the business to over 4,000 employees until it was sold in 1996 for \$625 million.

DeHaan then began devoting her life to philanthropy and education by founding Christel House International in 1998. As founder and board chair, her mission was to better the lives of impoverished children through education, healthcare and other initiatives. Today, Christel House serves nearly 6,000 students and graduates worldwide through schools in India, Jamaica, Mexico, South Africa and the United States.

Her vision and dedication to improving the lives of children is a testament to the kind heart that she had. The philosophy that drives Christel House International is "giving kids a hand-up, not a hand-out." Throughout her lifetime, she generously donated more than \$220 million of her own money to various charities. She was a generous advocate for the fine arts in Central Indiana, leading to the fine arts center at the University of Indianapolis being named "The Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center."

DeHaan was featured on Forbes' list of America's Self-Made Women for the past five years, most recently with a net worth estimated at \$950 million. She was a shining example for girls all over the world of a "self-made woman." For this and many reasons, she was honored with three honorary doctorate degrees from Marian University, the University of Indianapolis and the University of Nottingham in England.

Christel DeHaan was a leader, a philanthropist and an inspiration for so many, including me. Her generosity, commitment and focus was rare and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her. I extend my deepest sympathy to those who survive including her older sister, three children, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Though Christel is gone, I know that her legacy will live on for generations through Christel House International and will continue to change lives around the world.

THANKING WILLIAM "BILL" CHIN FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize William Chin for his courageous service to our country during World War II.

William Chin is a Chinese-American veteran who bravely accepted the call to protect and serve his country. He joined the U.S. Army in December of 1943 and served in the 93rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron in the European theater. In recognition of Chin's service, he received the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

For far too long, our veterans of color, including Chinese-American veterans, did not receive the proper recognition they deserved for their service. Although we will never be able to thank him enough for his service to our nation, we remain grateful to Bill and the many veterans who have so selflessly answered the call to service.

Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I honor William Chin and all Chinese-American veterans for their distinguished service to our country during World War II.

IN HONOR OF DR. RANDALL SPINDLE'S RETIREMENT FROM SOUTHERN NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a dear friend and classmate, Dr. Randall Spindle, in honor of his upcoming retirement from Southern Nazarene University (SNU) in Bethany, Oklahoma.

Long before he became a professor of history and business, I met Dr. Spindle as a fellow freshman classmate in the fall of 1969 at SNU. Little did I know at that time what a remarkable friend I had just made. His love and dedication for our alma mater has spanned decades and generations of students. He will be greatly missed when he leaves campus for the last time as a member of the faculty, but I imagine he will still be actively involved in SNU in his retirement.

Dr. Spindle's career touched on so many different facets of life on campus, much more than an ordinary professor. He viewed the school through many different perspectives, with each one allowing him to be a better leader on campus and for the thousands of students he helped educate.

His association with the school started long before I knew him. As a young teenager he earned his first paycheck digging trenches for the construction of Snowbarger Hall. Years later after his graduation from SNU, he returned to campus in 1976 and served as the Resident Director of Snowbarger Hall for three years, literally serving at a building he helped construct. During his time as Resident Director, he earned his master's degree, the first of

his advanced degrees. Randall would later complete a doctorate from Oklahoma State in 1981 and a law degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1991.

I can think of nobody else who has helped build as a teenager, went to as a college stu-

dent, and then taught for decades all at the same institution. This is the triple crown of loyalty, for which we honor him today. His dedication to the school is unmatched in both service and impact.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Randall Spindle's long career at Southern Nazarene University and wish him all the very best for a well-earned retirement.