

entry way to Christ Episcopal Church's community meeting room was crowded with books and other items. So, with this in mind, for his Eagle Scout Project he decided to organize and renovate the entryway. Zachary made the entryway more welcoming by discarding of all the clutter, removing the bookshelves, and painting the area. This young man should be proud of his accomplishments and it was my honor to have the opportunity to recognize him for his service to both his church community and the entire South Jersey community. God Bless Zachary and God Bless America.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

HON. ANTONIO DELGADO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Mr. DELGADO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC). On this day 60 years ago, when concurrent compact legislation ratified by Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and the U.S. Congress became law, the DRBC was born.

It was a seminal moment in water resource management: it marked the first time that the federal government and a consortium of states formed a regional body to establish a coordinated approach to manage a river system. The DRBC—made up of the four governors and a senior U.S. Army Corps of Engineers official—work collectively to protect the basin's water quality and supply allocation, address droughts and flooding, and ensure that future generations can enjoy all that the river has to offer.

The Delaware River is the longest undammed river in the U.S. east of the Mississippi. It provides drinking water for more than 17 million Americans. Its watershed generates \$25 billion in annual economic activity and contributes \$21 billion worth of ecosystem goods and services each year. It's critically important that we protect this precious resource.

That's why I started the first-ever Congressional Delaware River Watershed Caucus with my colleague, Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick of Pennsylvania. Our caucus supports conservation efforts for the basin and raises the profile of this ecological gem and economic driver. I look forward to continuing to work with the DRBC on our shared goals, and I congratulate the Commission on 60 years of outstanding work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 341.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment Home Rule Act. This bill would give the District of Columbia the authority to appoint all members of the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment (Board), except when the Board is performing functions regarding an application by a foreign mission with respect to a chancery. The Board issues special exceptions, or variances, to the regulations issued by the D.C. Zoning Commission (Commission). This bill does not alter the authority of the Board.

Like every other jurisdiction in the United States, the District should be free to set its own local land-use policies. As the District continues to contend with rapid population growth and economic development, it is more important than ever that the members of the Board are accountable to District residents and local elected officials.

Under current law, in general, the Board consists of a representative each from the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the Commission, each of whom may be a federal official, and three mayoral appointees, subject to D.C. Council approval. The Board has no authority over federal property.

Under current law, when the Board is performing functions regarding an application by a foreign mission with respect to the location, expansion or replacement of a chancery, the Board consists of the Executive Director of NCPC, the Director of the National Park Service, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Interior or the Administrator of General Services, as designated by the President, and the three mayoral appointees. This bill does not change this composition.

This is an important step to recognize and increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

JOSEPH HANNAGAN, JR.—SALEM COUNTY DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN 2021

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, we, in South Jersey, cherish our active military and veteran community. Their sacrifices do not go unnoticed, and their continued work is forever appreciated. Veterans, like Joseph Hannagan, Jr., embody the principle of Semper Fidelis. He has dedicated the last 10 years of his life to serving veterans in Salem County. Semper Fidelis means "always faithful," and Joseph has been nothing but faithful to the Military and Veteran community. Congratulations, Joseph, on becoming Salem County's Distinguished Citizen, he certainly deserves it. God bless Joseph and God bless America.

IN GRATITUDE TO FADWA HAMMOUD

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Fadwa Hammoud, who made history on October 5, 2021, becoming the first Arab American woman to argue before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Brown v. Davenport*, as the Solicitor General of Michigan. Ms. Hammoud is a true trailblazer, and we are so proud of her work and career as a Michigander.

Prior to her role as Solicitor General of Michigan, Ms. Hammoud clerked for the Honorable Judge George Steeh on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. She also served as an assistant prosecuting attorney at the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. Under Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy, Ms. Hammoud established the Business Protection Unit and prosecuted cases involving criminal enterprises, homicides, financial crimes, and identity thefts.

On February 18, 2019, Ms. Hammoud took the oath of office to be sworn in as the first Solicitor General of Michigan making history. In her role, she oversaw the investigation related to the Flint Water Crisis and many other important cases.

On October 5, Ms. Hammoud argued on behalf of Petitioner Brown that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit should have applied the precedent established by *Chapman v. California* in a case involving habeas corpus.

Fighting for all Michiganders and delivering results, Ms. Hammoud exemplifies what it means to be a public servant. Her work is inspiring and an amazing example for women in Michigan and across the country.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the outstanding contributions Ms. Hammoud has made to the Michigan community and our country at large.

CELEBRATING VETERANS

HON. PETER MEIJER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Mr. MEIJER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor our nation's veterans and help shine a light on the struggles they continue to face after returning home from their service in uniform. I want to thank my colleague from Michigan for giving us this opportunity to speak here today.

With Veterans Day just around the corner, it is important that all Americans take time to reflect on the sacrifices these courageous men and women, and their families, have made for the United States. This is a solemn occasion when we come together as a country to appreciate the selfless service and celebrate the bravery of these heroes.

I have had many conversations with veterans in my district about the challenges they continue to face once they have returned home. Many have been longstanding for generations: the physical and emotional wounds

of combat, obstacles in accessing VA care and benefits, and debilitating health conditions resulting from exposure to burn pits and other toxic hazards.

But recently, there has been an increased call to address other, less talked about challenges, including the mental health impacts of processing what we all witnessed in Afghanistan over the last few months.

I am proud to have joined my colleagues in leading several bipartisan pieces of legislation to help address some of these challenges, but there is much more to be done. We have an urgent moral obligation to take care of the men and women who have served and sacrificed to defend our nation, and I am committed to continuing this crucial work with my colleagues here in Congress.

Today, I want to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to all of our nation's veterans, and I encourage all Americans to reach out to veterans in their life and let them know that they are valued and that they are not alone. We will never forget those who have answered the call to serve this country in uniform, and we honor them all here today.