

against consideration of H.R. 6119 included waivers of the following:

Clause 10 of rule XXI, which prohibits consideration of a measure that has a net effect of increasing the deficit or reducing the surplus over the five- or 10-year period; and

Section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act, which prohibits consideration of legislation providing new budget authority in excess of a 302(a) or 302(b) allocation of such authority.

When the Committee on Rules filed its report (House Report 117-74) to accompany House Resolution 504, the Committee was unaware that the waiver of all points of order against consideration of H.R. 3684 included a waiver of the following:

Section 425 of the Budget Act, which prohibits consideration of (1) any legislation referred by a committee until the committee publishes the CBO's statement on the direct costs of Federal mandates and (2) any legislation that would increase the direct costs of Federal intergovernmental mandates beyond \$50,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) unless the legislation provides for new budget authority or the legislation appropriates sufficient funds to cover the new costs.

HONORING DR. ANUJ BHARGAVA  
AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 8, 2021*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Dr. Anuj Bhargava as Iowan of the Week. November is diabetes awareness month, and Dr. Bhargava has done more than bring awareness to diabetes, he has dedicated his life to finding a cure and fighting for those that have been impacted by diabetes.

Dr. Bhargava is the founder of Iowa Diabetes, an organization that has now been around for more than 14 years. Within the first few years, their research center started over 50 studies and became a leading diabetes research center in Iowa. As they started more trials and hired more staff members, it was clear that more office and patient care space was needed. As of today, they have started more than 100 diabetes studies and served more than 1,600 patients in Central Iowa. Dr. Bhargava believes that a comprehensive approach is required to change diabetes and that technology, education, and research should play a role in this change. Additionally, in 2017 Iowa Diabetes launched Iowa Diabetes Portal, which is a free tool they provide patients to help them easily manage sugars, meds, labs, activity, and more. In 2019, they launched Iowa Diabetes Care, a non-traditional care management system.

More than 300,000 Iowans have diabetes, and that number is only expected to grow. At Iowa Diabetes, it is Dr. Bhargava's goal to improve the lives of Iowans affected by diabetes through the services provided by their organization. Dr. Bhargava is hopeful that Iowa Diabetes and all that it offers can make an impact on the hundreds of thousands of people with diabetes in Iowa.

I will always fight for organizations like Iowa Diabetes and leaders like Dr. Bhargava and continue to support them in Congress by pro-

moting legislation that will support our communities that need it the most. It is my pleasure to recognize Dr. Anuj Bhargava as Iowan of the Week.

CELEBRATING THE LATE MS.  
JOSEPHINE BAKER

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 8, 2021*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, from the 24th Congressional District of the great State of Florida, it is my honor to rise in celebration of the late Ms. Josephine Baker as she becomes the first black woman to rest in the Pantheon in Paris, France.

It is truly a privilege to honor and recognize Ms. Baker for her tremendous work of breaking the boundaries of segregation. Ms. Baker was a performer like no other. She refused to sign contracts with venues that were segregated. By refusing to perform in racially segregated theaters, staying in the finest hotels and eating in the best restaurants, Josephine wanted to show that skin color did not imply differential treatment and was no obstacle to wealth and fame.

In 1951, she convinced the Copa City Club, the epicenter of Miami Beach's nightlife, to open its doors to all. Ms. Baker's shows were a huge success and the beginning of a new social life for the communities of the area.

Her boldness and sense of glamour resonated with the new Art Deco movement with its equally revolutionary architecture inspired by bold and colorful geometric shapes. Art Deco was a perfect representation of the modern urban life and is now part of the heritage of Miami Beach.

Ms. Baker believed in fighting for what's right. During World War II, Josephine Baker joined the French Resistance hiding underground fighters and Jews in the Château des Milandes in the Périgord region. She became a pilot for the French Forces Libres in Morocco and concealed information in her musical scores that she passed on to the Allies. She was awarded the Legion of Honor and the Médaille de la Résistance, upon the Liberation.

Her humanist philosophy spilled over into her private life. Starting in 1953, Josephine Baker built a utopian family by adopting twelve children from all over the world, which gave people food for thought in the 50s and 60s. The Rainbow Tribe was the realization of the anti-racial, peaceful dream of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s universal brotherhood.

Seventy years after breaking the rule of segregated audiences in Miami Beach clubs, Josephine Baker is the first black woman to be recognized as a great figure in the Pantheon in Paris, France. The Pantheon has become a true symbol of the French Republic. This 'Temple of Humanity' is now a mausoleum for illustrious figures of the Enlightenment and for those who made their mark in the country's history such as inventors, writers and Human Rights activists.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues, my constituents of the 24th Congressional District of the great State of Florida, the residents of Miami-Dade and all Americans to please join me in celebrating Ms. Josephine Baker's remarkable achievements.

74TH BIRTHDAY OF JIMMY LAI  
AND HIS IMPRISONMENT BY CHINESE  
AUTHORITIES IN HONG  
KONG

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 8, 2021*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, Mr. Jimmy Lai, the renowned founder of Apple Daily and prominent supporter of democracy, turns 74 today. A brave Beijing critic and a devout Catholic, Mr. Lai has been on the forefront of fighting for press freedom. Consequently, he was taken into custody and denied bail by Hong Kong authorities acting at the apparent behest of the Chinese Communist Party more than a year ago.

Under the so-called "national security law," Beijing has been punishing anything it considers remotely resembling the vague crimes of "secession," "subversion," "terrorism" and "collusion with foreign forces" with penalties up to life imprisonment. According to Joanna Chiu, a former Hong Kong-based journalist who testified before the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, international engagement including with the United Nations or foreign governments—can now be criminalized as "collusion with foreign forces."

Despite deteriorating health and having to spend a second holiday season in a cold prison cell since his arrest, Mr. Lai remains unbroken. He wrote in a letter from prison in April 2021, "A journalist's responsibility [is] to uphold justice. The era is falling apart before us, and it is time for us to stand tall." Indeed, he stands for something larger than himself.

Lai's commitment to press freedom and democratic principles began long before the national security law was passed. He has been an outspoken critic of Beijing's control over Hong Kong and a high-profile supporter of the pro-democracy movement. After the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre, Lai became an ardent critic of the Beijing government, and left the retail industry where he made his fortune for media and politics. He founded Next Media and in 1995, launched Apple Daily, which became Hong Kong's most prominent pro-democracy newspaper.

For his work and unstoppable dedication to democratic values, Mr. Lai was just awarded the World Association of News Publishers' highest honor for his sacrifice in the cause of press freedom.

The Golden Pen of Freedom is the Association's annual award recognizing individuals or organizations that have made outstanding contributions in the defense and promotion of press freedom. We also need to remember that there are hundreds of other "Jimmy Lais" in Hong Kong and beyond, who are determined to stand for freedom of press.

Indeed, at a hearing of the bipartisan Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission that I chaired on October 14 of this year, on the State of Civil and Political Rights in Hong Kong, we learned that Hong Kong reportedly has more journalists in jail per capita than any other place on earth.

We cannot forget these imprisoned journalists either, and we should say their names: Edmund Wan You-sing, Ryan Law, Cheung Kim Hung, Chan Pui-man, Lam Man Chung, Fung Wai Kong, Yeung Ching-kee, and Gwyneth Ho.

These brave journalists continue to be imprisoned, while others have been released on bail awaiting trial.

We will continue to keep Jimmy in our prayers and urge that he be released along with the other Hong Kong journalists and democracy advocates unjustly imprisoned.

HONORING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF BENJAMIN V. GOODELL VFW POST 552

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 8, 2021*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Benjamin V. Goodell VFW Post 552 as it celebrates its 90th anniversary. This tremendous milestone is worthy of commendation.

On July 31, 1931, twenty members of the Lincoln Park community came together to establish VFW Post 552 in old Lafayette School. In the following years, the post quickly flourished and changed locations to accommodate its expanding membership, especially in the aftermath of World War II. Post 552 was the fastest-growing post in the state, with peak membership of around 700 members by 1975.

Throughout the years, Post 552 has celebrated many victories, held countless events, and provided invaluable support to our community's devoted veterans. For nine decades, Post 552's leadership has made a profound difference in Lincoln Park and Southeast Michigan. It played a critical role in establishing the local VA Hospitals, coordinating the annual Lincoln Park Memorial Day Parade, and sponsoring a number of efforts that have made the city a better place. Post 552 has earned a host of accolades and awards in recognition of these achievements, and I am proud that our community is home to such a dedicated and patriotic group.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Benjamin V. Goodell Post 552 on its 90th anniversary. Post 552 is a pillar of the community, and we are grateful for the important role it has played in veterans' lives throughout the past nine decades. Please join me in celebrating Post 552 on this special occasion. We all are looking forward to celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2031.

IN RECOGNITION OF NICOLE MONTNA VAN VLECK, 2021 RICE FARMER OF THE YEAR

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 8, 2021*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of my constituent and friend Nicole Montna Van Vleck. Nicole was recently awarded the Rice Farmer of the Year award by Horizon Ag, Rice Farming, and USA Rice.

The Montna Family began their rice operation in the late 1930s in Sutter County, California. By the 1970s Nicole's father, Al Montna, took over the ranch from his parents Dutch and Emma. Eventually, Al sold much of the land to his daughters Nicole and Michelle.

Nicole currently serves as president and CEO of Montna Farms. Montna Farms produces predominately short-grain rice, that is milled in Williams, California and then distributed throughout the United States and internationally.

Nicole makes conservation a priority at Montna Farms. In 2000, a working lands easement was implemented on the ranch to preserve the Pacific Flyway. Nicole and Montna Farms has also worked in partnership with numerous environmental organizations, such as Nature Conservancy, California Waterfowl Association, the National Audubon Society, California Trout and Point Blue, to ensure lands and wildlife are protected in and around their operation.

Nicole has also dedicated herself to the rice industry by serving on numerous boards and committees, including: chair of the California Rice Industry Association, immediate past chair of California Producers Group and USA Rice Farmers, California Rice Commission, USA Rice Federation, the Rice Foundation, past chair of USA Rice Communication Committee, past co-chair Rice Sustainability and Competitiveness Task Force, past chair of state Farm Service Agency and State Fair ag advisory board, Northern California Water Association, UC Davis Dean's advisory board, and River Valley Community Bank board.

I congratulate Nicole on her achievement of Rice Farmer of the Year and I look forward to continue to work with her to support the California rice industry.

KAZAKHSTAN'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

### HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 8, 2021*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, on December 16, 2021, the Republic of Kazakhstan will celebrate its 30th year of independence from the former Soviet Union. I congratulate President Kassim-Jomart Tokayev and Kazakhstan's people for the notable progress they have made as a nation in that short period of time.

Strategically located between Europe, China, Russia, and the Middle East, Kazakhstan has been a global crossroads for centuries. Clearly, its place in the world today is more significant than ever. Kazakhstan's vibrant economy—the largest by far in Central Asia—enhances the country's strategic importance.

One of Kazakhstan's greatest and most enduring achievements since independence has been its renunciation of nuclear weapons. Upon dissolution of the Soviet Union, Kazakhstan possessed the 4th largest nuclear arsenal in the world, and since then has maintained a consistent policy advocating nuclear non-proliferation. In 2006, Kazakhstan joined with the four other central Asian countries to sign The Central Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty, committing to ban production, acquisition, or deployment of nuclear weapons across their territory. The Republic continues to lead in non-proliferation efforts.

Kazakhstan has been a good friend to the United States over these thirty years, standing with us after 9/11, supporting our military ef-

forts both in Iraq and in Afghanistan, and working actively with the U.S. and other countries to counter global terrorism. Since 2013, Kazakhstan has been an active participant in the CS+1 format, which is the platform for dialogue and cooperation between the U.S. and the five Central Asian nations. Further, in 2018, the United States and Kazakhstan entered into an Enhanced Strategic Partnership.

In just 30 years, Kazakhstan has achieved great things and has taken its place in the international community of nations. I appreciate the engagement of Kazakhstan with the U.S. on defense, security, counterterrorism, and on many other areas of mutual interest. I offer my best wishes to President Tokayev, to Ambassador Ashikbayev, and to the people of Kazakhstan on their Independence Day.

RECOGNIZING THE LATE YANDY CHIRINO

### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 8, 2021*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize and honor the late Yandy Chirino, a police officer, beloved son, brother, friend and part of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence family.

Whereas, Yandy Chirino was born on March 14, 1993, in Havana, Cuba. He migrated to Miami, Florida, with his parents as a young child and became a United States citizen at age ten; and

Whereas, Officer Chirino graduated in 2011 from Coral Park High School, where he was inducted into the 5000 Role Models of Excellence. In 2015, he went on to study criminal justice at Florida International University and earned a bachelor's degree. He also was an MVP athlete who played volleyball, soccer, baseball, and basketball; and

Whereas, after graduating from the police academy, in 2017, Officer Chirino fulfilled his dream of becoming a police officer when he joined the Hollywood Police Department. Throughout his career, Officer Chirino earned many commendations, and he was recognized for his exceptional teamwork and dedication. In June 2020, he was named "Officer of the Month." He served the Hollywood Police Department with pride and professionalism, and had an incredible work ethic; and

Whereas, Officer Chirino was adventurous. His YouTube videos show him paragliding in Colombia, flying a Cessna airplane in South Florida, and jet-skiing in Lake Powell, a reservoir on the border of Utah and Arizona; and

Whereas, Officer Chirino leaves to cherish his fond memories his parents, sister, two nephews, girlfriend, friends, all of fellow officers at the Hollywood Police Department and his 5000 Role Models of Excellence family; and now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That I, FREDERICA S. WILSON, a member of the United States House of Representatives representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, am honored to recognize the late Officer Yandy Chirino for his commitment, dedication and service to our community.