

League of Community Health Centers in 1980 and soon after became a leading force in community health and state health reform. Dr. Hunt's advocacy has pushed health centers to the forefront of the fight for universal health care coverage in Massachusetts.

Dr. Hunt stepped down as president and CEO of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers in December of 2020 and held an emeritus position through June of 2021. While he has stepped down from his role at the organization, this was not the end of Dr. Hunt's work. Dr. Hunt is forward-thinking, human-oriented, and has been and will continue to be an integral part of transforming health care in Massachusetts to positively impact the lives of the state's most marginalized communities.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress and all the people in whose lives Dr. Hunt has made a positive difference, it is my great privilege and honor to thank and recognize Dr. James W. Hunt, Jr. for his tireless efforts to create a more just and equitable world.

CITY OF JENNINGS 75TH YEAR
ANNIVERSARY

HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. BUSH. Madam Speaker, St. Louis and I rise to congratulate the city of Jennings on their 75th anniversary.

I am grateful to join in celebration of such a remarkable milestone. Like so many of my neighbors in Missouri's First District, the city of Jennings holds a deep and special place in my heart. In addition to its vibrant community and resilient spirit, Jennings is also home to some of my fondest memories and experiences.

Jennings is responsible for the production of so many St. Louis staples that we all know and love. I am deeply honored to represent a place with such a rich history and even more grateful for what this community has contributed to our greater St. Louis region. I know there is so much more to come, and I am eager to be in continued partnership with our Jennings community leaders as we do the most for everyone, starting with those who have the very least.

Congratulations again on 75 fruitful years. I have no doubt that the next 75 will be even greater.

RETIREMENT OF DIANE RANDALL,
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE
FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NA-
TIONAL LEGISLATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to express my appreciation for the powerful, persistent, and prophetic service of Diane Randall, who is stepping down from her role as General Secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) at the end of this year.

FCNL is the 78-year-old Quaker lobby working to end war and the threat of war, advance social justice, and protect the Earth. In addition to its team of advocates in Washington, FCNL has built a network of thousands of people in all 50 states who advocate for those same values day-in and day-out.

I have deeply valued working with Diane and her team as allies in my own work to end the forever wars, fight poverty and ensure a better life for all people at home and abroad. As a Quaker leader and a person of faith, Diane has brought a strong moral voice and the power of her Quaker community to policy discussions here in Washington. Her deep faith and belief in the inherent value of all people have allowed her to work across partisan and ideological lines to achieve major, positive change.

During her decade-long tenure, Diane vastly expanded FCNL's advocacy staff in Washington and energized Quaker activists across the country. She built enduring coalitions with many different faith communities, joining with the heads of Washington offices of faith-based organizations, the Circle of Protection, and the Washington Interfaith Staff Community.

In fact, I recall a dinner with faith leaders that Diane hosted a few years ago at FCNL's Quaker Welcome Center. We discussed the intersection of poverty and racism, and from that dinner-discussion emerged a powerful statement: a Unity Declaration on Racism and Poverty signed by more than 80 prominent Christian leaders.

I have seen first-hand how Diane has nurtured and challenged all of us to work toward her vision of the world we seek. FCNL's wonderful mission statement is something that I believe we should all champion:

We seek a world free of war and the threat of war.

We seek a society with equity and justice for all.

We seek a community where every person's potential may be fulfilled.

We seek an earth restored.

FCNL has been and continues to be a principled, effective and steadfast partner in advancing that mission. They have been an integral part of our efforts to repeal the 2001 and 2002 Authorizations for Use of Military Force. FCNL is one of the few organizations that has been with me since September 2001, supporting my lone vote against the war authorization, and continuing to campaign against the endless wars that resulted from one 60-word sentence that was enacted into law over our objections.

Under Diane's leadership starting in 2011, FCNL staff have been steadfast allies, advocating to support my legislation to repeal these war authorizations. Their professional lobbyists as well as their citizen advocates tirelessly visited Hill offices, telling their own personal stories as well as making a logical case for why endless wars and endless Pentagon spending make all of us less secure.

We work together on so many issues, from promoting racial justice at home to ending the drone wars to supporting the United Nations. Whether it is protecting the right to vote, protecting refugees and migrants, or protecting

vulnerable people in developing countries, FCNL has been right there alongside me.

Although FCNL is a Quaker-led organization, its network includes many people of other faiths and non-religious people who are drawn to their priorities and their vision for a better future. Diane has particularly strengthened FCNL's work on poverty and economic justice issues, focusing a huge amount of energy and lobbying power on passing legislation to expand and extend the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit. This November, FCNL organized more than 600 people in 45 states plus the District of Columbia to lobby Congress in support of these priorities.

Diane is truly one who speaks truth to power, and I am deeply grateful for that. She leaves a legacy not only of moral leadership, but also a vision for a more peaceful and equitable future, and an organization that is energized and equipped to pursue it.

HONORING 40 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO MEDICINE BY DR. BOYDE J.
HARRISON

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like pay tribute to Boyde J. "Jerry" Harrison, MD of Haleyville, Alabama on his 40 years of practice in medicine and service to Haleyville, Alabama, rural communities and the state of Alabama.

Born to B.J. and Geneva Harrison, Dr. Harrison grew up in Tallassee, Alabama, and graduated from Tallassee High School in 1970. He then went on to complete his undergraduate degree at Birmingham Southern College in Birmingham, Alabama before attending Tulane University where he participated in biochemical research. Upon his return to Alabama, Dr. Harrison attended the University of Alabama School of Medicine to obtain his Doctor of Medicine and thereafter opened his private practice in Haleyville in November of 1981.

However, Dr. Harrison's service does not end with his private practice of medicine. Over the years he has served as the chair of the board for three statewide medical associations including the Alabama Medical Directors Association, the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians, and the Medical Association of the State of Alabama. He has also served as chairman of the Alabama State Board of Medical Scholarships and the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners. Among other honors he has served as Censor for the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, represented the board on the Medicaid Transition Task Force, and served on the Opioid Task force for two governors.

In addition to his dedicated service through our medical organizations, Dr. Harrison also led the state of Alabama in treatment during at the dawn of the opioid crisis. As a long-time advocate for office-based treatment against opioid dependency, Dr. Harrison became one

of the first Alabama physicians to become certified to start an office-based opioid treatment center. In 2008 he helped develop an approved prescribing course sponsored by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners. Since that time, he has presented the course to over 15,000 Alabama prescribers and was awarded the Administrators in Medicine National Award for Excellence for the course in 2015.

Along with his accomplishments in the medical field, Dr. Harrison in an instrument-rated pilot, a certified scuba diver, photographer, and has served his church as a talented pianist for over 25 years.

Dr. Boyde J. Harrison is a prime example of the steadfast, hardworking people that I am proud to represent in Alabama's Fourth Congressional District, I ask that you join me in congratulating him on completing 40 years of dedication and service not only to my hometown of Haleyville, but to Northwest Alabama and the great State of Alabama.

HONORING DR. KEITH WEAVER

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Keith Weaver ahead of his retirement this month.

Dr. Weaver's 37 years of dedicated service to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and to the conservation and management of the National Wildlife Refuge System played a critical role in protecting important natural resources in Arkansas and throughout the nation. Wildlife refuges are an essential piece to both the economy and culture of the Natural State, and we owe many thanks to Dr. Weaver for his leadership in conservation.

His career officially began at Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge in northeast Louisiana as a forestry technician. There he oversaw logging contracts, participated in reforestation activities, dealt with nuisance beaver control, and later became the refuge's first Wildlife Biologist where he conducted important research on the area's black bears. He served outside of the Southeast in refuge leadership positions at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Maryland's Eastern Shore and Nulhegan Basin Division of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge in northeastern Vermont. Dr. Weaver took his current position as the project leader at the Central Arkansas National Wildlife Refuge Complex in 2007. He is responsible for managing six refuges at Bald Knob, Big Lake, Cache River, Holla Bend, Logan Cave, and Wapanocca, Arkansas—five of which are primarily managed for wintering waterfowl.

Throughout his career, he invested in future conservation leaders and earned a reputation of the highest character, integrity, and honesty. He engaged with national, regional, and local stakeholders and was a dependable resource for my staff and I, always ready to help serve Arkansans.

Dr. Weaver's dedication and leadership has not gone unnoticed, and in September 2021, he was awarded the Department of the Interior's Distinguished Service Award, the highest honorary recognition an employee can receive within DOI. This award is reserved for out-

standing individuals who make significant contributions to science or to the public service.

Both the state of Arkansas and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are losing an exceptional public servant. I thank Dr. Weaver for his decades of commitment to keeping the Natural State a vibrant, safe, and beautiful place to call home.

RECOGNIZING 30 YEARS OF KAZAKHSTAN'S INDEPENDENCE

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I am pleased today to recognize the 30th anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Kazakhstan achieved its independence from the former Soviet Union and became a self-governing nation-state on December 16, 1991. Guided by its first President Nursultan Nazarbayev, Kazakhstan quickly renounced nuclear weapons, and worked with the United States to close the former Soviet nuclear test facility at Semipalatinsk and secure the nuclear materials stored there. These bold gestures by President Nazarbayev and his government at a time of significant instability in the region set a precedent on nuclear safety and nonproliferation efforts for Kazakhstan in the international community.

After independence, Kazakhstan quickly turned away from Soviet-inspired central economic planning and built a stable market economy. As early as 1992, Kazakhstan joined international arbitration bodies and actively invited foreign investment in the country. Today Kazakhstan's economic output is one of the most robust in Central Asia, and American companies are some of the largest investors in Kazakhstan. In 2015, after twenty years of negotiations, Kazakhstan acceded to membership in the World Trade Organization (WTO), further broadening its relationship with the global economic community.

In 2019, the Kazakh people elected President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev who has pledged more important economic and political reforms. He has called his vision of government, "the listening state," and has promised to hear and respond to Kazakh citizens, to act consistently with international social, labor, and human rights standards, and to encourage participation in the political life of the country. I applaud these calls for reforms and hope that the government of Kazakhstan will implement them which will ultimately benefit the country and cement its place as a reliable friend of the United States.

One of the requirements of the WTO is that members extend permanent normal trade relations to each other. Unfortunately, the U.S. has yet to grant permanent normal trade relations to Kazakhstan, citing the Jackson-Vanik amendment to the Trade Act of 1974 which restricts trade relations with non-market economies that limit the right of citizens to emigrate. This measure was aimed at the Soviet Union and its then-allies in response to their punitive restrictions on Jewish émigrés. Joined by my friends, Ms. WALORSKI, Ms. MURPHY, and Mr. CHABOT, I introduced H.R. 5544 in October to grant permanent normal trade relations to Kazakhstan. It is long past

time for the U.S. to take this step. The Soviet Union no longer exists, and its successor, the Russian Federation, was granted permanent normal trade relations in 2012. Meanwhile, since independence, Kazakhstan has granted all of its citizens the freedom to emigrate and adopted a stable market economy. The conditions that led to enactment of Jackson-Vanik no longer exist, and the reasons for its restrictions on trade relations have long since ceased to apply to Kazakhstan. Permanent normal trade relations will benefit Kazakhstan and will also benefit the many U.S. companies investing in and doing business in Kazakhstan.

Kazakhstan also has been a crucial leader and partner to the U.S. on counterterrorism efforts, providing support and assistance to the U.S. during its engagement in Afghanistan. The country has an abundance of natural resources, including rare earth and other critical minerals that will play a significant role in the global shift away from fossil fuels. Kazakhstan has a young and educated workforce and actively promotes universal education, including English language skills, so its citizens can fully participate in the global economy. For these reasons, I believe Kazakhstan deserves our sustained interest, friendship, and attention as it continues to evolve.

Madam Speaker, I recently assumed the role of co-chair of the U.S.-Kazakhstan Caucus because I believe our relationship with Kazakhstan is very important to the economic and national security of the United States. We clearly benefit from our friendship with this vibrant and growing nation located in such a strategic part of the world. I invite all my House colleagues to consider joining the Caucus and supporting the granting of permanent normal trade relations to Kazakhstan.

Congratulations to the Kazakh people on 30 years of independence, progress, and growth.

RECOGNIZING THE JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY JAGUARS AS MHSAA 3A STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I'd like to congratulate the Jefferson Davis County Jaguars and Coach Lance Mancuso on their MHSAA 3A State Championship victory. This is Coach Mancuso's ninth straight state championship, an unprecedented accomplishment. I commend Coach Mancuso for his record-setting success at the helm of the Jaguars football team and wish him and his team continued success in the future.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the young men who worked tirelessly for the championship trophy. Every early morning, every extra rep, and every sacrifice they made to better themselves and their team has resulted in the top prize.

In the coming days, as the thrill of victory begins to fade, I would encourage those young men to reflect deeply on the investment they made to realize this championship. They will never forget the feeling of their great accomplishment; but in the future, as they reminisce on this victory, I would challenge them to remember the qualities that made them champions.