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Over the past year, they have faced challenges most of us cannot even imagine. They have shown incredible resolve in the face of adversity. They have shown us all how to seek positivity and hope in each day as we weather the storms that come our way.

I couldn't be more thankful to represent the incredible people across South Dakota and all over the nation who work hard each day, not for fame, not for recognition or for money, but for the betterment of their communities. This is what makes America strong. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize these hard-working individuals.

RECOGNIZING DETECTIVE TONYA DAVIS IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 11, 2021*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I rise today to recognize Detective Tonya Davis, whose dedication towards protecting and serving her community has left an unforgettable mark on Southern Florida.

Born in Kentucky, Tonya moved to the Naples area with her family at a young age, and still resides there today. Wanting to serve her community, in 1999 Tonya joined the Collier County Sheriffs Office as a 9-1-1 dispatcher. For four years, she worked in the communications division and then became

certified as a law enforcement officer, where, in 2003 she began serving as a road patrol deputy. In 2007, Tonya became a detective with the General Crimes Bureau and uses her expertise to support victims and investigate crimes such as arson, fraud, larceny, and burglary.

Detective Davis has a continued passion to learn and better herself. In 2009, she received her associate degree, magna cum laude, in criminal justice technology from Edison State College. In 2011, she remained at Edison State College and obtained her bachelor's degree, summa cum laude, in public safety administration. Still eager to learn, Tonya graduated summa cum laude from Barry University with her master's in administration.

Those that know her best describe Detective Davis as selfless, dedicated, and committed to serving her community. Throughout her career, Tonya has received numerous accolades, and has proven to be an officer that her community can trust and depend on. She is determined to make schools in Collier County a safer place for students, an initiative which I have also fought for throughout my time in Congress. Detective Davis has touched the lives of thousands of students and continues to find ways to give back to Collier County.

Madam Speaker, I cannot speak more highly of Detective Davis's service to Southern Florida. She has proven time and again to be a reliable and trustworthy individual, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual.

RECOGNIZING JESSE TOLLESON FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 11, 2021*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Mr. Jesse Tolleson for his years of service to the United States Congress and congratulate him on his transition to commercial industry. A graduate of James Madison University, Jesse has served our country for over 22 years beginning as a Staff Assistant on the Armed Services Committee and became one of the few people in our committee's history to promote directly into a Professional Staff Member position.

Since 1999, Jesse has been responsible for evaluating and making recommendations for legislation, policy, and the authorization of appropriations across the entire spectrum of issues within the jurisdiction of the Tactical Air and Land Forces Subcommittee. This is a significant responsibility as the complexity and volume of aviation, maritime and ground-based weapon systems, equipment, and programs in the subcommittee's jurisdiction includes hundreds of items valued in the tens of billions of dollars. Committee members have always recognized and depended upon Jesse's intelligence, command of programmatic and policy details, and uncompromising insistence on the objective facts from the defense agencies and industry.

Over these years, Jesse's recommendations have contributed to the readiness and modernization of our Armed Forces. It is no overstatement to say that Jesse's determination and commitment in the early years of the wars in the Middle East, especially his work in support of congressional acceleration of the development and procurement of improved body armor and Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles, saved the lives of many service members who served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere. The bipartisan and bicameral success that the Armed Services Committee has enjoyed for the last 22 years is due in no small part to Jesse Tolleson's professionalism, integrity, devotion to the committee's traditions, and collegiality.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the House Armed Services Committee, we extend our deepest appreciation to Jesse for his dedicated and selfless service to the committee, the Congress, and the military and civilian personnel of the Armed Forces. We wish him and his family all the best as they start this next chapter.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

**HON. MADELEINE DEAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 11, 2021*

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I was delighted to join my colleagues in voting in favor of the American Rescue Plan.

This transformative legislation will provide: shots in arms; kids safely in schools; needed cash in pockets; support to our small businesses, including restaurants and catering that have been hit the hardest; \$13 billion to my home state of Pennsylvania; and \$161 million to Montgomery County and \$81 million to Berks County—where my district resides.

It should not be lost on us that we passed this relief in women's history month.

With over 2.3 million women forced to leave the workforce—including 1 million mothers—the time to invest and reinvigorate our economy for everyone is now.

As the first female Secretary of the Treasury, Janet Yellen, recently said, To avoid the long-term scarring of the economy later, the smartest thing we can do is to act big and so we did.

We acted big boldly. Sending resources to the poor and working poor, we passed \$1.9 trillion for the people. Help is on the way.

SUPPORT OF ARIZONA STATE HOUSE BILL 2111

**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 11, 2021*

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of Arizona State House Bill 2111, the "Second Amendment Firearm Freedom Act". This bill takes an originalist and strong stance on Arizonans' right to bear arms. I am grateful for the work by all members of the state legislature who introduced this legislation. I would especially like to thank State Representative Leo Biasucci for his support of the Second Amendment.

This legislation purports to allow the State of Arizona to protect the Second Amendment rights of its citizens, barring them from compliance with any restrictions or infringements that the federal government enacts as federal law.

Arizonans value sovereign state authority to the highest regard. Any infringements on their constitutionally protected rights are dangerous and federal overreach. I applaud Arizona HB 2111 and its clear purpose of refusing to allow any federal overreach into the state and its citizens.

The people of Arizona are strong supporters of the Second Amendment and the Constitution's clear permission of allowing American citizens to keep and bear arms. As such, this legislation is a great movement for the citizens of the great state of Arizona. I look forward to the day that Governor Ducey signs this legislation into official Arizona law.

Madam Speaker, Arizona's state motto is "Ditat Deus," meaning "God Enriches". I hold this phrase dear to my heart, and I know the citizens of Arizona do also. Through God's enrichment, I'm confident the governments at the local, state, and federal level will see any infringements on constitutionally-protected rights as dangerous and un-American.

I pray for the future of this nation every day. I believe that Americans have the right to keep and bear arms. This legislation is a great step forward for the people of Arizona and their rights that are protected under the Arizona Constitution and the Constitution of the United States.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF BILLY ALEXANDER

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 11, 2021*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Billy Alexander, a dedicated public servant who

worked tirelessly on behalf of childhood education in West Contra Costa County and throughout California.

Billy and his wife, Barbara, advocated for issues that affected children across our state. After Billy served in the Korean War as a member of the U.S. Army, Billy and Barbara returned to California and settled in Richmond to raise their family. Parents of eight children, the Alexanders took a direct role in the education process by first joining the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). This led to them participating in junior high and high school PTAs and School Advisory Councils, where they established themselves as a collective force for good in our community. Billy and Barbara would eventually become co-Chairs of the District Advisory Committee and spent 27 years in that role.

Billy and Barbara also displayed their knowledge of and passion for childhood education on the state and national levels. They participated in developing the California Strategic Plan for Parental Involvement in Education, and Billy served on the California Committee of Practitioners, which helped develop Title I plans for the state. He was appointed to the California Department of Education's Council of Black Affairs and to the Committee to Revise Title 5. Additionally, in 1977, the Alexanders won a California court case requiring school districts to ensure federal and state funds designated for Title I were actually used for that purpose. On a national level, Billy and Barbara served on the Board of Directors for the National Coalition of Title I/Chapter I Parents and on the National Council on Educating Black Children.

The Alexanders dedicated their lives to serving the needs of children in an effort to promote equitable educational opportunities. They touched the lives of countless families and created numerous programs benefiting the children and families of Richmond, including Vision of Hope—a weekend tutoring program that expanded to Summer of Hope, which operated as an alternative to summer school. They also created the Mother Hen/

Chanticleer Awards to honor individuals who exceptionally served West Contra Costa Unified School District students. From helping parents become better advocates for their children to gifting books to students, the Alexanders worked diligently to create better and more equal opportunities for disadvantaged youth.

Billy and Barbara were married for 44 years until Barbara passed in 2001. Sadly, Billy passed away in November of 2020. Billy was a beloved resident of Richmond and a tremendous advocate for children and he will be missed. Please join me in honoring him for his many contributions to our community.

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IN RECOGNITION OF DEREK  
MARTIN

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 11, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Derek Martin on receiving the Blair County Chamber of Commerce's Donna D. Gority Servant Leadership Award, which recognizes individuals who serve the Blair County community through their workplace.

As the COVID-19 pandemic changed life across America, Derek led Altoona Curve staff members in assisting businesses and individuals who were hardest hit in Blair County. He mentored others and offered support and encouragement to those who needed it most. Despite growing challenges, Derek continued his work to help our community weather this storm.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Derek on this accomplishment and thank him for his service to the Blair County community.