

democracy, symbolized by the resolve of the officers of the United States Capitol Police Department, prevailed and the seditious attack was quelled, the Capitol Building preserved, and the lives of United States Senators and Representatives protected, as well as those of congressional and support staff, and order was restored so that the Joint Meeting of Congress was resumed and completed its constitutionally required duty of counting and announcing the votes of the presidential electors, an essential step in the peaceful transfer of power that has been a hallmark of American democracy and the example to the world for more than two centuries.

Madam Speaker, the gold coin authorized to be minted by this legislation and displayed at the United States Capitol Police headquarters, to the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, D.C., and exhibited on display by the Smithsonian Institution conveys the thanks and appreciation of a grateful nation for the selfless and heroic service exhibited by these sentinels of the republic in defense of American democracy in responding to the January 6, 2021 assault on the U.S. Capitol by domestic terrorists.

This tribute is, as President Lincoln noted at Gettysburg, "altogether fitting and proper" for heroes of the republic.

The action we are taking today should encourage all educational and media institutions throughout the United States to teach and celebrate the story of the heroism of the officers of the United States Capitol Police Department, the Metropolitan Police Department, and all other law enforcement officers who, out of true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States, selflessly risked their lives to protect the Capitol Building and its personnel, the Congress, and the spirit and fact of democracy in America.

Madam Speaker, I urge all Americans to read, celebrate, and reverse the Constitution of the United States, fidelity to which is the surest best means of forming a more perfect union, establishing justice, ensuring domestic tranquility, providing for the common defense, promoting the general welfare, and securing the blessing of liberty to them and their posterity.

COMMEMORATING THE SUCCESSFUL FEDERAL CAREER OF BRENDA B. SMITH

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, as the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, I rise today along with Ranking Member KEVIN BRADY, to commemorate the successful federal career of Brenda Smith, Executive Assistant Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Office of Trade. Ms. Smith is retiring after 33 years of government service, including 27 years with CBP and the legacy U.S. Customs Service.

Ms. Smith's leadership at CBP is marked by significant advancements in the agency's trade mission. She spearheaded unprecedented automation and modernization of the U.S. government's import/export system, a renewed focus on preventing duty evasion, intellectual

property rights infringement, and importation of goods derived from forced labor, as well as efforts to adapt the agency's trade and revenue workforce for the new pace and challenges of the 21st century trade environment. Ms. Smith also led the development of global e-commerce standards and focus on new technologies like blockchain and advanced analytics.

Under Ms. Smith's leadership, CBP modernized the international trade process, completing development and deployment of the U.S. Single Window and the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE)—the electronic portal for exporters and importers to clear shipments across the U.S. border. Ms. Smith took command of the Single Window project, organizing the efforts of 49 federal agencies and partnering with thousands of importers, exports, brokers, and technology developers to successfully deploy the modern, automated system. The Single Window is now a global model, and it has revolutionized the international trade process for U.S. businesses and consumers. In recognition of her leadership on this project, Ms. Smith was a 2017 finalist in the Samuel J. Heyman Service to America award for management excellence.

She also implemented key components of the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act (TFTEA) of 2015, the first comprehensive authorization of CBP since the agency's creation in 2003. Ms. Smith led CBP's implementation of the Enforce and Protect Act of 2015, increasing the transparency and effectiveness of CBP's enforcement of antidumping/countervailing duty orders, and, following the repeal of a critical loophole, CBP's increased focus on enforcement of the import prohibition on goods produced using forced, prison, and forced child labor.

Ms. Smith also led U.S. delegations to several partner nations to strengthen relationships with customs and human rights officials, industry leaders, and non-governmental organizations and bolster international safeguards against forced labor. For this work and for her focus on strengthening CBP's trade enforcement mission, Ms. Smith was honored with a 2017 Distinguished Executive Presidential Rank Award, the highest award in civil service. In addition to leading a number of U.S. delegations, Ms. Smith represented the United States on the World Customs Organization Council in 2007 and 2017.

Ms. Smith also led CBP's implementation of the landmark U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), working with the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and other federal agencies, as well as the U.S. international trade community, to ensure effective and timely delivery of key customs provisions of the USMCA.

Throughout her tenure at CBP and its predecessor, Ms. Smith always took the time to be responsive to Member questions and concerns, making herself available for regular briefings.

Prior to joining Customs, Ms. Smith worked at the Department of the Treasury. She also served on the staff of the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment and subsequently in the personal office of Congressman Bernard J. Dwyer of New Jersey. Over the course of her career, Ms. Smith received numerous accolades, including a National Performance Review "Hammer Award" and countless agency awards.

We wish to congratulate Ms. Smith on her retirement and express our sincere appreciation for the many years of service, leadership, and accomplishment she has devoted to the U.S. government and the American people. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

REMEMBERING JOAN F. ARP

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Joan F. Arp, of Liberty Township, Ohio, who passed away on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at the age of 78.

Joan was born on February 28, 1943 in Youngstown, Ohio, the daughter of Louis and Katherine (Popovich) Kunovich. Joan was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Girard and a member of the church's care team, bereavement committee, and taught Sunday School when her children were younger.

Mrs. Arp was a homemaker and stayed home to raise her children. She enjoyed playing bingo, needlepoint and was so proud of her collection of Santa Clauses. Joan loved to participate in the many fun activities and outings that were offered at Liberty Arms Assisted Living.

Joan will miss all of her cherished friendships, especially those she resided with. She leaves to cherish her memory, her children, Mark (Mary) Arp, of Hermitage, PA., and her daughter Kelly Hontula, of Liberty Township; sister Maureen Perrico, of Las Vegas, Nevada and grandson, Nicholas Arp. Besides her parents, Joan is preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth J. Arp, whom she married October 9, 1965 and died May 5, 2014, and her brother, James Kunovich.

I am proud to be friends with Joan's daughter, Kelly, and thank her for her long-standing support. My deepest condolences go out to Kelly, the entire family, and to all whose lives were touched by Joan.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF ROBERT HOYER

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of long-time community member Robert Hoyer as he celebrates his 100th birthday.

Bob grew up in Oakland and attended the University of Nevada, Reno. During World War II, Bob took a leave from his studies and served in the United States Army in the Philippines. When he returned home, Bob graduated from the University of Nevada with a degree in mining engineering. It was also in Reno that Bob met his wife, Eldora, who had served in the United States Navy WAVES during WWII teaching aircraft navigation.

Following college, Bob worked for the Natomas Mining Company in Nevada. When the mining industry declined after the end of

the war, Bob and Eldora moved back to the Bay Area where Bob worked for Dow Chemical in Pittsburg. He then went on to work for the East Bay Regional Parks District as a construction inspector.

In 1956, Bob and Eldora settled in Clayton where they advocated, along with other residents, for its incorporation. When the City of Clayton was incorporated in 1964, Bob became the first mayor and served on the City Council until 1980. One of the City Council's early accomplishments was the establishment of walking trails and preserved open space, which remain a highlight for the city today.

Bob and Eldora also contributed to the creation of the Clayton Historical Society, which was chartered in 1976. Bob served as the President, helped raise money for city monuments, and participated in the establishment of the Clayton Historical Society Museum. In 1976, two historic homes were moved to Main Street and joined together to create the Museum, which stands today as a testament to Clayton's dedicated citizens. Throughout his many years in Clayton, Bob continued to be an active member of the community. He served on The Grove Park Blue Ribbon Task Force and the Keller Ranch Master Plan committee and donated the flagpoles at City Hall, the Grove Park, and the Museum.

Bob is a regular in downtown Clayton and is known for his laughter and insightfulness. Please join me in congratulating Bob on his 100th birthday and his lifetime of service and leadership.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 81.

RECOGNIZING MS. NANCY DOLAN

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Nancy Dolan, a key member of the Senior Executive Service of the Department of the Air Force, upon her promotion and departure as the Deputy Director of the Secretary of the Air Force Legislative Liaison. As Deputy Director, Nancy is responsible for organizing, coordinating, and resourcing the Legislative Liaison Directorate. She develops and executes the Department of the Air Force's legislative program and ensures the Department of the Air Force provides a consistent and cohesive message through congressional engagements, inquiries, and correspondence. She works with Members of Congress, congressional staff, and senior Department of the Air Force leaders on legislative issues that affect Department programs, policies, and weapon systems. She will be deeply missed by all after three and a half years of exceptional service.

Nancy is a native of New York and is a graduate from Cornell University where she

earned a Bachelor of Science in Human Factors Engineering. Prior to her current assignment, Ms. Dolan served as the Deputy Director, Strategy, Concepts and Assessments, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Requirements. Ms. Dolan was responsible for developing and synchronizing Air Force strategy and strategic planning efforts and assessing alignment of planning products with strategic guidance. She supported the Chief of Staff of the Air Force with U.S. and Allied Strategic Studies Group, led Air Force transformation by developing, exploring, and advocating joint and combined force employment concepts, and executed the CSAF's Title 10 Futures Capabilities and unified engagement wargames.

Nancy also previously served as the Staff Director in the U.S. Congress for the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, where she was responsible for the operations of four subcommittees. She coordinated the work of the Full Committee minority to provide and update the legislative and fiscal authorizations for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation, we wish Ms. Dolan the best of luck in her new role as the Deputy Director of Staff, Secretary of the Air Force. I extend our deepest appreciation to Ms. Nancy Dolan for her dedicated service to the Department of the Air Force, the U.S. Congress, and to our Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF BEDFORD COUNTY

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Bedford County, Pennsylvania on March 9, 2021. In 1771, the Pennsylvania General Assembly passed a law forming Bedford County. Since then, it has been an integral part of Pennsylvania.

The first settlement in the colony was established in 1758 around Fort Bedford, which was constructed during the French and Indian War. At the time of the County's formation, 221 families lived in the region. Over the course of 250 years, the County grown in both population and economic success. In addition to being a wonderful place to work and live, Bedford County is an important center of railroads and interstate highways, among other national priorities.

Bedford County is home to hardworking Pennsylvanians who build, sustain, and serve our commonwealth and our nation. It is an honor to recognize the Bedford County Sestercentennial and celebrate the County's remarkable history. I look forward to continued partnership with the people of Bedford County to continue this incredible legacy for the next 250 years and beyond.

IN MEMORY OF C.T. WRIGHT

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Dr. C.T. Wright,

a passionate, faithful, and devoted public servant and valued neighbor. C.T. will be remembered as a mentor and true leader throughout the education, criminal justice, and faith communities in Arizona. He devoted much of his life to civil rights and education, working for many of the country's historically black colleges and universities, where he then moved on to his passion to help with human rights. He founded the Light of Hope Institute, which promotes human rights around the world. He also served as a delegate for the Electoral College and met six Presidents. C.T. frequently led prayers at campaign rallies and promoted faith. He proudly served as the Chairman of the Board of Executive Clemency.

C.T. Wright had great passion for his family, education, faith, and freedom. Many will always remember and consider him as their brother. He leaves behind a great legacy that has reached out to communities across Arizona. He was a thoughtful, compassionate, and kind man who always cared for others while ensuring a good future for all.

C.T. Wright served countless communities unselfishly and served as a great leader. May we continue to honor his memory through our passion and service to our communities.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF MALCOLM HARDY DUDLEY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the very well-lived life of Malcolm Hardy Dudley who died on February 10, 2021 at home in Atherton, California, with his wife of 67 years, Cosette. He was born in Santa Cruz, California, to Allen Mason Dudley and Gladys Alda Hardy Dudley.

Malcolm Dudley was a graduate of the University of California, Davis, and studied at the London School of Economics. He served his country in the U.S. Navy for three years on active duty and for another three years as a communications officer for the U.S. Naval Command Europe. He retired from the Naval Reserves as a captain in 1982.

Malcolm Dudley's life was full and varied and he has been described as affable, cheerful, and relaxed, traits he combined with tremendous energy and efficiency. He began his career as a financial advisor in 1962 and retired in 2017, two weeks before his 85th birthday. He had a great interest in the environment and traffic congestion which led to his interest in local government. He served on the Atherton City Council for 24 years, six of them as Mayor. He was a champion of public transportation and he was known as the resident guru on regional transportation issues.

Malcolm had a passion for boating and water-skiing on Lake Tahoe, often sailing his 70-foot motor cruiser up the Pacific coast to Washington and Canada. He loved music and played jazz saxophone, and had a popular dance band in the 50's, and played with the Unicorns swing band until this year.

Malcolm leaves his wife Cosette and his daughters, Lynette Stebin and Virginia Rock, two grandchildren and countless friends, all of whom benefitted from his generosity and kindness. I consider myself privileged to have been among his wide group of friends.