basis of religion. As members of a religious minority who have been frequently targeted in violent attacks, often motivated by bias, we remain deeply concerned about how bias, bigotry and the resulting backlash impact all of our communities.

To address these broader concerns, we request that your office stand in solidarity with the Sikh community and other minority communities and pledge action that will ensure the safety of your constituents by supporting the policy goals shared below:

1. Unequivocally demand that local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies conduct a comprehensive and thorough investigation into the shooter's motive including accurately identifying any nexus to white supremacist ideology based on the shooter's personal history. Doing so would signal to your constituents that no one should be targeted because of their race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability.

2. Improve hate crime reporting by passing the recently re-introduced Jabara-Heyer NO HATE Act [H.R. 2383/S. 1086] and ensuring that all law enforcement agencies are required to report hate crimes.This should be part of a larger initiative that prioritizes data collection, a key component of civil rights enforcement and ensuring compliance with federal hate crime and nondiscrimination laws.

3. Close the loophole that limits federal prosecution of mixed-motive hate crimes by reintroducing and passing the Justice for Victims of Hate Crime Act. To effectively combat hate crimes, law enforcement and advocates need the tools to hold offenders accountable and ensure our justice system protects all Americans. This important change addresses a split in federal courts on the interpretation of the motive requirement in the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr., Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009 that currently leaves many victims without justice.

4. Reintroduce and pass the Disarm Hate Act to keep weapons of mass destruction out of the hands of dangerous individuals. Shooters opening fire on houses of worship, community centers, and other soft targets are becoming far too common. More than 10,000 hate crimes in the U.S. involved a firearm. Anyone who has been convicted of a misdemeanor hate crime should not be allowed to jeopardize the peace of communities.

5. Request state and federal funding for 360-degree victim assistance services that include language accessible hate crime reporting, mental health services, comprehensive trauma-informed support, and technical assistance and advocates for victims and survivors of hate crimes and mass casualty incidents such as these.

We are also happy to provide resources, sample social media messaging, information on the Sikh community, and guidance on how to support the aforementioned recommendations. If you would like us to keep you informed about vigils or other ways to support the Indianapolis Sikh community, please let us know and we will make sure to share those with you.

We thank you for your efforts to help protect the communities we serve and look forward to working with your office to move these important policy priorities forward.

Sincerely,

SIM J. SINGH,
Sikh Coalition.

TRANSIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD an exchange of letters between the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on the Budget on H.R. 396, the "Transit Security Grant Program Flexibility Act".

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,
Washington, DC, April 7, 2021.

Hon. BENNIE G. THOMPSON,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I write to confirm our mutual understanding regarding H.R. 396, the Transit Security Grant Program Flexibility Act. H.R. 396 contains provisions that fall within the rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget. However, the committee agrees to waive formal consideration of the bill.

The Committee on the Budget takes this action with the mutual understanding that we do not waive any jurisdiction over the subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and the committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as the bill or similar legislation moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues within our jurisdiction. The committee also reserves the right to seek appointment to any House-Senate conference convened on this legislation or similar legislation and requests your support if such a request is made.

Finally, I would appreciate your response to this letter confirming this understanding, and I ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of the bill. I look forward to continuing to work with you as this measure moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

JOHN YARMUTH,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,
Washington, DC, April 9, 2021.

Hon. JOHN YARMUTH,
Chairman, Committee on the Budget, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN YARMUTH: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 396, the ''Transit Security Grant Program Flexibility Act.'' I recognize that the Committee on the Budget has a jurisdictional interest in H.R. 396, and appreciate your effort to allow this bill to be considered on the House floor.

I concur with you that forgoing action on the bill does not in any way prejudice the Committee on the Budget with respect to its jurisdictional prerogatives on this bill or similar legislation in the future, and I would support your effort to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this legislation.

I will include our letters on H.R. 396 in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of this bill. I look forward to working with you on this legislation and other matters of great importance to this nation.

Sincerely,

BENNIE G. THOMPSON,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security.

REMEMBERING LYNNE JORDAN TURLEY

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend Lynne Jordan Turley, a music and arts educator and a civic leader who lived a life full of purpose and meaning.

Lynne gave to others because she cared for them and wanted to make the world a better place. She did this through her profession as an educator, both in Memphis and in New York City, where she helped to produce educational texts.

She participated in civic affairs, both political and charitable. She was always for the candidate who supported the underdog and the downtrodden.

Civically, the Lynne and Henry Turley Memphis Center at Rhodes College will and has contributed to the betterment of our city. Lynne was a talented musician who played her piano and sang to the enjoyment of children and friends both in person and on her WKNO television program.

Lynne was a good friend to me both personally and politically. She was sweet and smart and cheery. She had good values that she shared and a big heart that was always open. Her journey from Selma to Memphis to New York and back to Memphis was eventful and exciting.

She was the perfect spouse for her husband Henry as she complemented his abilities and talents and the two were greater for having each other. She had a host of friends, a group known as ''the Wild Women'' who were very active in community affairs, got involved in politics and encouraged people to vote and make a difference.

When they set their minds to something, they got it done. There wasn't a bigger Memphis Grizzlies fan than Lynne, who loved going to every game and knew all the players, all the fans, and all the ushers. She loved them and they loved her.

I extend my deepest condolences to her husband and my dear friend, Henry; her extended family, and her many friends. She led an exemplary life and will be greatly missed.

STATE OF ISRAEL AT 73

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD remarks submitted at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman, of Temple Lev Tikvah and is a reflection of his views:

Distinguished Israeli historian Tom Segev was born in Jerusalem in 1945, earned his doctorate at Boston University and his books were translated into fourteen languages. In his A State At Any Cost (The Life of David Ben-Gurion). Farrar, Straus and Girous. 2018, he treats us to a mesmerizing account of Israel's first prime minister's tumultuous life in the context of fateful times for the Jewish people and humanity. It is

based on a newly released treasure trove of archival material shedding more light on the interaction between complex times and a complex personality of significant contrasts.

Ben-Gurion was a politician-philosopher-poet, or equally the other way around, which he probably preferred. Born in Plonsk, Poland on October 16, 1886 as Daveed Yosef Green, he died on December 1, 1973 in Tel Aviv, Israel shortly following the traumatic Yom Kippur War. Indicative of his total attachment to realizing the Zionist dream, he regarded his arrival in Jaffa, Palestine on September 7, 1906 from Odessa, Russia as his preferred birthdate so engraved on his stately memorial besides his wife Paula, in the Negev, Israel's mostly desert land.

Admired as likely Israel's leading founder, his finest hour, rightly identified by Segev, was his heroic decision to declare Israeli statehood on May 14, 1948 immediately following the British departure which upended its Mandate since 1917.

Early on in his budding career as a Zionist politician in Poland, he proved to be a master of detail, thoroughly studying any given subject before him, particularly recording in his notebook statistical and economic information. Ben-Gurion was also known to be a lover and obsessive collector of books, which he shipped home when abroad, amassing an impressive library. He favored Plato though he copied in ancient Greek from Aristotle; identifying with Plato's model of the philosopher-ruler he sought to blend his statesmanship for the reborn Jewish state given a long lack of sovereignty with a rabbinic tradition celebrating argumentation.

The late Professor Yigael Yadin, the famed Dead Sea Scrolls' scholar who served as IDF Chief of Staff and Deputy Prime Minister, is purported to opine that Ben-Gurion was envious of those with academic standing and thus his enormous drive for acquiring books. Ben-Gurion regarded Dr. Chaim Weitzmann, Israel's first President, who was instrumental in the breakthrough 1917 Balfour Declaration, as his archrival and refused to allow him to sign the Independence Declaration.

Ben-Gurion felt some guilt for not doing more to save fellow Jews during the Holocaust and his encounter with the surviving remnant was painful. He could not even bring himself to visit Poland at war's end and was relentless about the survivors leaving Poland for Germany's American zone through the B'richa (Escape) organization headquartered in Paris. My family and I were among some 200,000 surviving Jewish refugees enabled to leave Poland. Ben-Gurion's goal was to bring them all to the emerging Jewish state with my own family arriving there as Israel celebrated its first Independence Day. Earlier, Ben-Gurion sought to create a temporary Jewish State in Germany's Bavaria but denied by General Eisenhauer, who did agree to settle in the American Zone many fleeing East European Jews.

Ben-Gurion bemoaned that the Holocaust deprived the nascent nation of its best human potential, more than the high number of Jewish victims. He credited the leadership and financial support of American Jews for making a critical difference in the 1948 War. He was concerned during the Cold War years that a Soviet nuclear strike on New York would deprive Israel of Jewish support, becoming convinced that Israel required a nuclear capability for its very survival, ever-worried of a second Holocaust. He believed in the potential of nuclear energy in developing the vast wilderness of the Negev's desert. Ben-Gurion viewed Israel as the only authentic Jewish center with ''Hebrew Education'' as the link with the Diaspora. Back in 1900 when he was only fourteen in Plonsk, Poland, he established with two friends the Ezra Association, pledging to speak only Hebrew.

The multi-faceted Ben-Gurion opposed the watershed 1967 War, afterwards preferring a smaller Israel at peace with its Arab neighbors, attested in his support for the 1947 U.N. Partition Resolution. He died before witnessing Israel's negotiated peace with Egypt and Jordan along with the recent Abraham Accords, adding four more Arab countries. Ben-Gurion's single-mindedness and utter devotion to his cause of creating a Jewish state in times of unparalleled pain and messianic promise, remains his crowning glory. Both visionary and practical, Segev aptly concludes, ''People believed in him because he believed in himself.''

Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman is the founder of Temple Lev Tikvah in Virginia Beach. He was born in Chu, Kazakhstan, in 1945 to Polish Holocaust survivors and was raised in Haifa, Israel.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FRED ARBANAS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to recognize the life and accomplishments of Fred Arbanas, who recently passed away at the age of 82. A husband, father, grandfather, athlete, public servant, and Kansas City icon, Fred was widely loved and will be fondly remembered. In his youth, Fred played for the Kansas City Chiefs and set records on the field. After his retirement from professional football, Fred dedicated himself to a life of service as an influential player in the Jackson County legislature for more than four decades of stunning community development.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, Fred's introduction to Kansas City was through his time on the Kansas City Chiefs, then the Dallas Texans, as a tight end. For eight years, Fred set records for the Chiefs and helped bring them to two Super Bowls and a World Championship. Before his remarkable life came to end, Fred had been inducted into the Chiefs' Hall of Fame, the Missouri Hall of Fame, the Michigan Hall of Fame, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame's All-Time AFL Team. Even in the face of an injury at the height of his career, Mr. Arbanas continued to play and persevere, inspiring those around him.

In 1973, after his departure from the NFL, Fred joined the Jackson County legislature. Between 1974 and 1989, Mr. Arbanas served as the chairman of the legislature four separate times. His tenure in politics was dedicated to transforming the County's recreational services and amenities. Over the course of his 41-year career, Jackson County came to boast the third largest county parks system in the United States, with more than 20,000 acres of land dedicated to that purpose. Fred also played a considerable role in the paving of every road in unincorporated Jackson County and in the relocation of the county jail, projects of great importance to the county at the time.

There is no doubt that Fred Arbanas was a pillar of the Jackson County community. His dedication to the county and his place in Kansas City history will not be forgotten; his contributions to his community will be memorialized in the happy memories created in the green spaces his work made possible; and his inspiring example will be carried forward by a loving family and a grateful community, whose lives were touched, in so many ways, by his devotion to service. Fred is survived by his four children and eight grandchildren. His name will also live on through the Fred Arbanas Golf Course, christened in his honor.

Fred was an icon to his community and a model public servant. His good deeds and commitment to helping others bring to mind Acts 20:35: ''In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Fred Arbanas embodied what it means to give rather than receive. Whether he was giving his all on the field, or giving his service in the halls of the Jackson County legislature—whether he was giving to his team or to his community at large—Fred Arbanas was always giving.

Madam Speaker, please join me in remembering the incredible, vibrant life of Fred Arbanas. Please also join me in offering condolences to his family and all those mourning his loss. Let us seek to emulate his example in the work we do here in Congress by remembering that service is about setting our talents upon the alter of change and making life better for those in our communities.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF CHARLES GESCHKE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Charles Geschke, known to all as Chuck, a pioneer and a giant in Silicon Valley, who died on April 16, 2021, at the age of 81, at his home in Los Altos, California. He was born on September 11, 1939, and grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, where his father was a photoengraver and his mother a paralegal.

Chuck was a deeply faith-filled man who once considered entering the Catholic priesthood. He attended a Jesuit high school and studied liberal arts at Xavier University in Cincinnati. He earned a master's degree in mathematics there and later earned a Ph.D. in computer science at Carnegie Mellon. He worked as a math professor, then at the Defense Department's Advanced Research Projects Agency. He was hired by Xerox to work at its Palo Alto Research Center where he met John Warnock, Ph.D., and they joined together in leaving Xerox to found what is now Adobe Inc.

Chuck created a highly successful and important company, one of Silicon Valley's greatest, that enabled desktop publishing which has had worldwide impact. The New York Times, (4/20/2021) opened its obituary of him by asking,

''If you sent a PDF on your computer today, thank him. In 1980, he and a colleague created a way of sending digital documents to a printer, starting a company, Adobe.'' In the same piece, the Times quoted him as saying this regarding his immense success; ''Engineers dream of building something that millions of people will use; that's their ultimate goal.