

Guard is losing an incredibly influential proponent, we can at least find comfort knowing that he will continue to serve the State and the maintenance of its essential infrastructure in the Connecticut Department of Transportation. Having risen through the ranks from Second Lieutenant in 1989, all the way to Colonel in just 18 years, Colonel Lukowski's impressive line of service to Connecticut has been displayed by his rapid rate of promotion and further by his list of numerous accolades. To that end, I ask my colleagues in the House join me in honoring and thanking Colonel Jerry Lukowski for his extensive history of service and wishing him and his family all the best in this new chapter of their lives.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce legislation to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Federal Protective Service (FPS) in recognition of their service to our Nation. After passing the Capitol security bill in this chamber earlier this week, it is only natural that we highlight the work of our protection agencies and their commitment to the Federal workforce. As a former law enforcement officer, I understand the pivotal role of security today more than ever. Following the U.S. Capitol attacks on January 6, we witnessed firsthand how important it is to have law enforcement agencies like FPS to protect our federal facilities and workforce.

For half a century, FPS has served and protected the American people and government business with honor, integrity, and commitment. Since its inception in 1971, FPS has contributed to the protection of people and property in the Federal Government by identifying and mitigating vulnerabilities through risk assessments, law enforcement, intelligence analysis, and security measures. Two major acts of terror against the United States have shaped FPS to anticipate emerging threats more effectively: the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995, and the terror attacks on September 11. Today, FPS provides the Department of Homeland Security Secretary with a highly trained, nationwide force that can support needs in countering emerging or existing threats and terrorism, within the boundaries of our Nation and territories. It is also responsible for protecting over 9,000 facilities and more than 1.4 million people who work, visit, or conduct business at these facilities each day.

FPS has shown that it is a leader within the law enforcement and protection community. It is their work and dedication that brings us closer to the vision of a Federal workforce and workplace that is safe, secure, and resilient moving forward.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing one of our nation's most critical federal agencies.

VA ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE U.S. OUTLYING AREAS AND FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, military veterans living in the U.S. Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States do not have the same access to services as veterans elsewhere in our Nation. They face numerous obstacles accessing the benefits to which they are due. They cannot reach all the services that should be available to them. We must fix this inequality.

As a first step, today I am introducing legislation to create the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on the U.S. Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States. The new advisory committee would be composed of veterans from the U.S. Outlying Areas—the Northern Mariana Islands, which I represent, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico—and from the Freely Associated States of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. The committee, a part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, will be responsible for assessing benefit availability and service accessibility in these U.S. Outlying areas and Freely associated States and for advising the Secretary on how any deficits can be addressed.

As an example of these inequities, the Northern Marianas, my district, is the only U.S. jurisdiction without a VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC). The nearest full-service VA medical facility is in Hawaii, which can be over a 15-hour journey by plane. The Northern Marianas is also the only U.S. area without a Vet Center. Guam Vet Center staff travel to the island of Saipan in the Marianas to provide services, but visits are infrequent and limited to a few hours. Veterans on the islands of Tinian and Rota must travel to Saipan or Guam to receive in-person services. The Marianas is also the only U.S. jurisdiction without a Veteran Benefits office. Guam VA Benefits Office staff travel to Saipan to meet with Marianas veterans and their families, but again those visits are infrequent and limited to a few hours.

The advisory committee my legislation sets up will detail issues, like these that Marianas veterans face, and concerns raised by veterans resident in the other U.S. outlying areas and freely associated states. And the committee will recommend to the Secretary how these issues should be addressed.

It is also my intention that the committee's existence within the Department will encourage VA leadership and staff to consider island area veterans from the outset, when developing new programs or initiatives, to put an end to this pattern of inequity.

Providing equitable support to veterans in the outlying areas and freely associated states is an obligation long overdue. These veterans have fought in the same conflicts and suffered the same physical, mental, and spiritual wounds of service as veterans residing everywhere else in America.

The legislation I am introducing today will give these veterans a voice within the Depart-

ment to advocate for equal treatment. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF JANYCE COLLIER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Janyce Collier for her work as the Director of the Franklin County Career and Technology Center Practical Nursing Program.

For the past 14 years, Janyce has selflessly served the people of Franklin County by ensuring quality education for the nurses and technicians that staff our hospitals and treat our patients. Her extensive career experience includes her dedicated work as a medical surgical nurse, time spent treating patients in the Intensive Care Unit, as well as work with home health care.

Before coming to Franklin County, Janyce Collier served our nation with the United States Army Nurse Corp from 1980 to 1995. During her service, she was deployed to Nurnberg, Germany, and later served with the Army Reserves in the 99th Combat Support Hospital located in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Previously, Janyce received her pre-clinical nursing accreditation at California State University-Sacramento, and then earned her BSN in Nursing from the University of Portland. She furthered her education with a master's degree from the Oklahoma City University, and a MSN in Nursing Education from Saint Joseph's College of Maine, as well as a Vocational II Certificate from Penn State.

Janyce Collier's dedication to teaching the next generation of nurses is truly remarkable. I am incredibly grateful for her service to our Nation and to our community. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I thank her for her years of service and wish her every continued success as she begins a new chapter.

REMEMBERING BELOVED BASKING RIDGE, NJ CROSSING GUARD

HON. TOM MALINOWSKI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Speaker, Carolyn Maaitis was a beloved crossing guard from Basking Ridge, New Jersey. Carolyn passed away on May 17, 2021, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Carolyn was a cherished member of her community, who spent the last 28 years ensuring the safety of Basking Ridge children as a crossing guard near the Liberty Corner School. Along with her husband, George, Carolyn was a source of love and support to the students and families who knew her.

Carolyn prepared goody bags full of snacks and stickers on holidays, gave cards and small gifts on birthdays, and always had treats on hand for the neighborhood dogs. She never forgot to ask how a sick family member was doing and continually kept up to date with those around her.

I join the Basking Ridge community in mourning her loss. Carolyn exemplified what it means to be an upstanding citizen and neighbor. Her presence will be missed by all.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF FIRE
CHIEF MIKE FARBER

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lifelong career of a great Fire Chief, Mike Farber. In a 40-plus-year career, Mike has selflessly risked his life as a firefighter for the people of Arizona. His courageous leadership and expertise was reflected in his role as a serving member of the Mesa Community College Curriculum Committee and Fire Science Advisory Committee. For three consecutive years, Mike facilitated a Leadership Academy and brought numerous recognized leaders from the fire service to share their wisdom and to help mentor the district's officers and staff.

Mike was also well known for his extensive experience and educational background. For more than 20 years, Mike has taught courses at Mesa Community College and Central Arizona Community College in Tactics & Strategy, Hydraulics, Supervision, Algebra, and Communication. His commitment and work ethic to civic duty and his community is a characteristic that all Americans should strive for. I believe that Fire Chief Mike Farber is a great example of what being an American is about. His impact and involvement will not be forgotten by his local community and state.

Madam Speaker, I express a sincere form of gratitude to Fire Chief Mike Farber, and I encourage my colleagues to join me in celebrating a successful career and legacy as a valuable protector to the people of Arizona.

CONGRATULATING THE PLAINVIEW ROTARY CLUB ON 100 YEARS OF ACTION

HON. JODEY C. ARRINGTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Plainview Rotary Club, which is celebrating 100 years of service.

Since May 1, 1921, the Plainview Rotary Club has consistently served not only the Plainview community, but also the entire Texas Panhandle region and beyond. While times have undoubtedly changed over the past century, the Plainview Rotary Club's foundation of "Service Above Self" has not. With almost 60 members, this club's impact echoes throughout West Texas.

Whether it is working with the Salvation Army at Christmas, providing dictionaries to Hale County third graders, awarding students with perfect attendance, giving protective equipment to medical personnel, or promoting community improvement projects, Plainview Rotarians are known for putting service into action.

These individuals exemplify the principles of West Texas exceptionalism. For that, I wish to thank each member of the Plainview Rotary Club for their continuous, dedicated commitment to improving the lives of others. It is an honor to represent these members in our Nation's capital.

Again, congratulations on 100 outstanding years, and go West Texas.

IN RECOGNITION OF GARY AND
MARIE KLINE

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gary and Marie Kline as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 5, 2021.

Gary is a native and lifelong resident of Chambersburg, and Marie moved to the area from Edison, New Jersey. They met during a football game at Chambersburg Area High School. Mr. and Mrs. Kline were married on June 5, 1971, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Chambersburg by Father Clemmons. Together they raised a beautiful family, welcoming a son, Gary, and daughter-in-law, Jessica.

For decades, they have worked together to serve the Chambersburg community and are active members of the Corpus Christi Church. Gary is a Fourth Degree Member of the Chambersburg Knights of Columbus Council 1426, where he served as Grand Knight from 2000 to 2002. Marie's community involvement extends from her volunteer work with the local Red Cross organizing blood drives across the region and to her service to local children at the Fourth Street Nursery School.

Gary and Marie Kline have shared a wonderful 50 years of marriage. Their enduring commitment to one another has held them together for better and for worse, and their strong and lasting marriage is one of life's greatest blessings. As Mr. and Mrs. Kline celebrate this remarkable achievement, I wish them every continued health and happiness in the years to come.

MENSTRUAL EQUITY FOR ALL ACT
OF 2021

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce that on May 28th, Menstrual Hygiene Day, I introduced my Menstrual Equity for All Act of 2021. No one should be inhibited from participating fully in daily life due to lack of access to menstrual products. Safe, affordable access to period products is a basic need for over half the population, moreover, it is a human right.

Madam Speaker, period poverty permeates and cuts across a swath of issues—from educational equity to criminal justice reform; from economic and housing justice to immigration. The tragic reality for too many individuals in our nation, is that the cost of menstrual prod-

ucts is a barrier to managing monthly menstruation in a safe and dignified manner.

In the United States, 25 million women live at or below the poverty line. A 2019 study found that among low-income women in a major U.S. city, nearly half had to choose between buying food and spending money on menstrual products. One in five teens have struggled to afford period products, or were not able to purchase them at all. As a result, over 80 percent of teens say they missed school or know someone else who has. A recent study revealed that 1 in 10 college students was unable to afford menstrual products, and those who experienced period poverty on a monthly basis, were more likely to experience moderate to severe depression.

Madam Speaker, menstruators from all walks of life, across our country are having to choose between their period or their dignity. In fact, a lawsuit filed against DHS's monstrous treatment of migrant children in its custody found that girls with periods were left to bleed through their clothes and denied showers for days on end. This is unconscionable. We must break the silence, raise awareness, and fight for menstrual equity for all—each and every day.

My Menstrual Equity for All Act, is the first of its kind to comprehensively address the challenges of those experiencing period poverty. My bill would provide students from elementary school through postsecondary education free menstrual products, ensure that incarcerated individuals and detainees in federal, state, and local facilities have access to free menstrual products, allow homeless assistance provides to provide these products with federal grant funds, require Medicaid to cover the cost of menstrual products, direct large employers to provide free menstrual products in the workplace, and ensure that all public federal buildings provide free menstrual products in restrooms.

Madam Speaker, we cannot address educational equity, economic justice, or infrastructure reform without addressing the barriers that prevent our social infrastructure from caring for the basic health care rights of our population. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and join me in upholding this human right. We must work to end period poverty once and for all.

RECOGNIZING WWII VETERAN
EVERTT ATKINSON ON HIS 99TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Evertt Atkinson of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, who turns 99 tomorrow.

Evertt was born on June 5, 1922, in Jefferson County to Emery Pearl and Hallie Winnifred Morre Atkinson. Upon the death of his mother, Evertt dropped out of school at the age of 13 to help his father tend to the family dairy farm and help raise his three younger brothers. Upon hearing of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Evertt hitchhiked from Mt. Vernon to Scott Air Force Base to enlist in the military. However, he was only 19 at the time, and he was forced to return home to get his father's written permission to enlist.