Born in 2003 to parents who came to the U.S. as refugees from Laos, Ms. Lee is accustomed to working hard and overcoming challenges. Just one day before leaving to compete in the 2019 U.S. gymnastics championship, her father and top cheerleader, Houa (John) Lee, became paralyzed in a tree trimming accident. Despite this tragedy, John encouraged Suni to go and compete. She went on to defy expectations and finish second in the gymnastics all-around, Since then, she has assisted her father in his recovery, along with her mother Yeev Thoj and her siblings, all while continuing her demanding schedule of academic studies and training. Her resilience and determination reflect the heart of an Olympian.

In tribute to Ms. Lee's Olympic gold medal in the women's gymnastics all-around, Governor Tim Walz and Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter named Friday, July 30, 2021 as Sunisa Lee Day in Minnesota and Saint Paul. On August 8, a parade was held in her honor through her East Side Saint Paul neighborhood. Thousands of fans, family and friends gathered on White Bear Avenue to cheer on her victories and celebrating her achievements on behalf of Team USA.

Throughout her life, Ms. Lee has been a positive force for her family, her community in Saint Paul, Minnesota and the United States. Her victory as the first Hmong-American to win Olympic gold in the all-around gymnastics category is especially inspiring to Asian-American girls who see her as a role model who is capable of performing at the highest level on the global stage.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Sunisa Lee for her outstanding accomplishments, along with her incomparable talent, extraordinary commitment, and resilient spirit. We wish Ms. Lee well as she begins a new chapter as a student-athlete at Auburn University.

SYMPATHY RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF MR. FLOYD LEE SMALL

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize and honor the late Mr. Floyd Lee Small, a beloved father, veteran, and friend.

Whereas, Mr. Floyd Small was born in Miami, Florida on April 1, 1953, to the late James and Annie Mae Small. He was one of nine siblings. Mr. Small had a strong Christian upbringing, in a household where love and values were instilled and strongly emphasized at an early age; and

Whereas, Mr. Small was among the first class to integrate South Dade High School in the early 70's. Immediately after graduating, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he received an honorable discharge; and

Whereas, on October 15, 1979, he was united in holy matrimony to Brenda Donaldson. With this union, came a daughter Tiffany and two stepdaughters Kimberly and Tracy; and

Whereas, he was a man of many talents and gifts. In his early adult years, he began working at Turkey Pointe as an apprentice in the water treatment plant. Throughout the remainder of his career, he worked in diverse industries such as: Law enforcement, as a police dispatcher, freelance photographer, MC/DJ. In the 90's, he mastered the art of window tinting and eventually started X-pert Window Tinting.

Whereas, Mr. Small was loved by many and shed light on whomever crossed his path. He knew that God gave him a voice. He used this voice to sing, inspire, and help others make sense of life. His amazing sense of humor rubbed off on anyone that was near him; and

Whereas, on August 5, 2021, the Lord called him home. Mr. Small leaves to cherish his precious memories: his daughter Tiffany (Willis) Howard; Two brothers; Edward (Michelle), Willie; six sisters, Annie Bell Walker, Sharon Ferguson, Carolyn (Ralph) Baptiste, Sandra Small, Deborah (Joe) Roberts and Jacqueline (Glenn) Gray; His grandson Jacob; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, countless friends; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, FREDERICA S. WILSON, a Member of the United States House of Representatives representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, am honored to recognize the late Mr. Floyd Lee Small.

IN RECOGNITION OF PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S ENVIROTHON TEAM

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pleasant Valley High School's Envirothon Team. The team of Emma Barrett (captain), Reece Kresge, Zachary Dooner, Jacob Possinger, and Benjamin Keppel recently placed seventh at the International NCF-Evirothon competition hosted virtually at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Evirothon began in Pennsylvania in 1979 as the ''Environmental Olympics'' to encourage young people to take an interest in conservation and environmental issues, and, over the past four decades, the program has expanded to 46 states and internationally to Canada and China. Teachers and professionals support high school students as they participate in natural resource environmental education both in the classroom and outdoors.

To advance to the international competition, the team competed against teams from 58 Pennsylvania counties in a series of field station tests focused five areas: soils and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, and environmental issues. They also prepared and delivered an oral presentation where they demonstrated their problem solving and oral presentation skills and provided their recommendations to solve a current environmental issue. Their impressive performance earned them first place and a chance to compete at the international competition. The team also posted the top score in the wildlife station.

At the 32nd annual NCF-Enivrothon competition, hosted by the National Conservation Foundation and the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, the team took on 42 teams—35 from the United States, four from Canada, and three from China. Vying for glory as well as scholarships and awards, the team competed in the five stations and delivered their oral presentation to a panel of judges, ultimately placing seventh overall and earning $1,000 scholarships.

It is an honor to recognize Emma, Reece, Zachary, Jacob, Benjamin, and their advisor, Maricatherine Garr, as they celebrate this outstanding achievement. They have made the 8th Congressional District proud and represented the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania well on the world stage. These students have bright futures ahead of them in whatever career path they choose, and I wish them well as they continue on in their studies. May they be lifelong stewards and advocates for our environment.

RICHARD L. TRUMKA AND UNITE HERE: A REMEMBRANCE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD a statement written by John W. Wilhelm, Retired President, UNITE HERE, in honor of the late Rich Trumka.

UNITE HERE had a special bond with Rich Trumka. His unexpected death this month hit the labor movement hard. It was a personal loss for me, and the loss of a passionate advocate for the members of our Union.

Rich Trumka was a leader of principle and courage. He was a third generation coal miner from immigrant Italian and Polish stock, growing up in the little Appalachian coal town of Nemacolin in southwest Pennsylvania.

His Union, the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA), is one of the most important Unions—arguably the single most important—in American labor history. The UMWA was founded in 1890, one year before HERE. The UMWA has always been important to its fiercely loyal members, working for brutal companies in a dangerous industry. It was equally important to the American labor movement because the UMWA was the driving force in the creation of the CIO and the massive industrial organizing campaigns of the Great Depression, as well as a crucial political ally for President Roosevelt and the New Deal.

My mother, who grew up in the coal country of Southwest Virginia, always said that the only good things that ever happened to the Appalachian people were Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and the United Mine Workers.

After the legendary Mine Workers leader John L. Lewis retired in 1960. the Union lost its way. Rich Trumka went to Penn State, intending to play football until he got hurt, and then the Villanova Law School. Rich could have done anything, but he decided to become part of a growing reform movement in the UMWA. After the murder of reform leader Jock Yablonski, Rich redoubled his efforts. In 1982, at age 33, he was elected President of his Union.

Rich set out to restore the confidence of the miners in their Union, and to restore the Union's hard-earned respect from the coal companies. His rebuilding program culminated in the epic 10-month strike of 2,000 Union miners against the Pittston Coal Company in 1989–1990. Pittston was a creative

campaign, with the mine workers' trademark militant picket lines backed up by massive, repeated civil disobedience, strategic corporate and political action, and determined support from women organized as the Daughters of Mother Jones.

My predecessor as HERE General President, Edward T. Hanley, supported Rich Trumka from the time Rich became President of UMWA. During the Pittston strike, Edward saw a CNN report that Pittston had put on a lobster dinner for the scabs, outdoors where the pickets could see the scabs eating. That angered Edward. He told Rich that the company fed the scabs once, but HERE would feed the strikers every day. He sent five cooks who were members of HERE Local 863 at the Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia to Camp Solidarity in Castlewood, Virginia, the strike headquarters. The Greenbrier HERE members prepared three meals a day, seven days a week, until the strikers won.

The key issue in the strike was retiree health care. Pittston unilaterally gutted the health benefits of its retirees, and refused to pay into the health care fund for retired miners who had been employed by other companies that had gone out of business.

Rich told me that Ed Hanley's help was crucial to settling the Pittston strike. During the AFL–CIO Convention in 1989 in Washington DC, Edward invited Rep. Daniel Rostenkowski, his life-long Chicago friend who was then Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, to meet in the bar at the Sheraton Wardman Park Hotel, site of the Convention, and asked Rich to join them. By the wee hours of the next morning, Rich, Edward, and Rep. Rostenkowski shook hands on the framework to settle the Pittston strike.

The strike continued full force, but the Sheraton Wardman Park framework succeeded. Pittston reluctantly agreed to pay for retirement security for its own current and future employees and their spouses. The UMWA strikers triumphantly returned to work.

For the retirees from other companies for whom the strikers had also been fighting, Dan Rostenkowski promised Rich Trumka and Ed Hanley that Congress would step in to help. Bob Juliano, HERE's peerless Legislative Representative, worked with the UMWA and the Congressman's staff to structure the solution. Sen. Jay Rockefeller, Democrat of West Virginia, sponsored legislation which required that all coal companies pay the retirement costs of their own retirees and spouses. It also guaranteed Federal funding of benefits for ''orphan'' retirees, those whose employers had gone out of business. Congress passed this landmark legislation, and President George H.W. Bush signed it in 1992.

It was the Pittston strike that solidified an enduring bond between HERE and the United Mine Workers. The good turn that our Union did for Rich Trumka and the UMWA has been repaid many times over in the intervening years.

Rich Trumka found in HERE three things he admired: workers with the bravery and tenacity to fight for justice, a Union courageous enough to take on strikes that like Pittston seemed impossible, and a Union that organizes and fights for immigrant workers.

The Culinary and Bartenders Union in Las Vegas was our Union's largest affiliate in the 1980's, and it still is. By 1990 the Culinary and Bartenders had made progress in rebuilding after the terrible 1984 Las Vegas strike, but two tough obstacles loomed.

The first was a brutal 9-month strike in 1990 at the Horseshoe in Downtown Las Vegas. The second was the historic Frontier strike on the Strip, which lasted six years, four months, and ten days, from 1991 through 1998, with no striker ever going back to work across the 24/7 picket line.

The Union had to win these two strikes, both against very wealthy families answerable to no one. Benefit, wage, and job security standards were at stake. So was the Union's aggressive Las Vegas organizing program.

Rich came to Las Vegas over and over during the Horseshoe and Frontier strikes. Rich would be the first to agree that the Union won both strikes because of the courage and commitment of the strikers and strike captains, the extraordinary leadership of Joe Daugherty as well as D. Taylor, Richard McCracken, and other organizers and researchers, the steadfast support financially from the city-wide Culinary and Bartenders membership, and the unwavering support of President Hanley and the International Union.

But Rich Trumka's role in those victories cannot be overstated. The Frontier strikers adopted the slogan of the Pittston strikers, ''One Day Longer.'' Rich inspired the strikers and the entire Union membership again and again, giving all of us confidence that we would win. He worked hard to ensure broad support from the entire American labor movement. He led the charge for Desert Solidarity during the Frontier strike, the largest labor action in Las Vegas history, which closed down the Strip on a busy Saturday night, with participation from Unions throughout the country. Rich also gave our Union a lasting gift by assigning Vinny O'Brien, an amazing talent who organized Desert Solidarity and went on to help so many UNITE HERE Locals over the next 20 years.

In 1995, during the Frontier strike, Rich joined John Sweeney and Linda Chavez Thompson as the candidate for Secretary-Treasurer on the first slate to contest the AFL–CIO leadership in the 40 years since the AFL and CIO merged. That slate won. Ed Hanley surprised many of his labor friends by supporting the Sweeney ticket. Rich served as Secretary-Treasurer until 2009, when he was elected to succeed the retiring Sweeney as President of the AFL–CIO.

In his new AFL–CIO position, Rich's support of HERE didn't let up. He was there when the Frontier strikers joyfully went back to work at midnight on January 31, 1998. And his support wasn't confined to just Las Vegas: wherever our Union needed help, Rich was there. As just three examples among many, he marched in the People's Graduation action by Locals 34 and 35 at Yale University in 1996, he was arrested in a civil disobedience supporting Local 2 members at the San Francisco Hilton in 2010, and he kicked off our global Hyatt Boycott that same year. He was everywhere we asked him to be, and he was always inspirational.

Rich Trumka had a deep relationship with his fellow miners, and with workers of all kinds. He believed in his soul that all people are created equal. Solidarity was not an abstraction to him, perhaps because of his roots in the mines and the United Mine Workers. The pro-worker, pro-immigrant doctrine of his Catholic faith informed his sense of solidarity. When UNITE HERE's Father Clete Kiley started reviving the tradition of Catholic labor priests, Rich was all in.

In 2000, when HERE took the lead in changing AFL–CIO policy to embrace the cause of immigrant workers, Rich supported that fight, drawing on the experiences of his own immigrant family.

A shining chapter of his AFL–CIO leadership came in 2008. Rich relentlessly crisscrossed the Midwestern and Appalachian states, bluntly insisting that white Union members had to confront the racism that held some back from voting for Barrack Obama for President. With his trademark plain-spoken eloquence he described racism as just another form of divide and conquer. His ability to connect with white workers on matters of race and immigration was unmatched.

Rich was very disappointed when HERE helped lead several Unions out of the AFL–CIO in 2005 to organize an alternate federation, Change to Win. Nevertheless, when the Service Employees International Union under then-president Andy Stern attacked UNITE HERE and perverted the goals of Change to Win, Rich warmly welcomed us back into the AFL–CIO fold at the same 2009 Convention where he became AFL–CIO President. He addressed the UNITE HERE 2014 Convention, D. Taylor's first as President.

Rich Trumka was passionate. He was one of the great orators of our time. He was a voracious reader and a keen student of history, especially of the Civil War. Many of us have been frustrated with the AFL–CIO, but I never doubted for a moment Rich's commitment, his moral authority, and his integrity.

Rich Trumka supported worker struggles everywhere. He inspired workers wherever he went. Many different Unions and many different battles benefitted from his help.

But in UNITE HERE, our members have perhaps benefitted to a greater measure than any other Union except, of course, his own United Mine Workers. We had a very special relationship.

I last saw Rich in Washington DC in May of this year. We met at his favorite breakfast place, the Hay-Adams Hotel across the street from the AFL–CIO building. He was in a nostalgic mood. He reminisced with the members of UNITE HERE Local 25 who were servers in the dining room about his intervention when new owners at the Hay-Adams had sought to evade their Union obligations. I told him I had just visited Lebanon, Virginia, my grandfather's home town, where my mother and sister are buried, and nearby Castlewood, where HERE members cooked for the Pittston strikers at Camp Solidarity. I reminded Rich that shortly before my mother passed away he had visited her for several hours, compared notes with her about growing up in coal country, and left her with an autographed copy of a book on UMWA history.

Rich and I talked at that breakfast about many struggles, among them Pittston, the Horseshoe, the Frontier, the fight to change the AFL–CIO immigration policy, and his heroic work in the 2008 presidential campaign. We talked about our mutual admiration for Ed Hanley, D. Taylor, and Joe Daugherty. We talked as well about struggles not yet won, particularly his determination to reform labor law by passing the PRO Act in Congress and his commitment to winning for immigrants.

During that breakfast Rich told me that he had decided to retire at the AFL–CIO Convention in 2022. He was looking forward to spending time with his family and especially his grandchildren, and to pursuing his hobbies, reading, visiting Civil War battlefields, and being in nature, where he loved to hunt, fish, and camp.

His sudden death means that he won't get those opportunities. Like Ed Hanley, he left us too soon. For that I am sad. But miners, UNITE HERE members, and workers everywhere are blessed that he came our way. His inspiring life will outlast the sadness for me, and I hope eventually for his family.

HONORING THE ARIZONA INFORMANT

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Arizona Informant on 50 years of excellence in reporting on our state's most important issues. Since its start, the paper's motto has been: ''98% of Our News You Won't Find in Any Other News Media in Arizona,'' and it's delivered on that, shining a light on members of our community. For five decades, the paper has chronicled stories of Black Americans. It has reported on the importance of African American representation in Arizona politics, racial disparities in the criminal justice system, the need to improve policing in communities of color, and the stories of resilience throughout the COVID–19 pandemic. But most importantly, it has documented the history, successes, and leadership of African Americans in our community.

The newspaper was founded by Cloves Campbell, Sr., Arizona's first Black state senator, and his brother Charles Campbell, a respected and accomplished educator. They knew firsthand that the press of the '50s and '60s rarely told the full story on any issue affecting communities of color that seldom came across the newswire. Too often, mainstream media coverage of Black Americans focused mostly on large Civil Rights demonstrations. Those stories usually covered the events themselves and rarely took the time to tell what happened after these influential demonstrations, nor the work of Black Americans whose brave and courageous actions made those events possible. As they lived through this history, Cloves and Charles realized they could tell these stories better themselves—and so they did.

In 1971, with just $1, Charles and Cloves bought the Arizona Informant and transformed it into the paper we know now. Today, as much of Arizona and national media suffer from shrinking readership, the paper is seeing growth, boasting 100,000 weekly readers. The Arizona Informant remains Arizona's only Black-owned weekly newspaper. The paper also uses the influence of its non-profit foundation, the Arizona Informant Foundation, to provide and develop valuable resources and opportunities to help build and bolster Black and African American communities in Arizona.

For 50 years, the paper has successfully captured the history of our community—bringing important issues and voices into the spotlight. As our country continues to see disparities in the Black community and communities of color, we are reminded that we need outlets that see and embrace their identity, as members of the community they cover, not as a ''bias'' but as an asset to report the truth. Journalism needs more outlets like the Arizona Informant who not only do quality journalism but do so with newsrooms that reflect and empathize with the communities and issues they carefully cover.

The Campbell brothers and the Informant remind us that diversity is essential, not only to the success of journalism, but to the success and vibrancy of our community. Their spirit lives on with Cloves' son, Cloves Campbell, Jr., who has followed in his father's footsteps and continued his legacy of journalistic excellence as publisher of the newspaper.

I thank the Arizona Informant for being a pillar of our community. Congratulations on 50 years of reporting with integrity and diligence on the issues that matter most to Arizona. Here's to the next 50 years and beyond.

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING COLONEL RONNIE B. DELFIN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Colonel Ronnie B. Delfin on the occasion of his retirement from the Guam Army National Guard after 31 years of service to our island and nation.

Colonel Delfin enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1990 and was assigned to the U.S. Army Reserve Headquarters as a medical specialist after completing his Basic Training and Combat Medic Advanced Individual Training. In August 1993, he enrolled in the University of Guam ROTC program and reported to active duty as a commissioned officer in May of 1996. He attended the Armor Officer Basic Course from August 1996 to January 1997, and his first duty assignment was with the 1st Battalion, 33rd Armor Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division in Fort Lewis, Washington, where he served as an Assistant S–2, Tank Platoon Leader, Mortar Platoon Leader, and Executive Officer. He was later reassigned to the 1st Brigade 25th Infantry Division (Light) in Fort Lewis, Washington, as an Assistant BDE S–3.

Colonel Delfin joined the Guam Army National Guard and was assigned as the Security and Intelligence Officer in October 2000. He then joined the Active Guard and Reserve program in September of 2001. His assignments in the AGR include Counterdrug Coordinator; Commander 1224th Engineer Detachment (Utilities); S3, 105th Troop Command; Secretary of the General Staff; Commander, 203d RTI; and Commander, 94th Civil Support Team (WMD). Colonel Delfin mobilized and deployed with the 1224th Engineer Detachment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Colonel Delfin is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic Course, the Infantry Officer Advance Course, Engineer Captain's Career Course, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, and the United States Command and General Staff College Intermediate Level Education, and the United States Army War College. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, a Master of Management, and a Master in Strategic Studies from the War College.

Colonel Delfin received a number of awards, such as the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4OLC), Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2OLC), the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Combat Action Badge, and the Parachutist Badge. He is a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Guam Army ROTC and a recipient of the General George C. Marshall Award.

As Commander of Joint Task Force 671 and Chief of Joint Staff for the Guam National Guard, Colonel Delfin played a critical role in executing missions to support the Government of Guam with an efficient and comprehensive COVID–19 response. In addition to promoting an educational campaign, he facilitated the staffing of quarantine, community testing and food distribution sites, the full operation of emergency rooms and COVID–19 wards, the implementation of vital engineering projects, and much more. He tirelessly collaborated with local authorities to ensure the health and safety of our people, and it is with the support of his leadership that our island's response efforts have yielded the achievement of a largely vaccinated population.

Colonel Delfin has and continues to serve as a fine example of leadership and dedicated his skills, knowledge, and training to elevating the quality of life for Americans in Guam and across the world. In addition to advancing our national objectives both at home and overseas, Colonel Delfin has further emphasized the importance of ensuring our communities are empowered with the tools to overcome challenges in the days that follow a completed military mission.

Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the People of Guam, offering my greatest appreciation to Colonel Ronnie B. Delfin for his devotion to our island and nation. I sincerely thank him for his many years of service and sacrifice, congratulate him on his well-earned retirement, and wish him and his family all the best in this new chapter of their lives.

RECOGNIZING QUINN CAROLINE FLAHERTY OF CHEEKTOWAGA, ON BECOMING AN EAGLE SCOUT

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Quinn Caroline Flaherty of Cheektowaga, and her tremendous achievement of becoming an Eagle Scout.

In 2019, Scouts BSA officially started accepting young women into its ranks. Becoming an Eagle Scout is a difficult and involved process and necessitates being a Life Scout for at least six months, earning at least 21 merit badges, demonstrating Scout Spirit and troop leadership, and creating an Eagle Project. The first young women to become Eagle Scouts were accepted in 2020.

Quinn is a hard worker, dedicated to Scouting. She earned more than 40 merit badges, and was chosen by her peers to hold the position of Senior Patrol Leader. She splits her time between three different units, including a BSA Troop, Sea Scout Ship, and a Venture Crew.

Quinn's Eagle Project was largely centered around the COVID–19 Pandemic. While taking a COVID test, she remarked to her family that the hardworking staff looked like they needed a good meal. In a combination of looking to support frontline workers and the suffering restaurant industry, Quinn raised more than $10,000 to support local restaurants, providing more than 1,000 meals to essential workers and first responders. For her dedication to Scouting and her efforts to support the community, Quinn was nominated for Eagle Scout