

This authority is unnecessary, as shown by the virtual absence of its use to disapprove sales or development, and violates D.C. home rule. This latent authority of the federal government should not be able to slow or block the development of D.C.-owned land or add to the cost of development. The District is not a federal agency and should not be treated any differently by federal law than other local jurisdictions, where local development proceeds without federal interference.

This bill is one more important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

KATIE MALONE: TRUE PUBLIC SERVANT FOR THE PEOPLE OF MARYLAND'S 7TH DISTRICT

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Mr. MFUME. Madam Speaker, I stand today to honor a dedicated worker and public servant who has committed herself to the service of others. Mrs. Katie Malone, of whom I speak has gone the extra mile for the constituents of Maryland's 7th Congressional District for 15 consecutive years.

From handling military service academy application requests to working to obtain passports for people who were in emergency predicaments, Mrs. Malone has given effort above and beyond what could be expected of someone working in her capacity for a congressional office. This is borne out through the many testimonials and kudos I have received from parents and high school counselors who have repeatedly applauded her extra caring for young people competitively attempting to be appointed to one of our nation's military academies.

Likewise, her empathy, care, and concern for new arrivals in America is exemplified by her excellent service to immigrants coming to Maryland. Whether refugee, asylum seeker or Special Immigration Visa applicant each person, every family and local communities were connected to a person in Katie who wanted to transition people smoothly and seamlessly into our great and welcoming State of Maryland.

As demonstrated by her care and affection for her husband, William Malone, and children Abigail, Jane, Jack, and Erin, it is obvious that Bill and Katie are giving parents who know and teach that all people matter regardless of their background or station in life.

Working to improve the mail delivery and postal service options for everyone in the district regardless of zip code is another effort Katie has undertaken. Seniors and service personnel who rely on the timely delivery of mail have particularly benefited from her efforts. She handled special projects with special care and always did it with a smile on her face. If you were to look up the term "constituent service" in the dictionary, Katie Malone's picture would be there.

Since June of 2006 when the late Elijah Cummings hired her to work in his congressional office Katie has toiled in the trenches. She has addressed constituent complaints in an effective and efficient yet friendly manner. Service to the public has been her hallmark. I have received numerous compliments about

her work and the effort she gives to get things done for the people of my district. So, it is with heartfelt gratitude that I rise to recognize Mrs. Katie Malone for her dedication, hard work and public service to the benefit of all in the 7th District, throughout Maryland and indeed for our Nation.

May she continue to be a beacon of light in a sometimes-dark world of public engagement. We were fortunate to have worked with someone as enthusiastic, competent, and optimistic as Katie. May her future endeavors continue to touch people with the positivity that she has shown in her public service for both Elijah and myself in Maryland's 7th Congressional District.

HONORING DR. JIM LOGAN ON BEING SELECTED FOR INDUCTION INTO THE WYOMING AGRICULTURE HALL OF FAME

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Dr. Jim Logan on being selected for induction into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame Class of 2021.

Veterinarian Dr. Jim Logan has served livestock producers across the nation for many years in a multitude of capacities. Throughout his distinguished career, Jim has played a key role in developing animal disease regulations, providing common sense approaches to animal health issues, and above all, working with a true passion for agriculture.

Jim attended the University of Wyoming in 1969 and earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Colorado State University in 1975. Shortly after graduating, he returned home to Riverton and opened his own veterinary practice in 1981.

Jim's service to the livestock industry here in Wyoming did not stop at providing top quality care to animals. Jim served his community by staying active as well as taking on leadership roles within the U.S. Animal Health Association, the American Veterinary Medical Association, Wyoming Veterinary Medical Association, the Wyoming Livestock Board, American Sheep Industry Association, the National Animal Health Surveillance System Steering Committee, Wyoming Wool Growers Association, and Western States Livestock Health Association.

Our state has been truly blessed by Jim's work within the Wyoming livestock industry. Through both his private veterinarian practice and serving as the Wyoming State Veterinarian, Jim has strengthened the agriculture and livestock industry here in Wyoming and across the Nation.

I thank Jim for his dedication to Wyoming's agriculture industry, and congratulate him on the well-deserved induction in the Hall of Fame.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAKE AUCHINCLOSS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call Vote 242, Motion to Recommit H.R. 4373—Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2022 (Rep. LEE (CA)) to the Committee on Appropriations.

HONORING DAN FLORES AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor retired Council Bluffs Police Officer Lt. Dan Flores as Iowan of the Week. Dan has lived in Council Bluffs since 1981 and has become a staple in his community. Dan has committed himself to helping others throughout his career with the Council Bluffs Police Department, through his work with Centro Latino advocacy, and during his continued service directing the Iowa Western Community College security force.

Dan knew he wanted to join law enforcement since middle school. He would go on to receive his Bachelor's Degree from Minnesota State at Mankato after completing a 2-year degree at North Iowa Community College. He was the first in his family to obtain a four-year degree. After his college graduation, he joined the Council Bluffs Police Department where he served for thirty-six years. During that time, Dan became a positive influence within the Police Department and the community at large. As a detective, Dan is proud to have worked on cases that made the community safer. Dan strengthened police programs such as the Chaplain Corp and the drug take-back program.

In addition to his police service, Dan sought out another way to give back to his community. In 2015, Dan joined the Board of Directors for Centro Latino in Council Bluffs, a non-profit organization focused on Hispanic/Latino community building. Dan was drawn to Centro Latino thinking about how his ancestors would have benefited from an organization like Centro Latino. During his time with the organization, Centro Latino has seen strong growth. With a larger operating budget and staff, Centro Latino continues to provide community resources for the Southwest Iowa Hispanic/Latino community. Next month Centro Latino is looking forward to an open house at their learning center, and hosting Latino Festival 2021 on September 25th. Dan is also looking forward to keeping up with Centro Latino's future successes.

After retiring from the police department in 2017, Dan looked for an opportunity to get involved with Iowa Western Community College where several members of his family had attended. He serves as Director of Safety and Security for the College, safeguarding the campus and students. His current involvement

with IWCC has additional meaning for Dan, as he took his police academy training at Iowa Western in 1982. Dan very much looks forward to continuing to assist students as they continue their education in the fall and beyond.

Dan's commitment to others through his service and advocacy deserves special recognition. It is my pleasure to honor Dan Flores as Iowan of the Week.

RETIREMENT OF BERNARD A. "BUD" BARTON, JR., THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bernard A. "Bud" Barton, Jr. on his retirement from the Library of Congress and to thank him for nearly three decades of dedicated public service.

Mr. Barton has spent his career at the intersection of knowledge and technology. While serving as the deputy chief information officer for the North Carolina National Guard. Mr. Barton designed the agency's disaster recovery and continuity of operations capabilities, ensuring the Guard lived up to its "Always Ready" motto. As chief information officer for the Defense Technical Information Center, Mr. Barton ensured that the Department of Defense's largest library had the IT infrastructure necessary to fuse science and technology data and reliably deliver the knowledge needed to develop the next generation of technologies to support our Warfighters and help assure national security.

In 2015, Mr. Barton took on what Fortune Magazine labeled as possibly the hardest job in tech, serving as the Chief Information Officer for the Library of Congress. Mr. Barton has ably guided the nation's oldest federal cultural institution through a complete technological overhaul. Mr. Barton oversaw the centralization of Library technology activities; fostered the creation of an agency-wide digital strategy; and marshalled efforts to optimize and modernize the Library's IT infrastructure and critical IT business systems. Under his leadership, the Library completed a three-year data center transformation, embracing the best of traditional IT services and the Cloud to ensure a stable, flexible, scalable foundation for the future. He also completely revamped IT security, and successfully addressed more than 100 major technology recommendations identified by Congress and the GAO.

Through it all, Mr. Barton has been a transparent, proactive, and enthusiastic partner to Members of Congress, our staff and our constituents.

The impact of these changes cannot be overstated. As the world's largest library and home of both the Congressional Research Service and the U.S. Copyright Office, the Library of Congress stands as a beacon of knowledge and a source of creativity. Mr. Barton leaves the Library a stronger, more digitally enabled institution that is better prepared than ever to serve the needs of Congress, researchers, and all Americans.

Please join me in wishing Mr. Barton a well-deserved retirement after a lifetime of faithful public service.

2021 BUS TOUR

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I always look forward to the annual bus tour of South Carolina's Second Congressional District. Our bus tour began with a meeting with U of SC Aiken Chancellor Daniel Heimermann at the Savannah River National Laboratory led by Dr. Vahid Majidi and regional academia partners. Then we headed to Woods Farm Market in Aiken, owned by Pamela Johnson Ely, where new jobs have been developed.

The next stop was the Aiken Rotary Club under the leadership of President Mallory Holley and then the Central States Manufacturing facility in Graniteville for a wonderful tour led by General Manager Rick Neely. Our team also stopped by Cavalier's Coffee, a local small business just developed by David Brannon with plans to add jobs in North Augusta. We ended our day at beautiful Aiken State Park hearing from the wonderful folks at South Carolina Parks, Recreation, and Tourism hosted by Paul Mcformack, Joy Raintree, Aaron Chavous, James Studdarb, Samantha Queen, Justin Hancock, Steve Beckham, Mary Ann Keisler, and Mark van der Linden.

Day two began with a townhall hosted by the Irmo Chamber of Commerce, which is capably led by Kerry Powers. I appreciated the chance for open and honest conversations about issues currently facing our country. Then, the team received a tour of the new Piney Woods Elementary School in Chapin under the leadership of Principal Cassy Paschal. We also toured the state-of-the-art UPS Air Hub facility at Columbia Metropolitan Airport in West Columbia with Kim Barbery. She is the Operations Training Manager of an impressive facility with great staff producing over 2,000 jobs. I was grateful to co-author with State Senator Kay Patterson the legislation to incentivize UPS to locate in Lexington County.

Day three started with a tour of the beautiful Riverbanks Zoo and Garden in Columbia, greeted by President and CEO Tommy Stringfellow. Next, we stopped at TerraStride and met with Founder and CEO Lanford Holloway, whose leadership has made TerraStride one of the fastest growing tech companies in South Carolina. Afterwards was a visit to Fort Jackson for a briefing on the Army Combat Fitness Test, led by Brigadier General Patrick R. Michaelis. We ended day three with a visit to Thermal Technologies in Blythewood, where founder Jim Lentz has revolutionized the fruit ripening industry, particularly for bananas.

On the final day of the bus tour, I stopped at the world-class Government Training Institute in Barnwell, led by President Von Bolin. Then, we made our way to Tommy Shealy's restaurant, Shealy's Bar-B-Que, a tradition that I look forward to every year. Our bus tour concluded with a warm welcome from Orangeburg Mayor Pro-Tem Liz Zimmerman Keitt, and a tour of the new Orangeburg VA Clinic and adjacent Orangeburg Recreation Center. It was inspiring to see the great work by Gregg Robinson and his team at Orangeburg County Development Commission to attract new business to South Carolina. The legisla-

tive achievements of Senator TIM SCOTT, with President Donald Trump, has led to building opportunity zones specifically designed to create jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

HONORING DR. BLANCA CAVAZOS AS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE TAFT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Blanca Cavazos after nearly four decades of public service to our community. Blanca is stepping down as the Superintendent of the Taft Union High School District after dedicating 39 years of combined service to the Kern High School District, Kern County Superintendent of Schools, and most recently, the Taft Union High School District.

Blanca's life exemplifies what it means to achieve the American Dream. Born in Mexico to farmworker parents, Blanca's family moved to Arvin, California when she was three years old. After graduating high school, Blanca enrolled in California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB), where she earned her bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies and earned two master's degrees: one in Bilingual Cross-Cultural Education and one in Educational Administration.

In 1997, Blanca served Arvin High School—her alma mater—as the school's first woman and minority principal, beginning her career as a trailblazer in the field of education. She led the school to great success by doubling the number of Advanced Placement courses offered to students, building up the school's We the People civics education program, and providing educational trainings to parents on high school graduation requirements and the college application process. In 2011, she brought her talent to bear to the Task Force Administrator position at the Kern High School District and later as the Chief Instructional Officer for the Kern County Superintendent of Schools. In 2013, she received her doctorate in education from Fresno State University and was appointed to the role of Superintendent of the Taft Union High School District, where she has selflessly served over the past eight years as the district's first woman superintendent.

Throughout her life, Blanca has broken many barriers and gone above and beyond for her students, colleagues, and community. Bakersfield Life Magazine showcased her service in multiple editions, including "Ladies Who Lead Schools" and "Thirteen People to Watch." In addition to her work, Blanca has spent time serving on the Finance Committee, Audit Committee, and State Board of Directors for the Association of California School Administrators. In 2019, she received the Administrator of the Year Award from the Association of California School Administrators and in 2020, she was inducted to the CSUB Alumni Hall of Fame.

Blanca's commitment to our community is undeniable. She has touched the lives of many, watching her students grow into the