

Chief Welliver began his career with the Boonville Police Department in 1985. Throughout his years of dedicated service, Chief Welliver led his department and the city of Boonville through difficult circumstances while keeping crime rates under control. Chief Welliver was resilient, and a steady leader which his community could turn to for guidance in time of crisis.

One of Chief Welliver's most notable accomplishments include serving as hostage negotiator in 1994. He was able to talk a double homicide suspect into releasing two hostages. In 2002, Chief Welliver was also the lead investigator in a double homicide and was able to arrest two homicide suspects that were later convicted.

Chief Welliver is a resident of Boonville where his two grown children, Amanda and Robby, also reside. Chief Welliver has always been actively involved in his community. From 1991 to 2021 he facilitated the D.A.R.E. program in local schools, while serving on the Mid-Missouri Major Case Squad.

Chief Welliver represents the best of Missouri public servants and public safety officers. He has always been a strong advocate for his community through steady leadership, unwavering devotion to serving others, and a positive attitude. On behalf of Missouri's Fourth Congressional District, I thank him and his family for their immense devotion to serving the Boonville community and keeping us safe. Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING JOHN ANGELL

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Angell, a Captain with the Crockett-Carquinez Fire Department (CCFD). I have named Mr. Angell as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Contra Costa County in California's 5th District as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication, and service to others.

Mr. Angell graduated from Crockett, California's John Swett High School in 1989. He has served as a member of CCFD for over 20 years and has responded to incidents across the state. Mr. Angell is also in charge of the maintenance of CCFD's mobile fleet and training.

This summer, Captain Angell was on his way to a mutual aid cover assignment in Vallejo California when he observed an individual standing near the edge of the Carquinez Bridge. Recognizing that this person may have been contemplating suicide, Mr. Angell immediately contacted dispatch and asked that a nearby California Highway Patrol (CHP) unit respond. However, after making the call he realized that there may not be enough time to wait and decided to approach the person. Mr. Angell spoke to the individual in crisis, provided comfort and helped convince the person in crisis to step away from the edge.

Outside of his work with CCFD, Mr. Angell serves his community in many other ways through his job at the John Swett Unified School District. There, he manages attendance, helps disadvantaged youth who struggle

with issues like homelessness and coaches both football and baseball. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Angell coordinated testing for the district, worked with a local provider to install multiple internet hubs for long distance learning, and helped acquire Chromebooks for students.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Mr. Angell is an exemplary civil servant whose generosity and kindness is emblematic of a remarkable commitment to his community, both in and out of uniform. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING KATHY COCUS

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations and thanks to Kathy Cocus of Poulsbo, Washington for her decades of service and to celebrate her retirement.

As KEDA's Business Development Director, Kathy has worked closely with firms in the Business Retention and Expansion program and has provided countless hours of oversight to the office's Procurement Technical Assistance Center Program (PTAC) program. Previously she served as the KEDA Business Recruitment and Retention Manager from October of 2001 through June of 2006 and the organization's Interim Executive Director in 2006 through 2007.

Prior to her work at the KEDA, Ms. Cocus was Director of Development for the Kitsap Humane Society (KHS). She was the Executive Director of the Greater Poulsbo Chamber of Commerce for ten years and was part of a countywide effort to work with other communities in legislative, business and tourism issues. She has always been a vocal and tenacious advocate for local businesses, and we are all better off thanks to her work.

Madam Speaker, beyond her many accomplishments, I would also like to express gratitude for Kathy's partnership. Kathy has played a vital role to communities in my district and has been a tremendous partner for the last several decades. Please join me in congratulating Kathy Cocus on her retirement. I wish her all the best in this next chapter.

HONORING AARON BLOUNT AND BENJAMIN TREVINO'S PERFORMANCE AT THE NOCHE DE GALA

HON. MAYRA FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mrs. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Aaron Blount and Benjamin Trevino as they performed at the Noche de Gala this week.

Aaron and Benjamin are from the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) and graduated from Harlingen South High School and Harlingen High School in 2022, respectively. Throughout their time in the RGV, they were both members of the Harlingen Performing Arts Conservatory, where their talent was refined and displayed

for their community. Despite their age, both have excelled in their careers. Earlier this year, Benjamin was awarded the Palm Award for Best Actor in a Leading Role and Aaron won Best Actress in a Leading Role. This week, they had the opportunity to bring their talent from the RGV to Washington, D.C. to perform at the 26th annual National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts' Noche de Gala.

The National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts is committed to helping elevate young talented Hispanics in the entertainment industry. This year, Aaron and Benjamin were selected to be a part of this event. Not only was this an incredible accomplishment for themselves, but also for their friends and families.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to represent these two talented individuals, and I congratulate Aaron and Benjamin on their amazing accomplishments.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT MOSES F. TATE

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sergeant Moses F. Tate.

Born in Kansas, Staff Sergeant Tate served in the U.S. Army Air Forces' 415th Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group during World War II. On August 1, 1943, Staff Sergeant Tate participated in Operation Tidal Wave, an Allied bombing raid of Axis oil refineries around Ploiesti, Romania. The raid was conducted in an effort to cripple the German military. Staff Sergeant Tate tragically lost his life during this mission.

Following World War II, Staff Sergeant Tate's remains were not identified, like too many others who died fighting this war. In July of this year, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency identified his remains, after nearly 79 years. His family will hold a funeral for him on October 27, 2022, in Branson, MO.

Madam Speaker, Staff Sergeant Tate nobly served his country during World War II, and gave his life for our freedom. Today, I wish to honor his legacy, and that of all those who fought in World War II and whose remains have yet to be identified.

RECOGNIZING AHUS AWARENESS MONTH

HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. RYAN of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call awareness to a rare disease named Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome or AHUS and recognize a constituent who is making a difference. September is recognized as AHUS awareness month. AHUS is a life-threatening, genetic disease of uncontrolled complement activation that affects adults as well as children. AHUS damages the kidneys. Without treatment, many patients will need long-term dialysis or a kidney transplant if their kidneys begin to fail. 1 in 5 adult patients experience pulmonary symptoms, extremely

high blood pressure, and swelling. The AHUS Community is fortunate to have several infusion therapies.

AHUS was brought to my attention by a constituent, Barbara Farcher. The Farcher family resides in Saugerties, New York in my Congressional district. The family was unexpectedly discovered to have the disorder in their family when one of their sons was diagnosed. Barbara and her family have taken up the cause of the AHUS over the last 10 years. Barbara has advocated for access to coverage for the community. In 2021, Barbara and a group of advocates founded the patient advocacy group, the AHUS Action Network. The mission of AHUS Action Network is to serve as a gathering place for patients to be mobilized to advocate for the AHUS community concerns at the local, state, and federal levels; to be informed about issues affecting the AHUS Community, and to train for more effective patient advocacy; and engage in encouraging connection, awareness, and solidarity within the AHUS Community.

Madam Speaker, we can work together to ensure increased research for AHUS so the community can realize improved treatments and a cure for this rare disease.

HONORING DALE JOHNSON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dale Johnson for over 30 years of outstanding service to the Yolo County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Johnson has demonstrated his commitment to ensuring safety in the community of Yolo County as well as the United States through his service in law enforcement and the U.S. military.

Mr. Johnson's career in law enforcement started on April 29, 1992 as a Deputy Sheriff. Notably, he was assigned to the Capay Augmented Patrol on January 22, 1995. The patrol is a specialized unit used to protect the community of Capay Valley and Cache Creek Casino. Mr. Johnson was the first deputy ever to be assigned to this patrol.

Because of his outstanding work ethic, he earned the rank of Undersheriff on June 30, 2019. During his career, Mr. Johnson was recognized for his hard work and service to his community. Most notably among his many outstanding awards, he was named "Deputy of the Year" in 1995, recognized as a member of the "Team of the Year" in the Investigations section in 2005, and received a "Certificate of Commendation for Dedicated Service" in 2006.

Serving others by providing safety and security has been a consistent part of Mr. Johnson's life. Outside of his local community, Mr. Johnson has proven his commitment to keeping all Americans safe through his service to the military. He served in the United States Army for six years and participated in Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield.

Mr. Johnson is known by his family, colleagues, and community as a tireless leader

committed to his profession and his role in protecting public safety. Even after retirement, he will continue to serve as an example for those around him to emulate.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Mr. Johnson has worked endlessly to serve his community through military service and his experience in law enforcement. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

SBIR AND STTR EXTENSION ACT OF 2022

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of S. 4900, the "Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Extension Act of 2022" that reauthorizes the SBIR, STTR, and six pilot programs for three years to provide stability and certainty for small businesses that rely on their technology.

This legislation would extend SBIR/STTR programs and the following six pilot programs for three years, through September 30, 2025:

Commercialization Readiness Program for Civilian Agencies;

Commercialization Assistance Pilot Program;

Administrative, oversight, and contracting cost pilot program;

Phase flexibility authority; NIH Phase Zero of Concept Partnership Program; and

Pilot to Accelerate DoD SBIR/STTR Awards.

S. 4900, in addition, will require the Department of Defense (DoD) to broaden discussions to attract new ideas and new firms, raise the performance standard for more experienced firms, and require new reports by the SBA Offices of Inspector General (OIG) and the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

Further, the bill would expand federal research security practices within the SBIR and the STTR programs to protect against technology theft by adversarial foreign governments.

The Small Business Innovation Research Program is one of the most important public-private partnerships in the United States.

This program encourages innovative small businesses to address national economic aspirations and transform emerging ideas into commercial reality.

Over the past 40 years, SBIR and STTR programs have played a role in many firms including iRobot, 23&Me, and Qualcomm wireless communications.

Additionally, SBIR firms have been essential in the development of the technologies that made LASIK eye surgery, bio-degradable packaging and material made from mushrooms to reduce Styrofoam in landfills and innovations used to fight COVID-19.

Because of the DNA results from a 23&Me user, law enforcement was about to solve a rape and murder case that was otherwise deemed a cold case in 2019.

High-tech wristbands from the company CarePredict aided in the monitoring for coronavirus in contacts between patients in senior living homes during the height of the pandemic.

Through SBIR and STTR programs, the future is being visualized and produced just as it had been by a previous generation of innovators.

In 1959, Otis Boykin created the wire resistor that was later used in televisions, computers, and radios. Once it was perfected, our very own United States military and IBM sought after him for his invention.

Garrett Morgan invented the traffic light in 1923.

Dr. Shirley Jackson's groundbreaking scientific research led to the inventions of the portable fax, touch tone telephone, solar cells, fiberoptic cables, and the technology behind caller ID and call waiting.

These Black inventors created technologies that not only changed the world for the better, but laid the foundation for today's inventors who are developing the next wave of transformational technologies.

S. 4900 will empower today's innovative small businesses to continue to develop solutions to our current and future problems.

Let's pass this legislation and show our support for these small businesses across the nation.

There are over 3 million small businesses in my home state of Texas and nearly 33 million small businesses in the United States.

Let us not cloud the future of inspired workers by allowing these programs to shut down.

Like the PPP inequities during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, minority businesses will be impacted the most if these programs were to be terminated. It could be a fatal blow to these businesses that already have a difficult time accessing resources.

As of now, minority-owned small businesses account for less than 20 percent of all small businesses and only receive 8 percent of awards that flow through the SBIR and STTR programs.

S. 4900 would broaden opportunities for first-time and non-traditional businesses in a new approach to increase awards to minority-owned small businesses.

According to the SBA, small businesses around the nation create two-thirds of net new jobs in our communities and generate 44 percent of the United States' economic activity.

The SBIR and STTR programs are a good investment, returning \$22 to the economy for every \$1 spent on SBIR and STTR project at DoD and \$33 returned for every \$1 at the National Cancer Institute.

As the economy continues to recover, we should not forget that not all businesses have recovered at the same rate.

With this, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting S. 4900 and giving our country's innovative small businesses the stability and certainty that they need to continue to bring growth and innovation throughout our communities.