

From 1943 to 1946, Mr. Malone honorably guarded depots and Prisoners of War (POW) during World War II, where his battalion was sent to Normandy one week after D-Day. On July 2, 2019, he was presented with a Quilt of Valor, a handmade quilt awarded to a service member or veteran who fought for our nation. After returning from war, he married his high school sweetheart, Ethelda Mason, on June 5th, 1946, and together they raised five children. Mr. Malone worked at the Decatur Southern Railway Depot. He and Ethelda were married for 64 years before the Lord called her home in May of 2011.

After working for the Decatur Southern Railway Depot for 35-years, Mr. Malone was given the distinguished honor of having the ticket office at the train depot named after him in 2016. He is currently the oldest living employee of the Depot today.

Since 1975, Mr. Malone has been a devoted member of Alpha Seventh Day Adventist Church where he remains active today. In 2012, he was featured on the cover of Radar, a premier business and entertainment magazine, spotlighting Mr. Malone as making a difference in his community and his country. Also in 2012, the Decatur Minority Development Association partnered with local businesses and corporations to host the first annual Ross Malone Charity Golf Tournament in his honor.

Madam Speaker, Ross Malone, Jr.'s military service, work ethic, and passion for serving others represents the best of America.

I wish Mr. Malone and his family the best as they celebrate his 100th birthday.

DORIS BARNES—MARINE CORPS

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 3, 2022*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, in November, I had the opportunity to attend a Veterans Day Event in Upper Township where Doris Barnes was the guest speaker. Doris, who recently turned 100 years old, served in the Marine Corps from 1944 to 1945. In the Marines, she was a Sergeant on aviation duty and was also a stenographer. At the time of her discharge, Doris received an Honorable Service Label Pin and an Honorable Discharge Pin. Currently, she resides in Ocean City, New Jersey and is a member of the Moray-Miley American Legion Post No. 524. In her free time, Doris enjoys the camaraderie of the American Legion and the daily flag raising ceremony on the boardwalk. I thank Doris for her many years of service to her community. God Bless Doris and God Bless America.

MICHAEL ESQUIVEL

### HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 3, 2022*

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation and the citizens of the Texas—24, the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Michael Esquivel, Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army, of Grapevine, for his honorable service

in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued dedication to his community.

Mr. Esquivel was commissioned as an officer upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1988 and served as an infantry officer during Operation Desert Storm during the Persian Gulf War. He later became a civil affairs officer, seeing combat with the 82nd Airborne Division and 10th Mountain Division in Afghanistan. His decorations include the Bronze Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

After retiring from the Army, Mr. Esquivel brought the same love he had for his country and poured it into making his community a better place. He has served as an instructor at Tarrant County Community College, helping launch its Logistics and Supply Chain Management Program, a founder of the Northwest Campus Community Market which helps distribute food across the community, a member of Team Rubicon, and volunteers with his wife with dog rescue groups such as the Society for Companion Animals and the DFW Pet Loss Support Group.

Mr. Esquivel's career is marked with heroism and is consistent with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

### CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

### HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 3, 2022*

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize Jewish Family Services (JFS) and join them in celebrating their 150th Anniversary. JFS is a nonprofit human services organization that draws upon traditional Jewish values to provide services to those in need—regardless of their faith, age, income, ability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Founded in 1872, JFS began as the Hebrew Benevolent Society to meet the needs of Denver's first 300 Jewish pioneers. From there, JFS has continued to grow and expand their mission—meeting the moment time and time again. They helped resettle Holocaust survivors in the wake of World War II, opened a group home for individuals with disabilities in the 1980s, formed an Employment Services Department in 2021, and continue to fight day after day to remove barriers to employment and help people find opportunities to work towards a livable wage.

In the face of an unprecedented pandemic and seemingly insurmountable difficulties, JFS continued to provide food security, children's services, mental health counseling, disability services, employment support, and housing stability. In the last year alone, JFS helped over 25,000 individuals with the aid of over 1,300 volunteers to stand strong against COVID-19 and address the needs of the community regardless of circumstance.

At the beginning of 2022, JFS became a temporary Afghan Refugee Resettlement Agency—providing comprehensive services to

refugees arriving from Afghanistan who are starting new lives in the Denver metro area. These services include cultural orientation, housing, employment, food, school enrollment, and referrals to language classes.

For 150 years our community has been made a better, more inclusive place to live because of the thousands of selfless JFS volunteers who have pulled upon their faith to serve our community and improve the lives of others. I congratulate and thank JFS for their service to our community and look forward to the incredible achievements the next 150 years will bring.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 3, 2022*

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call No. 16, Providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 3485, Global Respect Act; providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 4445, Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act; and providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 4521, Bioeconomy Research and Development Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted nay.

BRYANNA HEATHER STORCK

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 3, 2022*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of presenting Bryanna Storck with her Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Bryanna made history in South Jersey, becoming the first female to earn the honor of Eagle Scout. When she was a 16-year-old girl scout, Bryanna went on a backpacking trip with her father. This is when she decided she wanted a more challenging program and decided to join Boy Scouts of America. In just 27 months, Bryanna earned 22 merit badges and completed the 325 requirements needed to earn the Eagle Scout honor. For her Eagle Scout project, she built a fire pit for events at Greentree Church in Egg Harbor Township, South Jersey. As the first woman in the region to earn this honor, Bryanna should be very proud of her accomplishments, and it was an honor to have had the opportunity to meet her and present her with this prestigious honor. God Bless Bryanna and God Bless America.

ALPHONSE FRANKLIN LE GRAND

### HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 3, 2022*

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation and the citizens of the Texas—24, the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Alphonse Franklin Le Grand, Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force, of Coppell, Texas, for

his honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued dedication to his community.

Mr. Le Grand was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Air Force in 1956, having served until 1978 as a navigator/bombardier for Strategic Air Command bombers. Le Grand was deployed to Vietnam during the war as the lead navigator for the AC-119 Stinger gunship, leading search and destroy operations on North Vietnamese positions along the Ho Chi Minh Trail. His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with 9 Oak Leaf Clusters in lieu of subsequent awards, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm.

After retiring from the Air Force, Mr. Le Grand has brought the same love he had for his country and poured it into making his community a better place. He has served on several boards, commissions, and committees, among these are as an officer for the Knights of Columbus, leadership positions within the Boy Scouts of America, and as a member of the Catholic Church Pastoral Council.

Mr. Le Grand's career is marked with heroism and is consistent with the finest traditions of the United States Air Force and reflects great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

#### BIOECONOMY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

**HON. FRANK D. LUCAS**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 2, 2022*

Mr. LUCAS. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 4521, the so-called "America COMPETES Act of 2022." And I regret the path the Democratic leadership has taken with bringing this bill to the floor.

Some will call this a "competitiveness package" or a "supply chain" bill. Others claim the bill is about countering the Chinese Communist Party. But the truth is that it is none of those things. If this 3,000-page bill seems to have no coherence or strategic purpose, that's because it doesn't. This package was tossed together by Democratic leadership with no Republican input, and from what I understand with very little coordination between the Committee chairs. The Speaker hijacked good bipartisan bills dealing with U.S. competitiveness and countering the malign influence of China to pass another Democratic wish list that will go nowhere in the Senate.

By combining competitiveness bills with partisan poison pills, H.R. 4521 undoes more than a year of bipartisan work by the House Science Committee to develop and pass comprehensive legislation to double investment in basic research. As Ranking Member of the Science Committee, I was proud to work with Chairwoman JOHNSON to produce good policy that will double our investment in basic science, support the most important emerging technologies, build our technical workforce, and protect our research from theft. The House Science Committee passed more than a dozen bills to scale-up America's research and development capabilities over the next decade, ensuring the Chinese Communist

Party does not achieve its goal of overtaking the U.S. in science and technology, giving them a dangerous economic and national security advantage.

At the center of our work is the National Science for the Future Act and the Department of Energy Science for the Future Act, which both passed the House with overwhelming bipartisan support in June. When we passed those bills, I had high hopes that for once, Congress might be able to work together to get something done. The economic and national security threats from China grow every day, and the Chinese Communist Party has been clear that their target is to surpass the United States.

The Senate has passed their own bipartisan package, the U.S. innovation and Competition Act (USICA) in June. While there are many flaws in USICA, I believe that we had a good opportunity to find a consensus agreement through a formal House and Senate Conference.

I have been urging Democratic leadership to begin conferencing these bills with the Senate since the summer, to no avail. And now that House Democratic leadership has finally decided to act, and they have done so with no regard for all this bipartisan work.

Instead of focusing on strong consensus policies, this package is filled with poison pills with no bipartisan support. There was no need to make this partisan.

I believe that if given the opportunity we could have passed legislation that invests in American research, strengthens our supply chains, spurs private sector investment, ensures the domestic production of semiconductor chips, and confronts China's malign behavior. This bill is nothing more than a distraction. Now I fear that this week's exercise will make it more difficult to reach a bicameral, bipartisan deal on a bill.

We cannot afford to play politics while the Chinese Communist Party threatens our economic and national security. I urge my colleagues to come back to the table to negotiate strategic, bipartisan legislation that addresses this generational threat. I ask my colleagues to oppose this flawed, partisan package.

#### BIOECONOMY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 2, 2022*

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise to address H.R. 4521, the America COMPETES Act of 2022, which the House is considering. I have worked closely with several committees on key parts of this legislation—including the creation of a new class of start-up visas to attract the next generation of immigrant entrepreneurs and the reauthorization of the National Science Foundation to supercharge our country's investments in cutting-edge research. However, I have concerns with another part of this bill—the inclusion of the "SHOP SAFE Act" in Section 80301.

The laudable intent behind the SHOP SAFE Act is to help combat the on line sale of counterfeit goods, which I certainly share. However, the SHOP SAFE Act as presently constructed has three flaws.

First, SHOP SAFE could raise the administrative burdens and transaction costs of many small businesses and small sellers. This could be especially disruptive for the sale of used goods and other secondary markets, and for artisanal and other non-mass market products that do not fit neatly into the big-brand templates that this bill would likely impose. As a result, consumers could also suffer as costs go up and sellers could go down in many of these markets.

Second, only the largest online marketplaces with the deepest pockets may be able to bear the full technological and economic burdens that SHOP SAFE would impose. As a result, the bill risks entrenching their dominance at the expense of nascent and future competitors.

Third, SHOP SAFE takes a "kitchen-sink" approach to combat counterfeit listings, imposing over a dozen sweeping requirements that platforms must implement to avoid crippling liability for third-party infringement. Yet no one has been able to explain which of these steps, if any, will really make a difference over the status quo in stemming the flow of counterfeits. Indeed, some online marketplaces already police their listings in many different ways, without the legal pressure imposed by this bill.

These concerns came up during the Judiciary Committee's markup of the SHOP SAFE Act last fall. Members, including several who voted to advance the bill, called for further work on the bill. Based on public discussion at the markup, it was expected a committee-driven process to make changes to the SHOP SAFE Act would happen before it moved forward. Regrettably, given that the ordinary legislative process towards the floor did not occur, we now find SHOP SAFE has been inserted without improvements into this much larger legislation.

There is another approach included in the America COMPETES Act, in Section 20213, the INFORM Consumers Act. This legislation would boost enforcement efforts through regulation by requiring on line marketplaces to verify the identity of high-volume sellers, while requiring the disclosure of basic information about seller identity to consumers. Some of these requirements overlap with those imposed in the SHOP SAFE Act.

As such, the America COMPETES Act contains two visions of how to make sure on line marketplaces are safe. It is my hope that a targeted approach, like the INFORM Consumers Act, will help bring forth a sensible resolution to this issue as the America COMPETES Act moves to a conference committee.

AUBREY BRUCE STACY

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 3, 2022*

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation and the citizens of the Texas-24, the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Aubrey Bruce Stacy, Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army, of Colleyville, Texas for his honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued dedication to his community.