

Throughout her five terms of dedicated service to our community, Senator Torres Ray has always served her constituents with the kindness, compassion, and representation they deserve. Beyond her exceptional constituent service, she has had a transformative impact on the Minnesota legislature and the lives of Minnesotans alike. She came to the Senate in with keen values-driven policymaking experience that she has utilized to raise up the voices of those who are too often unheard. A shining example of this is her hard-fought victory to enshrine the Minnesota Homeowner's Bill of Rights, which she authored, into Minnesota law in 2013.

Patricia has been—and always will be—a trailblazer. In 2006, she became the first Latina ever elected to the Minnesota Senate. Never shying away from leadership positions, she has been Chair of the Senate Education Committee, Parks and Trails Legacy Committee, New Immigration Policy Commission, People of Color and Indigenous Caucus, and was Majority Whip in her first term. Ever since she pushed through the door of the Minnesota legislature, she has been steadfast in her efforts to keep it open for future generations of leaders—especially other women of color who have been historically excluded from the representational opportunities afforded to others. I am one of those leaders.

Her legacy is a testament to what is possible when someone like Patricia's diverse, bold leadership shatters glass ceilings. During her tenure, has encouraged countless women of color to embrace their power, their stories, and their voices to influence the political process as both advocates and as elected representatives. Her passion for increasing diverse representation has been continually recognized throughout her career; just last month she was a recipient of the CLUES 2022 Latino Trailblazer Leadership Award for her years of outstanding leadership, and her advocacy for access and opportunities for the Latino community. This recognition extends far beyond Minnesota, including as Chair of the Latinas Lead Initiative of the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators.

I have been honored to call Senator Torres Ray an inspiration, colleague, and friend. I wish her the very best for her retirement and look forward to seeing her impact unfold for generations to come. The Minnesota legislature is a better place because of her efforts and I know her fellow colleagues will cherish their memories of serving with her, as do I.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Senator Patricia Torres Ray for her hard work as a Senator, and to wish her well for her well-deserved retirement.

**ENSURING PHONE AND INTERNET
ACCESS THROUGH LIFELINE AND
AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY
PROGRAM ACT OF 2022**

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4275, the "Ensuring Phone and Internet Access Through Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity Program Act of 2022."

This bill would increase internet and communications access for low-income consumers by promoting enrollment in the Lifeline Program and Affordable Connectivity Program.

In today's technological age, internet and phone communications have become integral to the ever-growing United States economy and to society overall. Having access to the internet is crucial for all Americans, whether that be for educational purposes, business usage, or contacting friends and family.

Given the rapid development in the technological sector, one might be inclined to believe that high-speed internet access has become even more widespread and easily available to all Americans. However, despite critical developments in high-speed data, the U.S. Census Bureau has indicated that 2.8 million households and 7 million individuals in Texas lack broadband access.

Lack of access to broadband internet has impeded not only Texans, but also Americans nationwide from attending classes, filling job forms, and seeing healthcare providers. For low-income families, lack of internet and communication access acts as an economic barrier, impeding opportunities, furthering the socioeconomic gap, and elevating the risk of eventual poverty.

The Ensuring Phone and Internet Access Through Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity Program Act intends to promote access to broadband internet and phone connectivity by proactively providing low-income Americans the information they need to enroll into either of the two programs.

The Lifeline program helps bring phone service to low-income consumers at a heavily discounted price, allowing them to connect with family, job opportunities, and emergency services. This bill aims to increase enrollment of millions of eligible Americans who suffer from financial barriers.

The Affordable Connective program, like the Lifeline program, helps bring fast, reliable internet access to low-income consumers at discounted prices. After the COVID-19 pandemic, it is obvious how essential online communication has become for modern society to function. Providing access to internet allows for low-income individuals the freedom to explore more opportunities to develop their lives via online education and jobs.

Furthermore, this bill also plans to provide oversight of the enrollment numbers by requiring the Commission to submit annual reports to Congress with enrollment statistics for both programs.

Finally, the Ensuring Phone and Internet Access Through Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity Program Act of 2022 requires that the Comptroller General submit annual reports identifying outreach initiatives that aim to increase awareness of both programs so that potential beneficiaries will take advantage of them.

With this data, Congress can look to refine and expand both programs, creating innovative ways to circumvent lack of internet and phone access.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my fellow Members of Congress to support this bill that is dedicated to the principles of equity and opportunity for all Americans.

Since internet access and phone connectivity are crucial for success and advancement in today's society, we must ensure that everyone is aware of resources that pro-

vide these services at subsidized prices, so that, ultimately, internet and phone access are available to everyone.

RECOGNIZING DR. PRESTON KING

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a social science educator, prolific writer, political philosopher, and African American Civil Rights Activist, Dr. Preston King.

Dr. King was born in Albany, Georgia on March 3, 1936, to the union of Clennon Washington King, Sr., and Margaret Slater King.

Dr. King obtained his bachelor's degree from Fisk University in 1956. He went on to obtain his Master of Science in 1958 from the London School of Economics and his PhD in 1966. Dr. King was subjected to the draft board process and after the board refused to address him as Mr. King, he refused to respond. He was charged with draft evasion and went into exile in the United Kingdom because of the unjust charges that were levied against him.

His exile began his storied career in Academia as he has served at many institutions of higher learning in England and Africa to include Keele University, The University of Ghana, The University of Sheffield, the University of East Africa and as department Chair at the University of Nairobi.

Dr. King moved to Australia in 1976 where he served as Chair of the School of Economics until 1986, when he returned to the United Kingdom and Lancaster University, resuming his position as Chair.

During his extraordinary career, Dr. King has published many books. His first book was published in 1967, *Fear of Power*. Other dynamic publications included *Politics and Experience*, as well as multiple editions of *The Ideology of Order* in 1974 and 1999 and *Tolerance* in 1978 and 1998. Other books include *An African Winter*, *Socialism and the Common Good: New Fabian Essays and Friendship and Politics*. Additionally, Dr. King has authored, narrated, and edited the *Critical Review International Social and Political Philosophy*.

Despite his numerous commitments in academia, Dr. King has found time to share his talents as a visiting professor at multiple institutions of higher learning to include McGill University in Canada, Auckland University in New Zealand, Australian National University in Australia, Macquarie University in Australia and Birkbeck College, a part of the University of London System.

Dr. King's philosophy in academia and activism has always been centered around social issues, especially as they relate to scientific matters. He has extensively studied the structure of societies and how they function and evolve, and he has played an integral role in tying questions of history and the philosophy of history to questions of tolerance and the ways societies may or may not be managed.

Dr. King was pardoned by President Bill Clinton in 2000. He has been active as a scholar-in residence at the leadership center of Morehouse College in Atlanta since 2006.

Shirley Chisholm once said that "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Through much adversity, Dr. Preston King has paid his rent and he has paid it well.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian; and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District in honoring Dr. Preston King for his many years of service to academia and humankind.

HONORING 150 YEARS OF INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Inova Alexandria Hospital's 150th years of providing world-class healthcare to the Northern Virginia Community. In 1872, fearing a typhoid epidemic among crew on board a ship in Old Town Alexandria's harbor, Julia Johns calls upon a group of "charitably disposed" female friends at St. Paul's Church and formed the Alexandria Infirmary Association.

Now, 150 years later, Inova Alexandria Hospital is the oldest continuously operating community hospital in Virginia and provides high-quality medical care and innovative technology. During their rich history, they have continuously enhanced their facility and services to offer the latest treatments and technologies, earning them recognition for many "firsts" in patient care to include: the nursing school in Virginia in 1895, the first movable X-ray table in Northern Virginia in 1937, the first lung chamber in Northern Virginia in 1949, the first on the East Coast to use epidurals in obstetrics in 1953, and the first in the nation to staff the emergency department around the clock—known nationally as the Alexandria Plan in 1961.

Inova's Mission is to provide world-class healthcare—every time, every touch—to each person in every community we have they have a privilege to serve, and as our community's need for health care continues to grow, Alexandria residents can continue to rely on Inova as they build a brand-new hospital campus at the former Landmark Mall location, where we will continue taking care of their community for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I am not recorded for Roll Call votes No. 481, No. 482, No. 483, No. 484, and No. 485. Had I been present, I would have voted Yes on Roll Call No. 481 En Bloc Suspensions (H.R. 5721, H.R. 7299, H.R. 7277, H.R. 4275, H.R. 6290, H.R. 5502, H.R. 8416); Yes on Roll Call No. 482 (S. 3369); Yes on Roll Call No. 483 (S. 4359); Yes on Roll Call No. 484 (H.R. 2250); and Yes on Roll Call No. 485 (H.R. 3630).

RECOGNIZING DR. KENNETH KATZMAN

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Kenneth Katzman and his more than twenty years of contribution to the Congressional Research Service and his work on behalf of the American people. Dr. Katzman's reputation as a foremost Middle East analyst is widely recognized, and this body has relied on his knowledge and expertise at pivotal points in recent history. Having served CRS since 1991, Dr. Katzman will retire on November 19, 2022.

Dr. Katzman is one of the most prolific authors and contributors for the Congressional Research Service, having written hundreds of memoranda, reports, and other products in the service of Congress and the advancement of the understanding of the Middle East for its members and staff. His work for Congress has covered such critical foreign policy issues as the wars in the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq; U.S. sanctions policies; and the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), otherwise known as the "Iran Deal". His writings have been read tens of thousands of times by congressional clients and have served as foundational analysis for legislation, hearings, and oversight.

Over the course of his career, Dr. Katzman routinely testified before subcommittees and committees of Congress on issues facing Iraq, Iran, and Afghanistan. In 1996 and again in 2001, he was assigned to the staff of the then House International Relations Committee where his deep knowledge of Middle East issues proved instrumental.

Dr. Katzman personified the mission of the Congressional Research Service, helping members and staff to understand unfolding events, their historical context, and the potential implications of congressional decisions.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Kenneth Katzman for an exemplary career at the Congressional Research Service. I join with Dr. Katzman's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my gratitude to him for his tireless commitment to our community and to thank him for his role in keeping this body informed for over two decades. Though we will miss his insight and seeing Dr. Katzman's familiar face in the halls of Congress, we wish him the very best in retirement.

RECOGNIZING MASJID MUHAMMAD

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Masjid Muhammad, the Nation's Mosque, as they celebrate their 85th year of establishment.

Representing one of the oldest established Muslim communities in the country and the first mosque built in the District of Columbia, Masjid Muhammad has long been a beacon

for community service, religious freedom, and human rights.

With their motto of "Our Community, Our Responsibility," Masjid Muhammad has been a central force in their service to the people of DC. They frequently distribute hundreds of pounds of food each month to those in need. They work to build affordable housing and develop programs to address violence, substance abuse, recidivism and countless other social justice issues. They also sponsor several programs including senior citizen support, after school youth activities, vocational training, job placement and more.

Masjid Muhammad has been a pioneer in breaking down barriers for the Muslim community across this country. They established the nation's first Muslim American Veterans Association (MAVA) over 25 years ago with several chapters growing around the nation. They produced the first Islamic Chaplains in the U.S. Military and Department of Justice, the first Muslim Judge for the State of Maryland, the first Muslim Woman to work on a White House Staff, and the first Muslim Boys and Girls Scouts programs in DC.

In addition to their work domestically, Masjid Muhammad has facilitated and participated in numerous conferences and forums on human rights, interfaith peacebuilding, and international religious freedom in over a dozen countries—cementing them as an international voice for peace and justice for all.

Please join me in recognition of Masjid Muhammad's 85 years of service and their contributions to this city, this country, and the world.

HONORING DR. THOMAS ZACHARIA'S RETIREMENT

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Oak Ridge National Laboratory Director Thomas Zacharia, who announced his intent to retire after 35 years at our nation's largest science and energy laboratory.

Dr. Zacharia joined ORNL in 1987 as a postdoctoral researcher, then accepted a staff position a couple years later and quickly became a key player in spurring innovation in new and creative ways. To name just a few of his accomplishments, he established the Materials Modeling and Simulation Group, served as Deputy Associate Laboratory Director for High Performance Computing, and led the creation of the Oak Ridge Leadership Computing Facility, which recently helped build the world's fastest supercomputer. His impressive career and leadership skills launched him to the top position as director of ORNL in 2017, where he has served faithfully ever since.

He has also played an instrumental role in expanding collaborative efforts between ORNL and the University of Tennessee. In 2007, he oversaw a new partnership between ORNL and the University of Tennessee to establish the National Institute for Computational Sciences, and in 2019 he helped establish the UT-Oak Ridge Innovation Institute to help the great minds at these institutions work together on scientific research and innovation.

Throughout his career, Dr. Zacharia played a crucial role in advancing major scientific research and development. He's made East