

Brookhaven. He and his department have gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to the residents of Brookhaven. While his presence will be sorely missed, I know his legacy will live on through the programs he has developed and implemented through the years. On behalf of my office and the United States House of Representatives, I wish Chief Yandura all the best in his retirement and thank him once again for his decades of outstanding service to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF
THE HONORABLE CAROLE
GROOM FROM THE SAN MATEO
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPER-
VISORS

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my good friend and colleague Carole Groom as she departs the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors after 13 years of service. The people of San Mateo County are losing a champion of children, healthcare, economic justice, and the environment.

Carole began her public service career on the City of San Mateo's public works and planning commissions. She was appointed to the city council in 2000 and won election to a full four-year term in 2001. She twice served as Mayor. Carole and her colleagues skillfully guided the Bay Meadows development through public reviews and controversy, and the result is a spectacular 83 acres of mixed-use development adjacent to a major rail station. It hosts 1,250 residential units and 1.25 million square feet of office space. She also supported the overlapping Rail Corridor Specific Plan that covered the area from Hillsdale Boulevard to the old Kmart site. That plan produced hundreds of new housing units, retail and office buildings at the old Kmart shopping center, serving as a regional example to emulate. As an avid booster of downtown San Mateo, she coined the saying, "If you can't find it in San Mateo, you don't need it." This remains an unofficial slogan of the city.

Carole was appointed to the Board of Supervisors in 2009 and formed the first board with women in the majority. She won a full four-year term in 2010. These were the darkest days of the housing recession. In her first comments as a member, she noted that she wanted to continue her work on the county's budget deficit and universal health coverage. Carole's priorities also included protecting parks and open space.

In 2009, she launched "Active San Mateo County" which convened an annual Fall conference exploring health and wellbeing, and that planned an annual countywide event, "Streets Alive! Parks Alive!" The county's parks and recreation directors recognized her with their "Champion of the Community" award in 2012.

Perhaps Carole's signature effort to boost economic justice in San Mateo County came through an innovative program known as "The Big Lift." It was a big lift to consider a countywide program to increase the percentage of third graders reading at grade level from 58 percent to 80 percent, but Carole, her board

colleagues and the county's superintendent of education took on the task. Key interventions included access to preschool, inspiring summer experiences, reducing chronic absenteeism, and increasing family engagement from preschool to third grade. The pandemic struck a blow to this noble effort, but it continues and undoubtedly paid off for thousands of children from 2013 to 2020 when classes were greatly disrupted.

Peninsula Clean Energy was the brainchild of Supervisors Pine and Groom. This countywide energy aggregator buys clean, renewable energy on the market and sells it to most businesses and households at 5 percent below the rates of our local utility. We all search for ways to reduce the cost of living and to improve the environment. The two Supervisors found a remarkable way to do both, and today the agency has expanded its offerings to include grants for purchases of energy efficient appliances.

Carole has deep roots in the health care system, having served as Vice President of Mills Peninsula Hospital for 18 years. She presently serves on the Board of Directors of the San Mateo County Hospital Board, the governing body for the San Mateo Medical Center. The hospital is a gem, and Carole Groom, as a skillful board member, is one of the finest jewelers in our community.

In addition to her work on the Board of Supervisors, she serves as a member of the California Coastal Commission, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and on the board of our local transit agency, Samtrans. If it thrives on our coast, Carole protects it. If it pollutes the air, Carole opposes it. If it glides on big axels down the El Camino Real and gives essential mobility to the disabled, our working poor and the elderly, Carole celebrates it.

Madam Speaker, we now say goodbye to a woman who everyone welcomes with joy when she walks into a room. We know that her heart was focused on policies that were fair and that protected the most vulnerable. It is said that on a clear day you can see forever. Carole saw the good in people, and her vision built a better life for millions over more than twenty years that she served our community and state. The woman who promoted reading to promote justice is now retiring. San Mateo County owes Supervisor Carole Groom its eternal appreciation. While she will be out of the limelight, Carole will remain in the hearts of all of us.

EXPRESSING THE COMMITMENT
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
TIVES TO BUILDING ON THE
TWENTY YEARS OF SUCCESS OF
THE GEORGE MCGOVERN-ROBERT
DOLE FOOD FOR EDUCATION
AND CHILD NUTRITION PRO-
GRAM

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1156, expressing the commitment of the House of Representatives to building on the 20 years of success of the

George McGovern-Robert Dole Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program.

The McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program helps support education, child development and food security in low-income, food-deficit countries around the globe.

In 2017, there were 821 million people worldwide experiencing hunger. That is 1 in every 9 people.

Sixty-six million children are experiencing hunger worldwide every day. One in 6 children are food insecure.

According to UNICEF, approximately 3.1 million children globally die from undernutrition every year. It is estimated that every 10 seconds a child around the globe dies from hunger.

Even in the United States, hunger and food insecurity are major problems. In my home of Houston, almost 725,000 people experience food insecurity, which amounts to about 23 percent of Houston's households.

More than 500,000 Houstonians live in food deserts. These food deserts are found mostly in areas with limited transportation, lack of aid, and high unemployment rates.

Hunger is also tragic because it reflects economic and social inequity. In Houston, for example, food deserts are more likely to occur in primarily Black communities.

Lack of food doesn't just impact a child's hunger levels. Food insecurity stunts a child's growth and development and often children fall behind in school because they are unable to focus while experiencing hunger.

Children who experience food insecurity grow into adults with health complications that emerged from the lack of food.

As former Chair of the Congressional Children's Caucus I worked to improve the lives of children not only in the United States, but globally because the children are the future, and we must do everything possible to protect them.

Global food insecurity is of great importance to me because, not only am I a longtime Member of the House Hunger Caucus, I represent the same Congressional District that had been represented by iconic leaders who fought to end hunger in the U.S. and globally.

I am proud to continue the historic legacy of Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, who was a champion for human dignity and fought for the rights of all people regardless of race, gender, heritage, or economic status, and Congressman Mickey Leland, who worked tirelessly to raise awareness of, and fight for, policies to end food insecurity around the globe and who, tragically, died in a plane crash while working to end world hunger on a relief mission in Ethiopia.

Starvation is a terrible thing. It's something that nobody should have to go through. And yet, there are people in this world who are starving right now as a consequence of natural disasters, war, and even as a tool of warfare.

In Pakistan, food deprivation is compounded by the human toll from recent floods and other natural disasters. Using drought to strategically exacerbate starvation is unacceptable.

The people of Ethiopia's Tigre Province are being subjected to a truly vile and malicious use of food deprivation in this way. The region was already suffering from drought, and when compounded by forced starvation from denial of access to food as a weapon of war, the effect is heinous and the consequences are unforgivable.

Russia's aggression against Ukraine is a global food insecurity tragedy on multiple levels. As Putin wages his war against the people of Ukraine, he uses food as a weapon by destroying the food production and transportation capacity of the country he invaded. At the same time, since Ukraine grows grains and crops that feed much of the world, Putin's devastation of Ukraine's food production infrastructure and takeovers of Ukrainian food exports cause food insecure populations of countless countries to suffer, especially in Africa.

The McGovern-Dole program also aims to defeat malnutrition. Children across the globe are affected by malnutrition and the McGovern Dole program is working to combat this debilitating condition.

The McGovern-Dole Program has been successful at saving lives all over the world for 20 years.

This program boosts school enrollment, increases attendance, and improves reading outcomes and literacy results through providing school meals, teacher training, and government capacity-building.

The McGovern-Dole Program has been able to improve health, nutrition, and dietary practices through supporting Maternal and Child Nutrition (MCN). The program encourages the inclusion of health and nutrition sensitive activities, such as micronutrient-fortified products, take-home rations, treatments for illnesses, and nutrition education.

H. Res. 1156 must be passed. With bipartisan Congressional support, the United States has been able to work with other countries on hunger, specifically childhood hunger, which is a devastating condition.

It is imperative that we continue to work together to reduce hunger worldwide.

We must end this unnecessary suffering before it claims even more lives.

This bill must be important to us all. Investing in children today will only benefit the world in the future.

We must continue this program to address global food insecurity and create conditions for peace and stability.

This effort will support U.S. farmers, millers, shippers, and commodity groups that provide agricultural commodities for the program to help combat malnutrition and food insecurity worldwide.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting this critical bill that will build upon the 20 years of success of the George McGovern-Robert Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program.

HONORING DR. DEEPAK BANSAL

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Deepak Bansal. Dr. Deepak Bansal is a dedicated and respected community activist and leader who is well-known for his charitable endeavors. He has always maintained a close relationship with the local community and is very passionate about giving back to it. After completing his dream of a Masters in Philosophy and a Doctorate in Metallurgy at the prestigious University of

Kurukshetra India, he migrated to the United States 25 years ago. He is currently a Real Estate Associate Broker and is always willing to help new immigrants of the South Asian community in achieving their goals. He has a significant following in the South Asian community, which includes people of Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, and Bangladeshi origin.

As the current President of the United States chapter of the Human Rights Commission of India, Dr. Bansal has the utmost respect for the families of the first responders who gave their lives protecting our freedom to enjoy our life. Dr. Bansal is the president of the Indo-American Association for Change (IAAC), an organization supporting and serving the families of firefighters and our law enforcement community. Dr. Bansal was the president of the India Day Parade 2021 and has continued to work for the organization. Dr. Bansal volunteers each year with Toys for Tots, an organization where U.S. Marines collect and distribute toys to children for holiday celebrations. Dr. Bansal has organized seminars on the environment, education, and health awareness. He is always standing with the vulnerable to protect their rights for justice. Dr. Bansal's community service has won him numerous citations, proclamations, and honors from elected civic leaders around New York State. Dr. Bansal is a loving and respected man who is always ready to serve the community. He recently was honored by Ram Dass Athawale, the Minister for Social Justice of India.

While studying, Dr. Bansal also did social work, which he continues to do to this day in the United States. He is the Vice-chair of Friends for Good Health, an International Organization devoted to helping people around the world with preventive care at no cost to those in need. His position at the organization spearheads a food drive every year. Dr. Deepak Bansal always says he is happy to serve the community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FIRST SERGEANT WALLACE GREEN, JR.

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of First Sergeant Wallace Green, Jr.

Mr. Green joined the United States Marine Corps on January 10, 1947 and served for 22 years until August 31, 1968. During the Korea Conflict he served from May 1952 to June 1953 with B Co. 1st Bn. 1st Mar. Div as a section leader in the Machine gun Platoon. FMF Rein. On July 7, 1953, he married the love of his life, Mildred Simpson. In March 1965, he served in Vietnam with C Co. 1st Bn. 3rd MAR. 3RD Mar. Div. as 1st platoon leader.

After his service in Vietnam, he was assigned to 2nd Marine Air Wing as a counselor for those confined in the Base Brig. Once he was promoted to the rank of First Sergeant, he was reassigned as the Non-Commissioned Officers School, First Sergeant. Then in April of 1967 he received orders to O.C.S. Basic School as the First Sergeant of Company E in Quantico, Va. At the end of the training period, he stayed at MCB Quantico as the First Ser-

geant. of Hq. Co. Service Bn. until his retirement in August of 1968.

Upon retirement, Mr. Green joined the Postal Service as a clerk and enrolled into Tidewater Community College's Portsmouth, Virginia Campus. After graduating, he transferred to Old Dominion University and received a B.S. in Elementary Education and Special Education. Soon after, in February of 1974, Norfolk Public School hired him as teacher. He later attended the University of George Washington, where he received a Master of Art Degree in Education in 1978. In 1991 he received a Master of Divinity Degree from Richmond Virginia Seminary, and in 1995 he retired from the Norfolk Public Schools after 21 years of faithful service to his community.

Mr. Green was a devoted Christian and served as a bible school teacher at his church for many years. Mr. Green considered his son, Kendall Green, as one of his greatest achievements in life.

A Montford Point Marine, Mr. Green became one of the first Black Marines in the country, putting his life on the line during a time of immense racial strife, division, and war. He received the Congressional Gold Medal when Montford Point Marines were awarded the honor in 2012.

Mr. Green is an American hero. His selflessness, perseverance, and commitment to serving others will continue to inspire generations across the country. The United States and Coastal Virginia are better off because of First Sergeant Green, and we will miss him dearly.

HONORING JP SELL AND DIVERSIFIED FREEDOM FOR DISABILITIES/FISH TALES

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor JP Sell and Diversified Freedom for Disabilities/Fish Tales.

Diversified Freedom for Disabilities/Fish Tales is a Not-for-Profit Organization founded in 2011 by JP Sell, located in Missouri that specializes in working with veterans and children with severe disabilities. This organization develops equipment so that these persons with disabilities may enjoy the Great Outdoors, in fishing, hunting, and trail adventures. Through the years DFD/Fish Tales has developed special programs such as Fishing Dreams for Veterans, Anglers for Life, and the National Youth Fishing Association. Today their efforts are developing a Handicap Recreation Park for veterans and children with disabilities and a Special Indoor Facility for activities and mental health rehabilitation. DFD/Fish Tales has helped well over 50,000 veterans and children with disabilities enjoy the Great Outdoors and has helped structure many other Not-for-Profit organizations develop programs so they may extend their outreaches to help others.

Madam Speaker, Diversified Freedom for Disabilities/Fish Tales is an incredible organization doing incredible work. As an avid bass fisherman myself, I know the joy that being out on the water can bring, and DFD/Fish Tales has been bringing that joy to those who might otherwise miss out. The annual Fishing