

unified voice. With that goal in mind, I formed the Tri Caucus where Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, Congressional Black Caucus, and Congressional Hispanic Caucus came together to be a unifying group to bring attention to the issues all minority populations in this country face.

My service as a senior Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has given me an opportunity to fund critical infrastructure projects in my district including the expansion of Love Field Airport, Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW), the International Inland Port of Dallas, the creation of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) system, the construction of the 5.2-acre Woodall Rodgers Park project; millions of dollars for construction, operations and maintenance projects in the Dallas Floodway and Dallas Floodway Extension, drinking water facilities in North Texas as well as establishing a water research project at the University of Texas at Dallas and many other road and transportation projects such as securing funding to help complete the new signature Calatrava bridges on Interstate 30 and Interstate 35E.

I successfully secured Federal Transit Administration funding for a program for intermodal terminals that will help entities like Dallas-based Greyhound Corporation improve the efficiency of public surface transportation. I also successfully secured millions of dollars for improving bus stop by adding shelters and benches.

I appreciate working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers along with local partners and the North Central Texas Council of Governments to carry out various studies, projects, and programs relating to navigation, flood damage reduction, shoreline protection, dam safety, water supply, recreation, and environmental restoration and protection.

As the Chair of the Water Resources subcommittee, I authorized programs that improved drinking and wastewater systems in North Texas and cleaned up the Trinity River. I also joined my Congressional Black Caucus colleagues to improve and strengthen Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) programs and expand opportunities for minority and women owned businesses throughout the transportation industry.

Throughout my tenure as Chairwoman of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee and Ranking Member of the House Science Committee, I have often referred to it as the “Committee of the Future.”

When I earned the Chairmanship for the Full Science Committee at the start of the 116th Congress, I laid out 3 main priorities.

Those included: Ensuring the U.S. remains a global leader in innovation; addressing the climate crisis and restoring the credibility of the Science Committee as a place where science is respected and recognized as critical to good policymaking. I am proud to say that we have delivered great progress on every one of our priorities.

From transformative legislation like the CHIPS and Science Act, to recognizing and honoring hidden figures, and helping to support a strong research and development enterprise for the U.S., we have made great strides in what we set out to do. The Committee is well-known for its bipartisanship and ability to get things done. I think this speaks to the spirit of the Science Committee—and with few ex-

ceptions over the years, I think it has been this way for some time.

When we’re working together to build a better future for Americans through building up our STEM pipeline, strengthening our nation’s scientific institutions, and enhancing our research and development initiatives, to name a few, we are united in that effort.

Since the day I was elected Chairwoman, I have been dedicated to ensuring the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology is run in a bipartisan, effective, and efficient manner. I am very thankful for the partnership I have had with Ranking Member LUCAS in so many of our efforts.

A main priority throughout my entire career has been to build opportunities in STEM for all—no matter their background, race, or zip code. I am pleased to say, many of our efforts to increase recognition and representation in STEM have been enacted. There is 1 bill in particular that I worked for 15 years to make it a public law, the STEM Opportunities Act. It passed this year as part of the CHIPS and Science Act. With CHIPS and Science, we will create solutions to the climate crisis, advance semiconductor research and manufacturing, and so much more. We put this bill together with the needs of each and every American in mind, and with solutions at the forefront.

We must remain steadfast in making sure the U.S. remains a beacon of excellence in science and innovation.

But I couldn’t have done all of these things without my committee and personal staff and all the great people I worked with locally and in Congress, and the hundreds of people I’ve leaned on along the way, putting politics aside to make North Texas and the entire state a better place to live and raise a family.

Finally, as I leave this chamber after 3 decades of service, I want to provide some advice to my colleagues in this Congress and to those who will begin their service in the next session: Always remember that everyone has the same right to believe what they believe as you believe what you believe. Try to understand their reasoning for their beliefs to start to improve mutual understanding. Do not condemn before you have the explanation. It can start a mutual respect you never thought you would have.

And although I look forward to having some more personal time, there are still things I want to accomplish, and if the good Lord is willing, I will continue working to make Dallas area the best region in the nation.

RECOGNIZING ANNAMARIE FEENEY

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Annamarie Feeney, a Constituent Services Representative in my Philadelphia offices, as she retires after 35 years of service to the House.

A lifelong Philadelphia resident, Annamarie has dedicated her career to working for the people of Philadelphia. Beginning her service in the office of former Congressman Robert

“Bob” Borski in 1988, Annamarie later worked for former Congressman Joseph “Joe” Hoeffel and former Congresswoman Allyson Schwartz. Since January of 2015, Annamarie has faithfully served as a member of my staff, working tirelessly for the residents of Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties.

Throughout her time serving the House of Representatives, Annamarie has approached her work serving constituents with unwavering commitment, an outstanding work ethic and a drive to make her neighborhood, city, and country a better place. Over more than three decades of service, Annamarie has personally helped 10s of 1000s of constituents, and her efforts have directly saved or recovered millions in taxpayer dollars, an extraordinary record of service attained by very few who have ever worked for this body. Her exceptional accomplishments were recently recognized by the Congressional Management Foundation, who honored her with their 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award, given to only 2 congressional staff members each year.

As Annamarie concludes her decades of public service at the end of this month, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in thanking Annamarie for her work, and in wishing her all the best as she embarks on a new chapter in her life.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CAMERON POURSOLTAN

HON. MICHAEL T. McCUAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Mr. McCUAUL. Madam Speaker, for 7 years, Cameron Poursoltan has faithfully served the people of Texas through his work in my office. As he begins a new position as a legislative liaison at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, I rise today to recognize his achievements and contributions for the people of Texas’s 10th District.

A native Texan and graduate of Texas A&M University, Cameron knows the Lone Star State like the back of his hand. He first began his work in my office while I was chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security. Throughout 2016, Cameron served as my staff assistant, and he quickly rose through the ranks to become my legislative director and right-hand man when it came to Texas policy.

Cameron cares deeply for his home state, which is why he continued to serve on my policy team even after he moved back to Austin. Although he is leaving Team McCUAUL, I have no doubt the people of Texas will continue to benefit from Cameron’s work for years to come.

ADDITIONAL WAIVER FOR H. RES. 1518

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Mr. McGOVERN. Madam Speaker, when the Committee on Rules filed its report (House Report 117-630) to accompany House Resolution 1518, the Committee was unaware that

the waiver of all points of order against consideration of the motion to concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1437 included waivers of the following:

Clause 10 of rule XXI, which prohibits consideration of a measure that has a net effect of increasing the deficit or reducing the surplus over the five- or 10-year period;

Section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act, which prohibits consideration of legislation providing new budget authority in excess of a 302(a) or 302(b) allocation of such authority; and

Section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act, which prohibits consideration of legislation within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget unless referred to or reported by the Budget Committee.

RECOGNIZING SEAN P. LEAHY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to honor the life and legacy of a truly honorable and remarkable man, Sean P. Leahy.

United States Marine Corps Major Sean Leahy was an incredible Marine, father, husband, and son. He was born in Hartford, Connecticut to his loving parents Tom and Laura. Sean would eventually head to University of Wisconsin Stevens Point where he was a hockey standout. Sean had a clear love for hockey and his country which ultimately led to him joining the United States Marine Corps. Sean was also a beloved teammate, respected team captain, and an energetic youth coach. His players and teammates had the utmost respect for him on and off the ice. Leadership was in Sean's blood, and he led on the hockey rink and on the battlefield with his fellow Marines. Sean followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather when he proudly signed up to serve and protect his country. He served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Allies Welcome. The Marines that knew him well described him as a lion of a Marine and his Marines were part of his family. I commend Sean for his unwavering service to the United States of America.

Throughout Sean's incredible life, he lived all across the United States and traveled all over the world. He ultimately settled down in Northeast Wisconsin after meeting the love of his life, Meghan, when his family moved to Port Edwards, Wisconsin. Sean's love for his wife, and their sons Ryan and Zack, is simply unparalleled. Sean was a truly remarkable public servant, leader, Marine, and most importantly husband, father, and son. Sean left a mark on all those he interacted with in life and our entire community will miss his presence.

Madam Speaker, today I ask for this body to join me in honoring the life and legacy of a remarkable man and soldier, Major Sean Leahy. The people of Northeastern Wisconsin thank Sean for his leadership on and off the battlefield, along with his kindness and dedication to his family, friends, and the United States. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Meghan, their sons, his friends, family, and all of the lives he touched throughout his life. Semper Fi.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
MARITA MIKESKA

HON. MICHAEL T. McCaul

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Mr. McCaul. Madam Speaker, for nearly two decades, the people of Texas have had a champion in Marita Mikeska, who served as my constituent liaison. As she retires and embarks on a new journey, I rise to honor and recognize her many achievements.

Marita began her work in my office in 2004 and quickly became indispensable. Having previously worked for seven lawyers, Marita was accustomed to high-stakes and fast-paced environments, a trait that served her well on my team. She handled any crisis with ease, and she performed every task—no matter how big or small—with a positive attitude that encouraged both coworkers and constituents.

Throughout her tenure in my office, Marita helped countless individuals on cases dealing with everything from the military to taxes. In the past four years alone, she helped Texans secure nearly \$5 million of their hard-earned money from the IRS.

Marita's retirement is well-deserved. While she will be missed, I know her husband Robert, daughter Michele, and granddaughter Ava will be blessed by their time spent together. A fixture of the Brenham community, Marita will no doubt continue to serve and benefit her neighbors for years to come.

RECOGNIZING LEOPOLDO
MIRANDA-CASTRO

HON. JENNIFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, today I recognize the distinguished public service career of Leopoldo "Leo" Miranda-Castro, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Southeast Regional Director. He has served the Service with distinction and honor for more than 30 years and will be retiring at the end of this month.

Leo began his career with the Service as a private lands biologist in our native Puerto Rico. Notably, his efforts in this position helped pioneer Puerto Rico's shade-grown coffee restoration, benefiting our Island's people and wildlife. An advocate of public-private conservation partnerships, he often points to the success of the shade-grown coffee industry as an example of how government and private landowners can work together to achieve win/win outcomes for wildlife conservation.

After a decade working with private landowners in Puerto Rico, Leo went on to make contributions to conservation on a national level. As the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Coordinator in the Service's Headquarters, he developed a strong national network of partners in support of nonregulatory, voluntary habitat restoration. Later, he became the Project Leader of the Service's Chesapeake Bay Field Office, where he encouraged collaboration and cooperation among public and private stakeholders to conserve the bay's

complex ecosystem and the species that depend upon it.

In 2012, Leo joined the Service's Southeast Region, serving as the Assistant Regional Director for Ecological Services. In this role, he promoted collaborative efforts to conserve species at-risk of needing federal protection, oversaw recovery activities for listed species like the Puerto Rican parrot, and applied innovative approaches to reduce the regulatory burden on private landowners and partners.

For the last 4 years, he has led the Service's Southeast Region. His resolve to achieve outcomes through collaboration resulted in many conservation successes throughout the Southeast and the Caribbean. For example, the productive relationship with the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources was enhanced under his leadership and resulted in the removal of the Monito gecko—found only in Puerto Rico's Monito island—from the endangered species list.

As Puerto Rico's sole Representative in Congress, I have been proud to work and partner with Leo over the last couple of years to advance our Island's conservation priorities. His efforts helped us secure critical investments to improve management and access for Puerto Rico's protected lands in partnership with local communities. This includes resources to rebuild the Cabo Rojo National Wildlife Refuge's headquarters and visitor center, as well as road repairs at the Caribbean Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

Most recently, he was instrumental in leading a coalition of federal, state, and private stakeholders to secure funding to protect and restore our iconic Cabo Rojo Salt Flats, the most important stopover for migratory birds and shorebirds in the Eastern Caribbean and an important tourism and economic asset for southwestern Puerto Rico.

Throughout his career, Leo has spent considerable time developing future conservation leaders, especially young talent underrepresented in the conservation workforce. Drawing from his own experience, he championed the Service's internship programs and initiated efforts to foster a welcoming culture and connectedness for students and new employees through mentorships and exposure to a wide array of Service programs and people.

We are forever grateful to Leo for his leadership in conservation and commitment to keeping Puerto Rico a vibrant, beautiful place we call home.

Gracias, Leo.

RECOGNIZING THE SELFLESS AND
COURAGEOUS HUMANITARIAN
ACTS OF RICHARD CAMPOS

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Richard Campos for his commitment and dedication to the people of the United States and victims of violence abroad. Through his selfless service and generous spirit, Richard has made a difference in the lives of countless individuals around the world.

Richard was born in French Camp, California, and grew up in nearby Stockton. At just