

SUPPORTING FY23 OMNIBUS

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 23, 2022

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2023.

I want to thank Chair DELAURO for her tireless work to finish this legislation—she deserves great credit.

As Chair of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, I marked up the House Defense bill to President Biden's original request of \$761.7 billion.

I felt his number was an appropriate level of funding for our national security.

While I agree that we must make adjustments based on inflation and other global events, I am disappointed in the Senate's insistence on increasing defense spending at the expense of domestic priorities.

We must realize that our national security is not defined by defense dollars alone—we damage our national security when we don't adequately address the needs of the American people: in education, health care, and other critical investments here at home.

Turning to the Defense bill—for Fiscal Year 2023 we provide \$797.7 billion, \$69.3 billion above the 2022 enacted level.

We know that all Americans are struggling with higher prices—and that includes our men and women in uniform—so we have prioritized investing in our most important national security asset, our service members and their families.

This Defense bill puts people first—by including:

A 4.6 percent pay raise for our service members;

And an increase of 11 percent to the Basic Allowance for Housing, and the Basic Allowance for Subsistence—which will help offset the cost of rising rent and food prices.

I am very proud that this bill also invests in:

Confronting the climate crisis—with more than \$2 billion in clean energy programs and funding to add resilience to DoD installations from the impacts of climate change.

Over \$39 billion for Defense Health and medical research, including over \$582 million for cancer research.

And \$1.6 billion in Environmental Restoration programs, including over \$250 million for PFOS remediation and disposal research.

This bill also continues our commitment to helping the Ukrainian people defend their democracy against Russian aggression by providing robust funding for the Ukraine Security Initiative and other NATO allies and partners in Europe.

The time has come for Congress to finish our work, pass this omnibus, and fund the entire federal government.

DECLARING ARCHIVED RECORDS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE MODERNIZATION OF CONGRESS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC USE

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 23, 2022

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, as Chair of the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, I wish to include in the RECORD a letter Vice Chair WILLIAM TIMMONS and I sent on December 22 to the Acting Archivist of the United States. The letter communicates our committee's designation of all records that the Archivist receives for archiving, as our committee draws to a close, as available for public use.

This letter takes an important step towards the kind of openness that the Modernization Committee has championed as part of our over 200 recommendations and over 40 hearings held since the beginning of the 116th Congress to make the institution more effective, efficient, and transparent on behalf of the American people. Having our records available for public use will also aid future reform committees, researchers, and the public alike to advance the cause of modernization going forward.

I ask my colleagues to join me in taking this important step towards recognizing the value of transparency and the legacy of the Modernization Committee.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, December 22, 2022.

MS. DEBRA STEIDEL WALL,
Acting Archivist of the United States, The United States National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. WALL: As Chair and Vice Chair of the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress ("Modernization Committee"), we are writing to let you know that we consider any and all Modernization Committee records that you receive from the Office of the Clerk for purposes of archiving to be available for public use, in accordance with Clause 3 of House Rule VII.

Established in the 116th Congress and extended through the 117th Congress, the Modernization Committee has been tasked to investigate, study, make findings, hold public hearings, and develop recommendations to make Congress more effective, efficient, and transparent on behalf of the American people. To this end, we have issued over 200 recommendations and held over 40 hearings over the last four years to improve the day-to-day functioning of the House.

A pillar of the Modernization Committee's work has been to enhance the transparency of the House and of the legislative process. As such, we believe it is important to make our archived materials available for the public as soon as possible.

In addition, one of our final recommendations was that the House "should authorize a Modernization Select Committee at least every fourth Congress." If the House implements this recommendation, a future select committee would benefit tremendously from having our records and analyses at its immediate disposal, as these documents collectively constitute a wealth of information about our work and the issues that our members and staff discussed.

Absent a committee order, we understand our archived records would remain sealed for up to 30 years by default under Rule VII. For

the above reasons, though, we wish to make you aware that, should you receive requests from other committees or interested parties, we consider the records reserved from our committee for archiving to be available for public use. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

DEREK KILMER,
Member of Congress.
WILLIAM R. TIMMONS IV,
Member of Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
SEWA INTERNATIONAL USA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 23, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of the thousands of Sewa International USA employees to assist underserved communities around the world throughout the Coronavirus pandemic.

Sewa International USA was founded in 2003 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity organization. Comprised of 43 chapters with more than 5,000 volunteers across the country, Sewa workers take inspiration from the Hindu principles of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam—meaning "the whole world is one family"—and Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah—meaning "may all be happy." These complementary outlooks have driven volunteers to serve humanity in times of distress.

This service takes many forms. Sewa volunteers work with local communities to coordinate developmental projects and mobilize partners, donors, and on-the-ground volunteers to make meaningful changes in the face of disaster. Sewa has organized volunteer service in the wake of 30 disasters over the last two decades, including the recovery efforts after Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Hurricane Harvey in 2017, and the California wildfires in 2019 and 2020. Internationally, they have assisted after some of the world's greatest crises in recent memory, from Haiti's 2012 earthquake to Pakistan's 2013 flooding to the evacuation efforts from ongoing war in Ukraine.

As Russia's invasion of Ukraine rages on, Sewa International volunteers are conducting massive evacuation efforts to help thousands of students escape the violence. Their erroneous network has been invaluable in the last few years, providing \$15 million worth of food, PPE, and medical supplies to those in need. Regardless of the type of crisis, Sewa International always finds meaningful ways to help.

Without regard for race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or nationality, Sewa International USA has done tremendous work to ameliorate the effects of some of the world's greatest disasters. Hundreds of thousands of people benefit from their work every year, and I am proud to represent some of these volunteers in Congress. These volunteers work tirelessly across the globe to aid those who are most vulnerable, and it is no surprise that they are one of the seven key trusted partners of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the extraordinary service of Sewa International USA and their thousands of volunteers. Their work over the last two decades has been invaluable in recovery

efforts around the globe, and reminds us all to take every opportunity we have to assist those around us. I wish them every continued success in their efforts to bring our one family closer together and promote happiness for all.

HONORING LINDA COHEN ON HER
RETIREMENT

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 23, 2022

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Linda Cohen. Professional Staff Member for the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on the occasion of her retirement after a long and distinguished career in government service. I am pleased to be joined in extending my congratulations by Rep. HIMES, Rep. CARSON, Rep. SPEIER, Rep. QUIGLEY, Rep. SWALWELL, Rep. CASTRO, Rep. WELCH, Rep. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY, Rep. DEMINGS, Rep. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Rep. COOPER, Rep. CROW, Rep. RUPPERSBERGER, Rep. MIKE THOMPSON, Rep. LANGEVIN and Rep. SCHAKOWSKY.

A native New Yorker, Linda joined the Intelligence Committee nearly 15 years ago after a career at the Central Intelligence Agency. The details of her career at the CIA cannot be recorded here but suffice to say she served in a number of sensitive positions at the Agency spanning from the days of the Cold War through the September 11 attacks and the War on Terror.

Upon joining the Committee in 2007 as CIA monitor, Linda brought with her a knowledge of the inner workings of the Agency and the business of intelligence rarely found outside the halls of Langley. Yet for all her experience at the Agency, she brought to her role as overseer a skeptical approach and a fierce determination to hold the IC to the highest standards in accomplishing its mission and staying true to our values.

As Members of the Intelligence Committee can all attest, the work of the committee is challenged by the uniquely secret and sensitive matters under the committee's jurisdiction. Unlike other committees that can rely on outside experts or the media, the Intelligence Committee must rely heavily on its expert staff to surface oversight issues and to pursue them with vigor and skill.

Linda possesses those traits in spades, and Members of the Intelligence Committee from both parties have benefited from Linda's expertise and her passion for the mission. I cannot detail here many of her contributions, but they are numerous, and the Nation is safer and better for her service.

Madam Speaker, Linda Cohen has dedicated her career in service of his country, and I ask that you join with me today to acknowledge her tremendous contributions to the security of the United States of America.

SUPPORTING THE CHEROKEE NATION'S 1835 TREATY OF NEW ECHOTA

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 23, 2022

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, as a member of the Chickasaw Nation and co-chair of the Congressional Native American Caucus, I have always voiced my support for the federal government to honor its treaty obligations.

For far too long in our Nation's history, the federal government accumulated a sorry record of making promises to tribes and then breaking those promises as soon as it was expedient to do so. Only in recent years has that record started to improve.

Last month the Rules Committee held a hearing on one of these treaty rights: a delegate to the House of Representatives as enumerated in the Cherokee Nation's 1835 Treaty of New Echota. This hearing marked an important step in examining this specific treaty and understanding the legal and procedural factors surrounding this issue.

I'm very proud that we held this hearing and want to thank Chairman MCGOVERN for his leadership and the committee's willingness to highlight tribal sovereignty.

The conversations that we had in the Rules Committee that day are a starting point for other committees of jurisdiction to study this matter further and address some of the lingering questions surrounding this. As this work continues, all such claims by tribes that possess them should be considered and examined as well.

RECOGNIZING THE 2022 EXCELLENCE IN SALES HONOREES PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTE FOR EXCELLENCE IN SALES & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 23, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2022 recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award, the Woman in Sales Leadership Award, the IES Member of the Year, the Rising Sales Star Award, and the Sales Speaker of the Year presented by the Institute for Excellence in Sales & Business Development (IES).

IES was created to foster excellence in business sales and development practices to help sales professionals and organizations maximize their efforts. IES conducts a variety of workshops and programs to provide the tools necessary to advance the careers and growth of those who attend. Each year, IES recognizes individuals, teams, and organizations throughout the United States who demonstrate exemplary performance through leadership, risk taking, innovation, vision, and customer development. The Sales Excellence awards seek to promote corporate and organizational sales excellence by recognizing leaders in Enterprise Sales.

The recipient of the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award is Mr. Dave Rey, the President of

Sales for the Global Public Sector at Salesforce. Over his nine-year career with Salesforce, he has driven the company's continued growth and facilitated public sector business across the continent. He has decades of experience supporting the public sector, and his expertise has been invaluable in performing much of our nation's best work.

Ms. Jennifer Chronis, Senior Vice President of Public Sector at Verizon, is the recipient of this year's Woman in Sales Leadership Award. She has led a team of professionals to work with Verizon's federal, state, local, education, and public safety partners to deliver innovative technology solutions and services, including the Verizon Frontline platform for first responders.

The 2022 IES Member of the Year is sales consultant and author Mr. Vince Burruano. He has worked to recruit, coach, develop, and lead sales professionals across multiple industries, most recently as the Vice President of Sales for the Commercial Division of JK Moving Services. His experience in challenging paradigms has led to his trusted reputation, and his customer-centric approach sets a famously high bar.

Ms. Lauryn Scott is the recipient of the Jay Nussbaum Rising Sales Star Award due to her work as a dynamic sales leader at Cvent, providing software solutions at every stage of an event. Her growth mindset has contributed to the success of her account managers, with many exceeding annual quotas. Lauryn believes that anyone can sell if they are willing to learn, and I am proud of her accomplishments.

Lee Salz is the 2022 IES Sales Speaker of the Year. He has written two books, the most recent of which has become a bestseller. His inspirational story of finding a need in his community and meeting it perfectly embodies what it means to be an entrepreneur. He understands the value in what he sells, and shares that understanding with his community to ensure that everyone's needs are met. He teaches others how to differentiate themselves from those around them, celebrating individual identities and accommodating unmet needs.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dave Rey, Jennifer Chronis, Vince Burruano, Lauryn Scott, and Lee Salz for their exceptional dedication and leadership within the business community. Their dedication to bettering themselves, their organizations, and their communities has made the 11th District of Virginia better.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 23, 2022

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call No. 540, I mistakenly voted NAY when I intended to vote AYE.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 23, 2022

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I regretably missed Roll Call No. 514 on December