

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

8, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. ROBERT EICHORN

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 23, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the work of Dr. Robert Eichorn who is retiring after two decades of work as an educator. While a Prince William County Principal, Dr. Eichorn's dedicated service has led Independence Nontraditional School to be named the first ever model school by the National Alternative Education Association. His work to meet the needs of an often underserved community has made education and achievement more accessible to Virginia's youth.

Dr. Eichorn has pushed to reimagine education for students, instructors, and the broader Prince William community. He is a fierce advocate for the socioeconomically disadvantaged children of Virginia and has implemented a learner-centric curriculum to meet the needs of the individual. Dr. Eichorn has been an advocate and practitioner for over thirty years, and his efforts have been crucial in the fight for educational equity.

For years, Dr. Eichorn has served as the principal at Independence Nontraditional School, which serves students from kindergarten through 12th grade. The school provides a full curriculum, including music, foreign language, Advanced Placement, and engineering courses. The school also offers internships within their career and technical education trades programs. The primary focus at Independence is to meet the individual needs of every student with tailored instruction. For those who may need a little extra assistance or a second chance, Independence Nontraditional School offers the resources that disadvantaged young people need to achieve their fullest potential.

Dr. Eichorn has been the recipient of multiple awards for his tireless efforts. He was named Prince William County Schools' 2017–18 Principal of the Year. In 2020, the National Association of Secondary School Principals named him a Digital Principal of the Year for his leadership through the COVID–19 pandemic. He shepherded navigated his school as they implemented new technologies to expand access to students and to maintain a semblance of normalcy throughout unprecedented hardship.

As the first model school highlighted by the National Alternative Education Association, Independence has illuminated the successes made possible when our educators strive to develop integrity, ingenuity, and intellect in every student. With the right resources, we must hope to recruit more educators who exemplify the dedication and talent that Dr. Eichorn has demonstrated.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Robert Eichorn for his unwavering dedication to the young people of Prince William County. He has made every effort to ensure that all children have access to the resources they need for a rich and prom-

ising education. His students and colleagues alike have expressed their sincere appreciation for his tremendous service. Dr. Eichner has truly lived up to the Prince William County Public Schools motto, "Providing a World-Class Education." I wish him the best in his retirement and thank him for the service he provided our community.

INTRODUCTION OF BLOCKED RAIL CROSSINGS SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2022

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 23, 2022

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Blocked Rail Crossings Safety Improvement Act of 2022. This language reflects policies developed in the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, where I am proud to serve.

There is a serious and dangerous problem of blocked railroad crossings across the country, with freight trains blocking at-grade crossings in urban and suburban communities across the country. In my district, Indianapolis is experiencing an increasing frequency of blocked railroad crossings by freight trains. Trains are growing longer and longer. Downtown rail crossings have been blocked for unacceptably long periods, including one incident that lasted over 3 hours. This not only interrupts business operations and normal traffic, but it threatens public safety—especially when emergency vehicles must be re-routed.

This is why we must pass legislation to address this problem. The Blocked Rail Crossings Safety Improvement Act will help fix this problem. The language is based on provisions passed by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and passed by the House in the INVEST Act. These provisions, which I recommended, place limits on how long crossings can be blocked, and impose penalties for blocking crossings. While I appreciated and supported the limited provisions included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, I don't believe they went far enough. More must be done.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the Blocked Rail Crossings Safety Improvement Act.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FORMER MONROE COUNTY COMMISSIONER SYLVIA MURPHY

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 23, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of former Monroe County Commissioner and first responder Sylvia Murphy. From the age of 18, when she first moved to Monroe County, Commissioner Murphy spent her life serving the Florida Keys in many ways.

Sylvia Murphy was elected County Commissioner for District 5, which covers the Upper Keys from North Key Largo to Tavernier, in 2006, where she served for 14 years. Before

becoming commissioner, she served the public as an EMT with Monroe County Emergency Medical Services and with the Tavernier Volunteer Fire Department, where she spent 2 decades.

Commissioner Murphy was a tireless champion for the Florida Keys. Her proudest accomplishment was brokering the deal that purchased the land that became Key Largo's Rowell's Park, located at mile marker 104. She was remembered by friends and colleagues as a tenacious public servant who truly loved the Florida Keys.

Sylvia Murphy will be remembered for her lifelong service to the Florida Keys, and her life of service will remain a role model for so many in our community. It was an honor knowing commissioner Murphy. She will be missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES R. BAIRD

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 23, 2022

Mr. BAIRD. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, due to travel constraints, I was unable to cast two votes on December 15, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 529, and NAY on Roll Call No. 530.

INTRODUCTION OF JUSTICE FOR JOURNALISTS ACT OF 2022

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 23, 2022

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Justice For Journalists Act, mandating an investigation into all non-natural deaths of journalists and media workers in a foreign nation, who are U.S. citizens or working on behalf of a U.S.-based news media entity.

In the last year, we have witnessed many attacks on the rights and safety of journalists and media workers, particularly those who shine a light on violations of human rights and rule of law, war, and other atrocities around the world.

Even reporters covering sporting events may be subject to detainment as we saw in November, when Grant Wahl was detained and briefly refused entry to a World Cup match because he was wearing a rainbow t-shirt in support of LGBTQ rights.

There are several pending bills in Congress with provisions to protect threatened or at-risk journalists working in foreign nations. However, there is no legislation requiring the United States to investigate any non-natural deaths of journalists and media workers performing their duty in a foreign nation. Currently, an act of Congress is required to investigate every single non-natural death—and that cannot stand.

Journalists and media workers report on injustices, corruption, and human rights violations around the world, putting themselves on the frontlines where they risk life and limb.

This year, 65 journalists and media workers have been killed reporting on wars and humanitarian crises around the world. We know