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HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce a bicameral resolution today, to express solidarity with and reaffirm the dire need to protect vulnerable and minority populations and their allies in Afghanistan under Taliban rule. I thank my Senate Colleague, Senator MARKEY, for his leadership on this urgent human rights issue.

The United States spent over twenty years in Afghanistan, in an endless war. It was crucial that we leave, and I applaud President Biden for commanding this effort and not leaving it as a task for yet another President. There is no good way to end a war without a decisive resolution; however, what we must not do is not leave innocent Afghan people behind. We cannot abandon the innocent women, children and families who have suffered through this war. We have a moral obligation to ensure that they are left with some system of government that respects and honors the international standards of human rights that our country has helped establish.

Reports have shown that Taliban fighters have explicitly targeted religious and ethnic minorities, abusing them with impunity, and have threatened Afghan journalists with violence. Similar reporting shows that the Taliban continue to target LGBTQI individuals, forcing them into hiding due to the threat of physical violence and attacks perpetrated by Taliban fighters. Women, in particular, are facing dire circumstances. Despite promises to the contrary, the Taliban leadership have re-instituted many of the draconian measures that characterized their previous rule. Restrictions on their freedom of movement, punishments for dress code violations, and constraints on their occupational and educational opportunities all severely limit the future of Afghan women—and subject them to gross injustices and violence.

The rapidly deteriorating human rights conditions in the country are exacerbated by the worsening humanitarian crisis, by which vulnerable and minority communities are disproportionately impacted.

I am proud to introduce this resolution today, which calls on the Biden Administration to work closely with the international community and nongovernmental organizations to support at-risk Afghan communities, including efforts to counter the growing humanitarian crisis that unduly impacts already vulnerable groups.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in calling for the protection of vulnerable and minority communities in Afghanistan

under Taliban rule, especially during this humanitarian crisis.

**REMEMBERING DR. CHARLES C.
MARY, JR.**

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charles Callan Mary, Jr., M.D., a public servant who was inspired in life by his faith, education and a deep sense of purpose. He served the citizens of Louisiana with professionalism and humility over sixty-one years until his passing on February 5, 2022. He was a devoted husband of 58 years, father of 5, grandfather of 14, brother, uncle, and friend to many.

In his advanced studies, he soon recognized a calling that directed him to a pre-med curriculum at Loyola University of the South. Upon completion, he enrolled in Louisiana State University Medical School, graduating in 1961 with a Doctor of Medicine degree.

Dr. Mary completed an internal medicine residency at LSU's Medical School and then joined the Department of Medicine. He dedicated 18 years of his early professional life to Charity Hospital and its patients, staff and students, where he served as student, intern, resident, Assistant Clinical Director and then, in 1970 rose to the position of Medical Director and CEO. He felt in his heart this was his calling and Charity Hospital was his home.

Gov. Edwin W. Edwards appointed Dr. Mary as the first Commissioner of the newly created State Department of Health, Social and Rehabilitation Services, as well as State Health Officer in 1973.

In 1974, Dr. Mary went into private practice, founding the Mary Medical Clinic in New Orleans. He relocated his practice to St. Jude Medical Center in Kenner, and then Elmwood Medical Center in Metairie, where he would continue to practice internal medicine until his semi-retirement in 1997. He continued to see patients on a limited basis until Hurricane Ida in 2021. He also had a live local radio show called "Ask Dr. Mary," which aired every week for over 15 years.

Dr. Mary's faith was fundamental to his life's work. Starting as an altar boy at Our Lady of Lourdes and continuing throughout his adulthood, he served and participated in many capacities, including as: a Knight of the Pontifical Equestrian Order of St. Gregory the Great; a Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem; a Knight of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta; a recipient of the Order of St. Louis IX (Archdiocese of New Orleans); a member of both the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.; and a member of the Board of Trustees of La Roche College in Pittsburgh, PA.

His involvement did not stop there—he embraced the love of Mardi Gras instilled in him

from his father respecting the traditions and celebrations of Carnival. Since his childhood, he remained active in the Knights of Babylon as a rider, an officer, board member and ultimately Captain and Capitan Emeritus after his father's 30 plus year tenure. Like every true New Orleanian, Dr. Mary was an ardent football fan (especially LSU and the Saints), an avid tennis player, a notorious joke teller and a lover of fine New Orleans signature food and libations.

The entire New Orleans community is grateful to Dr. Charles C. Mary, Jr. for his dedicated service to the field of medicine, his philanthropic contributions. His legacy will live on.

**HONORING THE FIRST RESPONDERS WHO SAVED THE LIFE OF
MORRISONVILLE FIREFIGHTER
BILL TODD**

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible work of the Morrisonville Fire Department, Beekmantown Fire Department, Plattsburgh City Fire Department, Morrisonville EMS, and the N.Y. State Troopers who saved the life of fellow first responder, fireman Bill Todd.

On September 3, 2021, Morrisonville firefighter and lifetime member Bill Todd rushed into action after being called to the site of a fatal three-car crash. First responders from several departments quickly arrived at the site of the crash in Beekmantown and began to assist rescue efforts. During the emergency response, fireman Bill Todd collapsed, suffering a near-fatal heart attack. His fellow first responders instantly rushed to his aid, beginning CPR and shocking Mr. Todd twice with an AED. Once he was revived, Mr. Todd was brought to the University of Vermont Health Network and was then transferred to Fletcher Allen Health Care in Vernon for open-heart surgery.

After his open-heart surgery, Bill Todd spent time recovering in the hospital. When he returned home to Morrisonville in October, he was welcomed back with a surprise parade put on by crews from Morrisonville Fire, Morrisonville EMS, Cadyville Fire, Beekmantown Fire, District 3 Fire, Peru Fire, and South Plattsburgh Fire. Todd's family, neighbors, and friends greeted him with applause and cheers.

Bill Todd's fellow first responders went above and beyond that day and ultimately saved the life of another hero. The service of these incredible first responders can never be understated. I would like to thank the brave first responders who saved Mr. Todd's life that day, including Ted Gordon, Kevin Randall, Gary Brown, Nicholas Paine, Conrad Lavarney, Ryan Sponable, and Ryan Williams. The actions of these brave first responders represent the exceptional service

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and commitment to community in the North Country.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank these first responders for their lifesaving actions and their commitment to safeguarding the community every day.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JOHN
C. LAW

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Mr. John C. Law, who passed away on January 20, 2022. John, a resident of the City of Santa Monica, was a beloved husband, father, and champion of affordable, high-quality health care.

John dedicated his life to serving others and was a generous philanthropist in the Los Angeles community throughout his time on the Board of Directors at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, which he joined in 1997. He loved Los Angeles for its dynamism and diversity, and it was of great importance to him that the board of an esteemed medical institution like Cedars-Sinai reflected this. During his tenure serving Cedars, John championed efforts to bring women and people of color on to the Board of Directors and to better the health and well-being of the Los Angeles community. As President of the Los Angeles Free Clinic, he worked to improve health care quality, access, and outcomes for underserved communities in the region.

John contributed to health care causes and research not only through sweat equity but also through his tremendous generosity. John and his wife made their first gift to Cedars-Sinai in 1992 and contributed frequently to its prostate cancer research and health care leadership funds. An accomplished businessman, he served as president of the Los Angeles County Capital Asset Leasing Corporation and as the Co-Managing Director of Warland Investments, a property development and management company. Before his time in Los Angeles, John resided in Washington, D.C., where he co-founded Bendixen and Law, a family attorney professional corporation in operation for over 40 years.

John is survived by his loving wife, Hope Warshaw and their son, John Law-Warshaw. He had an amazing spirit that was dedicated to serving his family and especially those most in need. He will be greatly missed by his friends, family, and all who know him.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA COURTS IMPROVE-
MENT ACT OF 2022

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Courts Improvement Act of 2022. This bill would make several important improvements to the operations of the local District of Columbia courts.

Under the D.C. Home Rule Act, D.C. has no authority to amend title 11 of the D.C. Code

(relating to organization and jurisdiction of the local D.C. courts). This bill only amends provisions in title 11.

First, this bill makes several changes to jury service in the D.C. Superior Court. It ties Superior Court juror pay to the pay jurors receive in federal court. Superior Court jurors are currently paid less than federal jurors. The bill also modernizes juror summonses by giving prospective jurors the option to receive a summons electronically, which will save the court money on postage and staff time. The bill further allows jurors who are 70 years old or older to be excused from jury service if the individual so requests.

Next, this bill allows the local D.C. courts to pay attorneys appointed to represent indigent defendants in criminal proceedings and indigent children in delinquency and need of supervision proceedings up to the amount currently allowed in federal court. The local D.C. courts' current rate is \$42 per hour less than the federal rate. Similarly, the bill eliminates the \$25 hourly rate fixed rate for D.C. Criminal Justice Act investigators and caps the rate at the rate of pay for investigators in the U.S. District Court for D.C. Investigators in federal court in D.C. are currently paid \$65 an hour, and up to \$75 an hour in death penalty and other complex cases.

This bill also would move the appointment and removal of the Register of Wills (ROW) and supervisory responsibilities from the Chief Judge of the Superior Court to the Executive Officer of the D.C. courts. This change would provide the Executive Officer oversight of the personnel for the entire Probate Division, including the ROW, which will improve efficiency in making personnel decisions and in the overall administration of the Probate Division.

While both the federal government and the District of Columbia government have statutory authority to give retroactive pay increase to employees, the local D.C. courts do not have this authority. This bill corrects this deficiency.

The bill also changes references to the Domestic Violence Unit to the Domestic Violence Division, and updates references to individuals with intellectual disabilities. It would also increase the jurisdictional limit of the Small Claims Branch to \$12,000, indexed for inflation.

The bill further provides permanent authority to the local D.C. courts to retain bar examination and admission fees, independent gift authority, permanent procurement authority for motor vehicles and express authority to permit other entities to use their facilities.

Legislation to improve the operations of the local D.C. Courts has been enacted into law several times over the last decade on a bipartisan basis. I hope this bill will likewise be passed in a bipartisan manner.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

HONORING SHENANDOAH
COUNTY'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BEN CLINE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation honoring Shenandoah County's 250th anniversary.

Whereas, Shenandoah County will celebrate the 250th Anniversary of its founding in 2022; and

Whereas, since its first indigenous inhabitants, almost 500 generations have called this area home; and

Whereas, the county, originally known as Dunmore, was established by the Virginia General Assembly on March 24, 1772; and

Whereas the county was renamed Shenandoah in 1778 to reflect the occupants dedication to the Patriot cause during the American Revolution; and

Whereas the fertile lands have shaped the history of this area and allowed Shenandoah County to become a leading agricultural producer; and

Whereas, Shenandoah County has a strong history of local businesses, farms, healthcare, tourism, and manufacturing; and

Whereas, Shenandoah County continues to grow by capitalizing on its distinct character, diverse population, and natural beauty; and

Whereas, Shenandoah County provides its citizens an award winning education system, bountiful job opportunities, and rich quality of life; and

Whereas, Shenandoah County citizens value the County's history, treasured landmarks, neighborly spirit, and vibrant communities; and

Whereas, the first 250 years of Shenandoah County have been fruitful in experiences and forward-looking ventures; and

Whereas, the residents of Shenandoah County will gather to commemorate their storied history and bright future throughout 2022; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the United States House of Representatives that we commend Shenandoah County on the occasion of its historic 250th anniversary; and, be it

Resolved Further, that this resolution be presented to the chair of the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors as an expression of the U.S. House of Representatives' congratulations, admiration for the County's history and contributions to the Commonwealth, and best wishes in all its future endeavors.

HONORING MR. DAN JOHNSON

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Mr. Dan Johnson, a respected servant leader whose dedicated forty-five year career in municipal government has led to the direct enrichment of numerous communities in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

Mr. Johnson earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Austin College and his master's degree in Public Administration from the University of North Texas where he was later named the recipient of the 1995 Distinguished Alumni award. Additionally, Dan is a graduate of the prestigious Public Executive Institute of the LBJ School of Public Affairs.

For several years, Johnson held a variety of municipal government positions throughout North Texas, including past service as the City Manager and Deputy City Manager for the City of Carrollton, as the Director of Regional Services at the North Central Texas Council of