

Tucker; as well as many other beloved family and friends. I offer my condolences to them upon the loss of Colonel Swain, who led a remarkable life.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
SENATOR DENNIS KRUSE

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 10, 2022

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Senator Dennis Kruse of Auburn, Indiana, as he prepares to retire after a long and distinguished career in public service. Dennis is a model statesman in the Indiana Statehouse, where he has served for 32 years; first as a state representative from 1989 to 2004, and then as a state senator.

During his tenure in the senate, he served as Senate Education Committee chairman, where I had the opportunity to work with him. In this role, Dennis introduced and helped pass numerous pieces of legislation to improve education in the state, including bills to establish the state's formal teacher evaluation system, to improve school discipline, to enhance before- and after-school programs and teacher preparation, and more.

Senator Kruse was also a culture warrior long before most of us were. He introduced bills in the statehouse to codify the Christian view of marriage; to bring back prayer to public schools; to prohibit sex changes for minors; and more. More recently, he announced that he will be introducing bills this next session to protect medical freedom and to allow public displays of religious historical documents. Also notable is his longtime commitment to constituent services, which remains a model for officials state- and nation-wide.

Senator Kruse is not only an exemplary public servant; he is also a great man whose devotion to his community and family is palpable. I am proud to call him a mentor and a friend and I am honored to have worked alongside him. I wish him and his wife, Kay, the best as they prepare to enter a new chapter of their lives. Let this document serve as a testament to Dennis' commitment to the betterment of those whom he served and to the legacy that will endure long after he is gone.

RECOGNIZING RANI YADAV-
RANJAN

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 10, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Rani Yadav-Ranjan, the Head of Artificial Intelligence at Ericsson's Global AI Accelerator, and a member of the Ericsson CTO's Technology Leadership team.

Rani's contribution to technology and society shapes the way we live, enables how we work, and underscores the path forward for a more secure, inclusive future.

While coming from modest means, Rani has achieved considerable success as a successful entrepreneur and Executive Technology leader. Her work has pioneered industry lead-

ing solutions for Big Data Artificial Intelligence, E-commerce, and Blockchain technologies. People refer to her as a visionary and expert in data science, as evidenced in her 10+ patents in innovative new industries. Many companies make use of her patent for fully encrypted mobile payments and text communication.

At Ericsson, Rani has innovated solutions for Blockchain-based data monetization, and Cyberthreat detection for encrypted flow.

Rani's formidable talents have also been used to create stronger social fabrics between people at her places of work and in her community. These actions often create access to resources and opportunities which provide others a higher quality of life.

Her influence on Diversity & Inclusion efforts at Ericsson has created safe spaces for employees of all backgrounds to bring their complete selves to work, a precondition for the creativity and innovation that drives Ericsson's market offerings.

Rani is the founder of the University of California, Merced CITRIS Innovation & Entrepreneurship Challenge, which is now held at the University of California, Berkeley and has inspired the start-up ecosystems in both Merced and Berkeley. Rani is also the founder of the University of California, Berkeley CITRIS Innovation & Entrepreneurship Challenge. She also serves as a Recurring Guest Lecturer at the University of California, Berkeley, and Merced, as well as an Adjunct Professor at Southwest Law School, where she most recently served.

Rani is a member of the Committee of 200, a powerful network of the most accomplished female C-suite executives in industry, who collectively employ more than 2.5 million people and are committed to developing women's leadership in business.

Rani is deeply committed to the Sikh community in San Jose and is widely regarded as a pillar of the community. As a long-time volunteer and board member, Rani has a strong personal commitment to making neighborhoods stronger. She has volunteered in the fight against hunger and other causes which impact diverse backgrounds. A truly concerned individual who is eager to see others improve and live well.

Rani has served on the boards of several for-profit and nonprofit organizations, including Navigator Technology, the Santa Clara County Women's Commission, the University of California, Merced Foundation Board, where she served as chair of the Nominating and Governance committee and as chair of the Audit committee, and the State of California Infrastructure and Goods Movement Board, where she served as chair of the Audit committee.

Rani is most proud of her children, Shaan, Alisha, and Krishna, as well as her grandson, Hugo Berglund, out of all her accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF PFC
JIMMY ROWLAND

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 10, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Private First

Class Jimmy Rowland of Baldwin Mississippi who was reported missing in action during the Korean War. In 1956, his remains were declared nonrecoverable. In November of 2021, Rowland's family was informed his remains were accounted for and will be brought back to Baldwin for burial and a full military funeral.

In July of 1950 Jimmy Rowland, at 19 years old, came under heavy fire fighting North Korean forces at the Kum River north of Taejon, South Korea. He was a member of the Heavy Mortar Company, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He was reported wounded and then missing in action on July 16 and was dropped from his unit's rolls on August 16, 1950. In February of the next year, four sets of remains were found at the foot of a bridge west of the Seoul-Taejon main supply route. Three individuals were identified as members of the 19th infantry regiment but the fourth was not identified. These remains were designated as Unknown X-418 Tanggok. His remains, along with all other unidentified soldiers killed in the Korean War, were transported to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.

In July of 2018, anthropologists and historians from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency planned to identify the 652 Korean War casualties that remained unknown. On March 4, 2019, Rowland's remains were disinterred and transferred to the DPAA Laboratory at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. Using dental and anthropological analysis as well as circumstantial evidence, scientists identified Jimmy Rowland.

Though many have passed on, it is expected 20 to 30 of Jimmy's family members will be in attendance at his funeral on Saturday. The Baldwin community is grateful to honor Jimmy nearly 70 years after he was declared missing in action. Though thousands of casualties from the Korean War remain unidentified, I am thankful that one Mississippi soldier will return home to be honored by his family and community. I am grateful for the work of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and express my most sincere condolences to Jimmy's family, friends, and loved ones.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
CATHIE HUMBARGER

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 10, 2022

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Cathie Humbarger of Fort Wayne, as she retired recently from her position with the Right to Life of Northeast Indiana.

Cathie's decades-long leadership in the pro-life movement has been extraordinary. Formerly the communications director for the National Right to Life and Vice President of the Indiana Right to Life, Cathie has defended life at every level and before every audience possible. As just one example, she was a very public proponent of a bill signed into law by Governor Eric Holcomb last spring to codify new restrictions on the ability for minors to get abortions and for clinics to prescribe abortion-inducing pills.

As another, for years, Cathie helped organize the annual summer "Pro-Life Boot Camp"

at the University of St. Francis to equip high school and college students with the tools necessary to defend life in the public space. Cathie was also essential in helping mobilize Northeast Indiana's contingent to attend the annual National March for Life in Washington, D.C. One of the highlights of my time in Congress was being joined on stage by Cathie at the 2017 March as Vice President Mike Pence gave one of the most forceful defenses for life ever.

Beyond her professional accolades and achievements, of which there are many, Cathie is one of the kindest, most genuine, and dutiful people I have ever known. I am proud to call her a friend of many years and wish her Godspeed as she enters a new chapter of her life. This document serves as a testament to Cathie's career and character, and an appeal to future generations—that they be inspired by Cathie to carry on the fight for life in the years and decades to come.

HONORING FORMER JUSTICE OF THE PEACE TERESA VERA PEREZ

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 10, 2022

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Teresa Vera Perez of Concepcion, Texas, who dedicated her life to serving the people of Duval County.

Mrs. Perez was born on November 25, 1933, to Saturnino Vera and Francisca Saenz Vera. At the age of 18, she married Mr. Asildo Lopez Perez with whom she shared a life for 57 years. During this time, they raised five children together: Elena, Ester, Eloy, and twins Eduardo and Ernesto.

Mrs. Perez first ran for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 in 1977 and won, making her the first female Justice of the Peace in Duval County history. She served a total of three terms, becoming a lifelong member of the Texas Justices of the Peace and Constables Association and Chaplain for the South Texas Association of Justices of the Peace and Constables. In addition to her time serving as Justice of the Peace, Mrs. Perez also worked as a Nurse's Aide at the P&S Hospital, previously located in Alice, Texas. Following her 12 years as Justice of the Peace, she continued to serve as an Honorable Judge by joining couples in matrimony.

Mrs. Perez was an active member of the Duval County and the Concepcion communities throughout her lifetime. She proudly served as a Eucharistic Minister and member of the Immaculate Concepcion Catholic Church Altar and Rosary Society as well as the Guadalupana and the Fiesta Del Rancho Committee. She was also crowned Queen of the Elderly Nutrition program Twice. In 1993, at the age of 60 years old, she obtained her GED diploma in Alice, Texas. Mrs. Perez passed away on January 23, 2014. Although she is no longer with us, her memory remains eternal.

Madam Speaker, I stand here today to acknowledge the countless achievements and charitable acts of Mrs. Teresa Vera Perez. She devoted her life to the betterment of her community and her legacy will be no doubt be

remembered by all who knew her. Her general love for life, her family, the Lord, and commitment to her neighbors is admirable. May she rest in peace.

HONORING DR. THEODORE JACKSON VIARS

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 10, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Dr. Theodore Jackson (Ted) Viars, who passed away on December 13, 2021 at the age of 87. Dr. Viars was a longtime educator in western Virginia who positively impacted generations of students.

Theodore Viars was born on December 26, 1933 in Radford, Virginia. His parents were Robert and Louise Viars. He was a student athlete throughout his time at Radford High School, from which he graduated in 1952, and the University of Virginia. At UVA, he earned a football scholarship and played varsity baseball while earning a place on the Dean's List, serving on the Student Council, and belonging to the Varsity Club and the SAE fraternity. He later earned a master's degree and a doctorate from Virginia Tech.

Education became Dr. Viars' mission. He began his career as a teacher and assistant principal at Pulaski High School from 1956 to 1960. Subsequently, he worked as principal at Clifton Forge from 1960 to 1963 before moving to Salem to become Glenvar High School's first principal. After Glenvar, he held a variety of roles with the Roanoke County Schools, including Director of Instruction, Assistant Superintendent, and Deputy Superintendent for Instruction. He retired from the school system in 1990 and taught as an Associate Professor of Education at Hollins College from 1991 to 1994.

Dr. Viars was a member of Central United Methodist Church in Salem for over 57 years and served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

Dr. Viars was preceded in death by his daughter, Kim Viars. He is survived by his wife, Johnsey; children, Kelly Viars Coudriet (Greg), Ted Viars II (Tracey), and Martin Viars (Sherry); grandchildren, Jackson Bradley, Kelsey Legra, Kayleigh Cox, Teddy III, Max, and Brock Viars; and great-grandchildren, Cayden and Roman Legra. I offer them my condolences on the loss of this committed lifelong educator.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF OLIN R. PICKENS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 10, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Mr. Olin R. Pickens who will celebrate his 100th birthday this month. I join his family, friends, and loved ones in celebrating his lifelong dedication to this country.

Olin Pickens was an infantryman assigned to the Army 805th Tank Destroyer Unit during

WWII before he was captured as a Prisoner of War. He was executing a mission to capture German field marshal Erwin Rommel in North Africa in 1943 when his unit was attacked by the Germans. His unit, along with three others, attempted to breach a German Blockade to reach Rommel. The soldiers understood this to be a suicide mission. On February 16, 1943, PFC Pickens was captured in Tunisia and spent 26 months as a POW. He escaped once, but was recaptured. In April of 1945, Pickens was finally released.

Pickens looks back on his time in the army with astounding bravery and resolve. I admire his tenacity and dedication to this country. It is because of men like Mr. Pickens that we celebrate the freedoms we enjoy every day, and for his service, I am grateful. It is a joy to wish him a happy 100th birthday.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO AMEND THE DISTRICT OF CO- LUMBIA HOME RULE ACT TO PERMIT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO TRANSMIT ACTS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO CONGRESS IN ELECTRONIC FORM

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 10, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill that would amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act (HRA) to permit the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia to transmit legislation to Congress in the form of the Chairman's choosing, including in electronic form. This bill seeks to modernize the method D.C. legislation is transmitted to Congress for the congressional review period.

The HRA requires that D.C. legislation be transmitted to Congress for a congressional review period before the legislation can take effect. The legislation takes effect after a review period, unless a resolution of disapproval is enacted into law during the review period. While the HRA is silent on the method that the Chairman must use to transmit the legislation, House and Senate precedent require that the legislation be physically transmitted to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. Physical transmittal imposes costs in terms of time on the Council, the House and Senate Parliamentarians, the Speaker, the President of the Senate, the House Clerk, the Senate Secretary, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform and the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. When the HRA was enacted in 1973, email did not exist.

The Council engages in a 12-step process to comply with the physical transmittal requirement:

Step 1: Write individualized cover letters.

Step 2: The Chairman physically signs the cover letters.

Step 3: Arrange a pick-up time of the legislation and cover letters from the Chairman.

Step 4: Print two copies of the bill and two copies of the committee report to deliver to the Speaker and to the President of the Senate.

Step 5: Arrange a time for delivery to the Speaker's office.