

Pennsylvania, she soon became a signature member of the Pennsylvania Watercolor Association as well. She also earned a degree in Interior Design, founded a small business, and took up skiing. One of her greatest challenges, however, was her rigorous fight against lymphoma—and—chemotherapy from which she made a full recovery at the age of 90.

Mrs. Milspaw, now 100 years young, resides in the same town in which she was born, and remains a beacon of health and wellness in our community. She exercises daily, paints and sells watercolors, serves God and her church, and is constantly learning more about the world. I am humbled and privileged to commend and thank Mrs. Gloria Milspaw on her many successes both at home and abroad, and her lifelong dedication to being an active member of our communities. I wish her a wonderful birthday celebration, and God-speed for many more days of a life filled with good health, happiness, prosperity, and love.

#### HONORING HERMAN MOORE

##### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 2, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and innovative gentleman, Mr. Herman Moore. Mr. Moore has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to achieve success.

Herman Moore has been awarded top honors with the 2022 Black Engineer of the Year Awards (BEYA), which recognizes African-American scientists and engineers around the country. The winners chosen are leaders shaping the future of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), as well as promoting diversity and inclusion in the STEM pipeline. He was recognized at this year's BEYA STEM Global Competitiveness Conference, which was held in Washington, D.C. Feb. 17 through 19.

He is the leader and main technical developer of the Army Facilities Components System project. On that project, he plays an instrumental role by providing direction and input to teams, sponsors, and customers to resolve technical solutions and enhanced application features. Moore began his career at ERDC in 1996 and earned his master's degree in computer science in 2004.

With Moore's technical capabilities and leadership experience at ERDC, he is always looking for opportunities to serve as a mentor to junior scientists and to develop himself to advance the mission. His advice to engineers just beginning a career is to identify strengths and weaknesses.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Herman Moore for his passion and dedication to the field of Engineering.

#### TRIBUTE TO PETER LEE

##### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 2, 2022*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Peter V. Lee, the first and only Exec-

utive Director of the highly successful health benefit exchange, Covered California. He leaves the organization to 'look for the next mountain to climb.'

The story of the extraordinary success of Covered California is the history of Peter Lee's tenure. As of January 31, 2021, Covered California announced that 1,744,000 people, a new record high, had signed up for health coverage. Under Peter Lee's leadership, uninsured rates dropped 20.5 percent for Latinos, 12.4 percent for Asian Americans and African Americans, and 8.3 percent for Caucasians. All this has been achieved with rate increases kept low.

Peter Lee was unanimously confirmed as Executive Director by the Covered California board on August 23, 2011. Prior to serving as Executive Director of Covered California, he was the Deputy Director of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation at CMS where he worked to improve care and reduce costs. He was the Director of Delivery System Reform for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from 1995 to 2000 and the Executive Director of the Center for Health Care Rights. From 2000 to 2008, Peter was the CEO and Executive Director for National Health Policy of the Pacific Business Group on Health and the former Director of Programs for the National AIDS Network. Prior to this, Peter was a practicing attorney in Los Angeles.

Peter Lee is a member of a pioneering California health care family and his work at Covered California continued in that proud tradition. His grandfather, Russel Van Arsdale Lee, founded the Palo Alto Medical Clinic (now the Palo Alto Medical Foundation). His father, Peter Lee, founded the Family Medicine Department at USC and, at risk to his career, spoke out in favor of Medicare in 1965. His uncle, Dr. Philip R. Lee, helped create and implement Medicare, and served in the Clinton Administration as an Assistant Health Secretary. His uncle, Dr. Hewlett Lee, was a highly regarded and well-loved surgeon. Peter earned his undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley and his law degree from USC.

Peter Lee's work has improved the lives of millions of Californians and created a national model for other states to emulate. His tenure as Executive Director created a strong, vital organization well suited to continue its mission of service and innovation after his departure.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring and thanking Peter Lee for his outstanding work and in wishing him every blessing as he enters the next chapter in his superb career.

#### HONORING COLONIAL STEAK HOUSE'S INDUCTION INTO THE ARKANSAS FOOD HALL OF FAME

##### HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 2, 2022*

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Colonial Steak House of Pine Bluff for being inducted into the Arkansas Food Hall of Fame Class of 2022. The steakhouse was one of three winners out of ten finalists submitted in the state of Arkansas.

Having opened its doors in 1974, the Colonial Steak House has and continues to be a

staple in the Pine Bluff community. This local restaurant embodies the resilient spirit of Arkansas, having survived a fire in the 1980s and the Coronavirus pandemic. For nearly fifty years, it has continually served the community, not only with great food, but also with its drive to make the Pine Bluff area better. This was highlighted in 2020 when a \$1,200.00 tip was left for one server. Colonial's owners divided it amongst the employees, even those who had the day off. Allie Hall and her business partner Scott Mouser purchased the historic steakhouse from her mom Dana Gately in 2020, and between the three of them, they have over fifty years of experience running the restaurant. To this day, if you come on a busy night, you can find three generations of Gately's working there.

I take this time today to congratulate Allie Hall, Scott Mouser, Dana Gately, and the staff of the Colonial Steak House on this well-deserved honor. I thank them for their dedication to Pine Bluff, our community, and all the residents of Arkansas's Fourth Congressional District.

#### HONORING MARSHALL'S MUSIC AND BOOKSTORE

##### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 2, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marshall's Music and Bookstore.

Marshall's Music and Bookstore is a Black-owned family business on Farish Street in Downtown Jackson. The store has been around for 84 years.

The store has its own story of surviving everything from the Great Depression, segregation and Jim Crow era to a pandemic, recession, and even digital transformation.

Maati Jone Primm is a third-generation owner of the store, which prides itself on educating children and adults about Black History—which Primm stresses don't begin in enslavement.

Books, literature, and music are stacked on tables and shelves. The walls are adorned with striking images of African American changemakers with roots in Mississippi.

Stacey Abrams from Gulfport, Ruby Bridges from Tylertown, Sam Cooke from Clarksdale, Charley Pride from Sledge, C.L. Franklin from Shelby, and Judge Mablean from Hazlehurst are only a few of the faces you will see.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Marshall's Music and Bookstore.

#### COMMEMORATING THE SUMGAIT POGROMS OF 1988 AND THE BAKU POGROMS OF 1990

##### HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 2, 2022*

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the anniversary of the Sumgait pogroms of 1988 and the Baku pogroms of 1990, and to remember the innocent Armenians who tragically lost their lives during these horrific events,

From February 27–29, 1988, hundreds of Armenians living in Sumgait, Azerbaijan were targeted in violent, ethnically motivated attacks. Armenians were beaten, murdered, raped, burned alive, and driven out of their homes. Mass violence against Armenians continued in other Azerbaijani cities in the following years, including in Baku in 1990, and thousands of Armenians were displaced. At the time, Members of the U.S. Congress, both Democrat and Republican, urged Azerbaijan to stop these atrocious events and take steps to protect these Armenian communities.

Many believe that these pogroms occurred in response to peaceful protests led by ethnic Armenians in Artsakh, or Nagorno-Karabakh, who were demanding independence from Azerbaijan and calling for democracy. Throughout the dispute over Artsakh, anti-Armenian hatred and propaganda spread rapidly throughout Azerbaijan. It was this hatred and propaganda that fueled the Sumgait and Baku pogroms.

We must be vocal in rejecting hatred, violence, and discrimination—and work tirelessly to ensure that history does not repeat itself. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the memory of those lost in the Sumgait and Baku pogroms. And I will continue to work with the Congressional Armenian Issues Caucus to reaffirm our commitment to combatting human rights abuses around the world.

#### HONORING AMBASSADOR ROBERTO R. ROMULO

#### HON. ROBERT C. “BOBBY” SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 2, 2022*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, as Co-Chair of the U.S.-Philippines Friendship Caucus, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Philippine statesman and friend to the United States, Ambassador Roberto “Bobby” R. Romulo, who passed away on January 23, 2022.

Ambassador Romulo graduated from Georgetown University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Ateneo de Manila University with a Bachelor of Law. He started his professional career as an IBM marketing trainee in New York City. During his IBM career, he held marketing and management positions in New York, Thailand, Burma, Bangladesh and the Philippines, where he was President and General Manager.

In 1989, he was appointed Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and the Commission of the European Communities. He was then elevated to the top of the Philippines’s Department of Foreign Affairs in 1992. As a diplomat, he was decorated by the governments of Belgium, Thailand, Spain, Chile, France and the Philippines.

In 1995, Ambassador Romulo rejoined the private sector and was elected Chairman of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT), and Vice-Chair of San Miguel International. He was Chairman of Interpharma Investments Ltd. (Zuellig Pharma) from 1997 to 2007 and was a board member of MIH (a subsidiary of NASPERS, a South African Company) from 2002 to 2013. From 2003 to 2010, he served as an independent director of Singapore Land and UIC. Most recently, Am-

bassador Romulo was the Chairman of various organizations including AIG Philippines Insurance, Inc., MediLink Network Inc. and Nationwide Development Corporation (NADECOR). He also held board memberships at various corporations including PLDT, Equicom Savings Bank, Robinsons Retail Holdings, Inc., Maxicare Healthcare Corporation, and McLarty Associates.

In 1996, Ambassador Romulo was the founding Chairman of the APEC Business Advisory Council and continued as Chairman of the Philippine representation of the Council until 2010. From 1999 to 2001, he was Chairman of the e-ASEAN Task Force. From January 2001 to January 2007, he served as pro-bono senior advisor on international competitiveness to Philippines President Gloria Arroyo. He was a Co-Founder and Trustee of the US-Philippines Society. He administered the Society’s “Carlos P. Romulo Awards” in recognition of the contributions of Filipinos and Americans who have strengthened Philippines-U.S. ties, a core mission of the Society.

He was also chairman of non-profit foundations: the Carlos P. Romulo Foundation for Peace and Development, which raises awareness of critical issues that significantly impact the peace and development of the Philippines and the region at large; the Zuellig Family Foundation, which focuses on improving health conditions in rural Filipino communities by providing training programs for local government health leaders; and the Asia-Europe Foundation of the Philippines, which brings together the peoples of Asia and Europe to address common global challenges.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to an extraordinary diplomat, statesman, and friend to the United States. Ambassador Romulo will be sorely missed by so many for his frankness, honesty, and dedication to deepening relations between our two countries.

#### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR GREGORY LAURAIN

#### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 2, 2022*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Director Gregory Laurain on the occasion of his retirement from Van Buren Police Department after over 40 years of service to Van Buren Township, Michigan. His significant service to our community is worthy of commendation.

Director Laurain is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command and the elite FBI National Academy. A well-rounded leader in public safety, he is also a graduate of the Van Buren Township Fire Academy. He began his career with the Van Buren Police Department in 1980, working as a reserve police officer. A member of the first full time class of police officers in the history of the township, he became a patrolman in 1981. Five years later he was promoted to Detective Sergeant. In 2006 he was promoted to the role of Patrol Captain, supervising seven units within the police depart-

ment. In 2013, he was appointed to serve as Public Safety Director for Van Buren Township and was tasked with leading the entire Public Safety department, including the united police and fire departments. Under his leadership, the police department was accredited through the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission making it one of only 43 agencies in the state to earn this honor.

As a leader known throughout Southeastern Michigan, Director Laurain’s work did not end at the Township border. He served as Commander of the Western Wayne County Special Operations Team, as a member of the Drug Enforcement Agency Airport Interdiction Team, and with the Michigan State Police Narcotic Interdiction Team. Known for his selflessness, integrity, and tireless work ethic, Director Laurain is an example among his peers. He was named President of the Wayne County Chiefs Association and Board President of the FBI National Academy Associates Michigan Chapter. Director Laurain is a member of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and the Southeastern Michigan Chiefs of Police. He resides in Michigan with his wife and is looking forward to spending more time with his two daughters and grandchildren in retirement.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Director Gregory Laurain for his over 40 years of exemplary service. He has effectively and selflessly served Van Buren Township and has been steadfastly dedicated to the safety of our community. I join with Director Laurain’s family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in retirement.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### MARCH 7

6 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

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##### MARCH 8

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States Strategic Command and United