

protect transportation personnel and passengers from sexual assault and harassment.

The bill would require certain passenger transportation carriers, including passenger airlines, buses, passenger railroads, and transportation network companies (Uber or Lyft) to establish formal policies, trainings, and reporting structures to crack down on sexual assault and harassment.

The bill would also institute penalties for individuals who physically or sexually assault or threaten transportation personnel.

Public transportation is essential to the lives of millions of Americans. The threat of being sexually assaulted or harassed obstructs their ability to get to work, school or to pick up their kids from day care.

Passengers of public transportation live with a constant fear of being sexually victimized or threatened. Women especially have a higher chance of experiencing these sorts of encounters.

In Houston there have been several cases of men and women both passengers and employees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, that have faced harassment and assault on public transport.

Public transportation should be the last place where Americans fear for their lives.

We must use our authority as Members of Congress to put in place a system that would help protect passengers from these obscene crimes. This bill would help protect the single mom in Houston trying to get to work on time, or the middle schooler in New York City using the subway to get to school.

I urge all my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5706 the Stop Sexual Assault and Harassment in Transportation Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I was regrettably unable to vote on S. 2126 (Roll Call No. 97) on March 30, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted Yes.

RECOGNIZING CAROL BROWNER FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating former Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Carol Browner, who is this year's recipient of the Pure Earth Force of Nature Award.

A lifelong environmental advocate, Administrator Browner spearheaded the creation of the EPA's first policy that focused on the link between children's health risks and exposure to environmental hazards, resulting in the establishment of the EPA's Office of Children's Health Protection (OCHP). Today, the OCHP remains vigilant in its work to increase environmental health literacy among health care

providers, in addition to evaluating and raising awareness about environmental contaminants that may contribute to childhood disease.

Administrator Browner holds the title of the longest serving EPA Administrator in the agency's history, and under her leadership, much was accomplished. She continues to work to combat environmental risks to children's health through a public-private partnership that is tackling the global lead poisoning crisis, which impacts 800 million children in low- and middle-income countries.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD THEODORE GREENER, THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO GRADUATE FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, Academician, Attorney, businessman, Civic leader and accomplished American, Mr. Richard Theodore Greener, the first African American to graduate from Harvard University. Richard Greener was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on January 30, 1844. He quit school in his mid-teens to earn money for his family, but one of his employers helped him enroll in a preparatory school at Oberlin College. He graduated from Phillips Academy in 1865, and he spent three years at Oberlin College before transferring to Harvard College. His admission to Harvard was an experiment by the administration and paved the way for more Black students to attend Harvard.

Richard Theodore Greener graduated from Harvard College in 1870. In 1875, Richard Greener became the first African American to be elected as a member of the American Philological Association. He graduated from law school at South Carolina university, and practiced law in South Carolina, then Washington, D.C. before joining the Howard University Law School as a professor, and eventually a dean.

In 1875, Richard Greener was chosen by the General Assembly of South Carolina to be a member of a commission to revise the South Carolina School system. In 1880, he became a law clerk of the first comptroller of the United States Treasury; from 1876 to 1879 he represented South Carolina in the Union League of America and was President of the South Carolina Republican Association in 1887. From 1885 to 1892, he served as Secretary of the Grant Association, where he is credited with having led the eventual fundraising effort which brought in donations from 90,000 people worldwide to construct Grant's Tomb, still the largest mausoleum in North America. From 1885 to 1890, he was Chief Examiner of the Civic Service Board for New York City and County; and in the 1896 election, he served as the Head of the Colored Bureau of the National Republican Party in Chicago. In 1875, he was appointed as the United States Commercial Agent in Vladivostok, Russia, and stayed in the foreign service until 1905.

Richard Greener was well recognized for his work. While at Harvard in 1868 and 1870, he earned the Bowdoin Prize. He received two honorary Doctor of Laws degrees, one from Monrovia College in Liberia in 1882 and the

second one from Howard University in 1907. In 1902, the Chinese government decorated him with the order of the Double Dragon. Phillips Academy has the Richard T. Greener 1865 Endowed Scholarship. The University of South Carolina's Black Alumni Council Sponsors the Richard T. Greener Endowment Fund, the Central Quadrangle at Phillips Academy was named in his honor in 2018, and the University of South Carolina is honoring his legacy by erecting a statue on campus.

Richard T. Greener eventually settled in Chicago where he worked for an insurance company, practiced law and lectured about his life and times.

Much of this information came from Mr. Greener's Harvard diploma and personal papers discovered in an attic in Chicago.

What a great man, what a great history, what a great American.

DAEVION TURNER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Daevidon Turner for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Daevidon Turner is an 11th grader at Vantage Point High School and received this award because their determination and hard work have allowed them to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Daevidon Turner is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Daevidon Turner for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt they will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of their future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING JAY CAMPBELL

HON. TROY E. NEHLS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mr. NEHLS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding member of my staff, Senior Legislative Assistant Jay Campbell, as he prepares to leave my office and Capitol Hill to pursue a new career path.

Jay is one of the most genuine and loyal people I have met during my time in Washington. Through his hard work, dedication, and his passion for identifying legislative solutions, Jay embodies what it means to be a public servant.

Amongst his colleagues Jay is respected as a knowledgeable and effective Transportation and Infrastructure policy work. I could not have asked for a better Transportation and Infrastructure advisor for my first year in Congress. I will certainly miss his intellectual insight to help solve the problems facing the people of TX-22.

While Jay's career on the Hill has come to a pause, I know he will have immense success in all of his future endeavors.

I want to wish Jay the best of luck in his new career. While he may no longer be on staff in my office, Jay will always be a member of the Team Nehls family.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. OLIVIA LEOLA TORRES CRUZ

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Olivia Leola Torres Cruz. Dr. Cruz was an esteemed leader, selfless advocate, and dedicated servant to the People of Guam. Our people will fondly remember her as a trailblazing force that meaningfully contributed to shaping our island's healthcare sector and improving the lives of countless others throughout our island.

Widely recognized for her historic achievement as Guam's first female CHamoru physician, Dr. Cruz navigated a path unpaved with unwavering courage and determination. As a young girl that had endured World War II, her education was interrupted. Yet upon its conclusion she remained steadfast in her resolve to excel in school, consistently passing bi-annual examinations to elevate her grade level. After graduating from George Washington High School as one of its Top Ten scholars in 1953, Dr. Cruz moved thousands of miles away from home to pursue an undergraduate career at the University of Wisconsin. She then continued with graduate level research and courses in chemistry at the University of Cincinnati and, in 1962, graduated from the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania. Shortly after medical school, Dr. Cruz went on to complete an internship at the Denver General Hospital in addition to residencies for internal and pulmonary medicine at the Denver General Hospital, Herman Houston Hospital, and Allegheny General Hospital respectively.

Though Dr. Cruz pursued her professional education in the continental United States, she kept her people at the forefront of her mind and proudly held her identity as a daughter of Guam close to her heart. In 1967 she returned home impassioned with a mission to increase our community's access to medical care. From serving at the Guam Department of Public Health and Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) to collaborating with the National Institute of Health Research Station as a consultant on lytico-bodig research, a neurodegenerative disease endemic to the CHamoru people, Dr. Cruz devoted her expertise, talents, and decades of work toward standing up a system of care that holistically addresses the needs of our island. This commitment to community is further demonstrated in her persistence to serve as many people as possible by opening her very own private practice clinic, wherein she often provided care to those who could least afford it, and continuing to work part time at GMH despite having retired from government service in 1998.

Beyond her professional capacities, Dr. Cruz embodied a strong sense of character, unquestioningly prioritizing others before self—

a notable example of which was illustrated by her heroic actions to save three individuals who had been involved in an incident in which a twenty-ton compactor toppled over a two-hundred-foot cliff. Without hesitation, Dr. Cruz climbed twenty-five feet down the face of the cliff to render first aid to the injured operator and had them hoisted up to the surface first. Her personal undertaking to lead with compassion is both evident over the course of her lifetime and serves an inspiring blueprint for the many women today who similarly endeavor to pursue a career in medicine.

Dr. Olivia Leola Torres Cruz is an icon of servant leadership and unconditional compassion who poured her heart into securing a better health future for our people. As Women's History Month and Mes CHamoru come to a close, it is further fitting that we reflect on the meaningful contributions of leaders like Dr. Cruz, whose life and legacy have and continue to impact the story of our island community. We extend our deepest condolences to her husband, Dr. Robert Haddock, their children, Michele and Ray, their grandchildren, Robert, Olivia, Francisco, Carlos, Gregorio, Stephen, and Jose, and the rest of their family and friends, and join the People of Guam in remembering and celebrating her life and legacy of selfless service. Dr. Cruz will be deeply missed, and her love and memories will forever remain in the hearts of the People of Guam.

REMEMBERING BRENT RENAUD

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize award-winning journalist Brent Renaud, who was killed in Ukraine at the hands of Russian soldiers.

Brent was a Little Rock native who traveled around the world to share the stories and lift the voices of individuals who otherwise may not have been heard.

At the time of his tragic death, Brent was in Ukraine, covering the current refugee crisis that has developed because of Russia's unwarranted and illegal invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine.

Brent made a difference in the Arkansas arts community as co-founder of the Little Rock Film Festival and serving as a mentor within the community.

My prayers are with Brent, his family, his friends, and all that were blessed to know him.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDGAR WINFIELD BARCLIFF, JR.

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Edgar Winfield Barcliff, Jr. after his passing on March 16, 2022. Edgar was a beloved husband and family man as well as a proud son of Newark, NJ.

Born in Newark in 1944, Edgar knew that helping his community and those most in need

would be his life's work. He started off as a young cadet in the 1960s before he passed the examination to become an Essex County Correction Officer in 1970. He would serve a long and accomplished career at the Essex County Jail in Newark. In 1986, he became the first Correction Officer in Essex County to receive the Officer of the Year Award. Later, Edgar was the first Correction Officer from the State of New Jersey to be recognized as one of the top five Correction Officers in the country.

Edgar continued his exemplary record of service when he completed a training course for investigators at the Criminal Justice Academy's New Jersey Division. After that, he was appointed as an Investigator at the Internal Affairs Bureau. In 1996, Edgar was promoted to Sergeant and became a Supervisor in the Internal Affairs Division of the same jail where he began his career. He was active in Newark's West Ward Civic Organization and received numerous awards and commendations from federal, state, county, and municipal agencies for his contributions.

After more than 31 years of service, Edgar retired in 2002. But he continued his service with several local and national law enforcement organizations. He was a member of the Board of Trustees for the New Jersey Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) and the National Director and Vice Chairman of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation (CPOF). He was committed to supporting officers and their families as they navigated through the very demanding law enforcement profession. Edgar's law enforcement and volunteer work were both personal and professional for him. He was a fierce protector of his family, neighbors, and friends and a true advocate for safer, more just neighborhoods and community service. His legacy will live on through the people he touched—from the officers he mentored to the people in Newark and surrounding communities that he served to the family he loved.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating his life of public service and extend my deepest condolences to his spouse, children, grandchildren, great-grandchild, cousins, nieces and nephews, and friends.

RECOGNIZING THE JOE CAMPOS TORRES PLAZA DEDICATION

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the plaza dedication in honor of Jose "Joe" Campos Torres taking place Saturday, April 2, 2022.

On May 5, 1977, Army veteran Joe Campos Torres died of injuries inflicted by several on-duty officers of the Houston Police Department (HPD). Following a cruel, racially-motivated beating that evening, the police officers took him to the city jail where the jail staff refused to process Joe due to his grave visible injuries. Officers were instructed to transport him to the hospital for medical care. Outrageously, the officers instead pushed Joe off a wharf into the Buffalo Bayou. Tragically, he did not survive.