

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CODE RETURNING CITIZENS COORDINATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the District of Columbia Code Returning Citizens Coordination Act. I introduced a similar version of this bill earlier this year. This bill would require the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to provide information to the District of Columbia government on individuals convicted of felonies under D.C. law in BOP custody. Currently, BOP provides no information to D.C. on these individuals, even immediately before release, which inhibits reentry, increases recidivism and harms public safety.

Federal law requires BOP to incarcerate individuals convicted of felonies under D.C. law. There are currently 3,200 such individuals in BOP custody, and they are located in prisons throughout the United States. This unique custody arrangement creates several obstacles to successful reentry, including information sharing among agencies.

BOP asserts that federal privacy laws prohibit it from providing any information to D.C. on these individuals, which prevents D.C. from having services ready for them when they return from prison. Yet, studies consistently show the importance of health care, housing, education, job training and substance use disorder treatment for successful reentry.

This bill would require BOP to provide D.C. two types of information on each individual convicted of a D.C. Code felony in BOP custody. Every 90 days, BOP would provide the name, age, Federal Register Number, facility where housed and the scheduled release date. Upon D.C.'s request, BOP would provide D.C. the same information that BOP provides to the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA) on these individuals, such as their release plan. CSOSA is a federal agency that supervises individuals convicted of D.C. Code felonies on supervised release and parole.

D.C. would be allowed to provide the biographical information only to counsel for the individuals, and to organizations that provide legal representation to individuals in criminal or post-conviction matters, or in matters related to reentry. D.C. would not be allowed to provide any of the other information, and D.C. law enforcement agencies would not have access to any of the information.

The overwhelming majority of people in prison return home. I hope everyone agrees on the importance of successful reentry.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING ERIC CHILDS OF MIND'S EYE COMICS

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Small Business Week, May 2–5, 2022, and to thank Eric Childs of Mind's Eye Comics. Eric's dedication to his community in Burnsville is what fuels Minnesota's Second Congressional District.

Mind's Eye Comics was established in 1998 in Eagan, Minnesota. A dedicated and long-time customer, Eric stepped in to continue the business after the original owner retired from the comic book business. He has continued to ensure that Mind's Eye welcomes all levels of comic enthusiasts in the Second Congressional District, Minnesota, and beyond.

Small businesses like Mind's Eye Comics are the backbone of our economy. I'm proud that Eric is a member of my Small Business Taskforce. I'm thankful for his expertise and guidance as we work to shape policies to benefit and strengthen our small business economy.

GETTING RID OF ATF'S ILLEGAL LISTS OF LAW-ABIDING AMERICANS

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise to demand that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) destroy their illegal lists of law-abiding gun-owning American citizens.

The Firearms Owners' Protection Act of 1986, 18 U.S.C. 926(A)(3), says that "No such rule or regulation prescribed after the date of the enactment of the Firearms Owners' Protection Act may require that records required to be maintained under this chapter or any portion of the contents of such records, be recorded at or transferred to a facility owned, managed, or controlled by the United States or any State or any political subdivision thereof, nor that any system of registration of firearms, firearms owners, or firearms transactions or dispositions be established." There could not be a clearer prohibition on lists of gun owners.

However, incredibly ATF has 920,664,765 records. And 94 percent of those records are digitized. But never fear, we must trust ATF's word that these records are "nonsearchable." But it begs the question: why have a database if it is unsearchable? Their excuse is ludicrous. This is a gun registry of lawful gun-owning citizens clearly prohibited by federal law.

And they want more people on the list. The current process is already illegal and unconstitutional, as all firearms dealers are required to turn over EVERY record to the ATF when they lose their federal license. But now, the Biden administration's new regulations require that ALL records be kept.

ATF has engaged in another troubling unconstitutional action—this time a violation of due process. Congressional candidate Laura Loomer was never notified that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) found her possession of a firearm a violation of federal law. The only reason she became aware of the FBI's decision was due to the fact that she made several inquiries after being denied a concealed carry permit.

In other words, the federal government did not tell Ms. Loomer that she was illegally owning firearms—a clear violation of due process. DOJ has still not yet responded to a letter I sent them over six months ago asking for clarification on this issue.

The ATF is a rogue control agency violating American rights at every opportunity. They do not just want every gun serialized—they even want gun parts serialized. And they cleverly changed the definition of machine gun so that more guns would be considered illegal.

I have introduced a bill, the No Gun Lists Act, that would force ATF to destroy all the ATF's illegal lists of gun-owning Americans. And the creation of any new lists is expressly prohibited. Furthermore, the bill would allow negatively affected individuals to sue the ATF for damages done by the agency in violation of the bill.

These abuses of the Constitution—whether the Second Amendment or due process—must be opposed at all costs.

RECOGNIZING THE CODY ROUGE COMMUNITY ACTION ALLIANCE

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance for their outstanding service on behalf of the communities of Michigan's 13th District as they celebrate their fifteenth anniversary.

The Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance was founded with the purpose of serving the needs and goals of the neighborhood residents, businesses, and organizations. They have worked to create pathways to greater community engagement and to build future leaders through its youth programming. At heart, they are committed to strengthening families and neighborhoods to create a better quality of life for all.

Cody Rouge Action Alliance has been able to successfully connect thousands of residents to critical resources with the support of the Cody Rouge Faith Alliance. This alliance includes instrumental churches and neighborhood associations such as: Far West Detroit

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Civic Association, West Outer Drive Civic Association, Weatherby Neighborhood Association, Southfield Plymouth Community Association, Joy Southfield Community Association, Warrendale Community Association, Franklin Park Community Association, and more.

Please join me in recognizing the numerous contributions of the Cody Rouge Community Alliance on behalf of Michigan's 13th District Strong.

HONORING THE 18TH
INTERNATIONAL VEENA FESTIVAL

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI. Madam Speaker, today I wish to recognize the Sri Annamacharya Project of North America (SAPNA), along with Veena Council Global, in commemoration of the 18th International Veena Festival. SAPNA was conceived as the Saint Annamacharya Project USA by Dr. Sriram and Mrs. Saradapurna Sonty in 1989.

The International Veena Festival presents over 50 Saraswathi Veenas—an ancient Indian string instrument originating in Vedic times and referenced in Vedic Scripture from thousands of years ago. Veena music is known to bring about spiritual healing, a feeling of communion, and a connection with a higher power.

Through the International Veena Festival, SAPNA seeks to sustain classical music; to promote innovative music traditions on a global stage; and to foster friendship, peace, harmony, and universal understanding through music in today's turbulent times.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the work of SAPNA to honor the cultural heritage of more than 4 million Indian-Americans, uplift traditional Indian artists, and bridge cultural divides through music.

RECOGNIZING THE NORTHWEST INDIANA BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2022

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I take this time to commend several exceptional leaders from Indiana who will be honored as the Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame Class of 2022. This year's inductees include Brian Boomsma, Napoleon Branford III, Debbie and David Cook, and Fritz Olthof. In addition, Tri-State Industries will be presented the Enterprise of the Year Award. For their outstanding contributions to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond, these honorees will be commended at the 15th Annual Induction Ceremony on Monday, May 9, 2022, at Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana. The Honorable Eric Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, will serve as the keynote speaker for this special event.

Brian Boomsma is the president of Dutch Farms, Inc., which was founded in 1987 by

Brian and his brother, Bruce. In the beginning, Dutch Farms sold farm fresh eggs to local grocery stores and markets throughout the Chicagoland area. Over time, the company expanded its product line to include dairy, meat, juice, baked goods, and more. Today, the family-owned business operates out of a 400,000 square foot campus in the Pullman District of Chicago. Under the remarkable leadership of Brian, Dutch Farms currently distributes its products in 40 States and 15 countries. Dutch Farms is committed to giving back to the community through its support of various organizations, including food banks, youth groups, veterans' groups, and soup kitchens.

Napoleon Branford III is a Northwest Indiana native hailing from East Chicago. Napoleon is a graduate of East Chicago Roosevelt High School and played on the celebrated Rough Riders basketball team that won the State title in 1970. For this accomplishment, Napoleon was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. Later in life, Napoleon established and led the successful investment and banking firm, Siebert Branford Shank & Co., LLC, and served as its chairman from 1998 to 2016. Currently, he is chairman and CEO of his own company, NBII Entertainment. He is also one of the chief financial strategists for Team Harris, LLC. Napoleon has given of his time and efforts to numerous charitable organizations and foundations throughout his lifetime including, but not limited to, the California Healthcare Foundation, the Boy Scouts of America, and the American Heart Association.

Dave and Debbie Cook are the founders of Hoosier Bat Company, located in Valparaiso, Indiana. Dave Cook worked as a scout for the New York Yankees, and during that time, he observed players struggling to transition from using aluminum bats to wooden bats. Seeing the need and the opportunity, Dave painstakingly created a patented design, a durable wood bat that helped to ease this transition. In 1991, Dave and Debbie founded Hoosier Bat Company, which they continue to operate and grow today. The company sells its bats throughout the United States and worldwide. Hoosier Bat Company caters to all levels of the game, from Little League to the major leagues, and they have made bats for many successful Major League Baseball players. The Cooks are involved in numerous charitable endeavors, and they continue to donate bats to events and organizations that give back to the community.

Fritz Olthof is the founder of Olthof Homes, which he established in 1961. Fritz learned the basics of building a strong work ethic at a young age, which he credits to his upbringing and his father, in particular. Fritz's first project was a seven-flat building in Lansing, Illinois, and he moved full steam ahead from that moment on. Currently, Olthof Homes is based in Saint John, Indiana, and has an office in Indianapolis as well. Olthof Homes continues to grow and expand building new home communities throughout Northwest Indiana, Northeast Indiana, and Central Indiana. Fritz is proud to have all four of his sons and his grandson working for the business. The company has been proud of their dedication to support local charitable organizations, including the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana and Habitat for Humanity, to name a few.

The recipient of the Enterprise of the Year Award is Tri-State Industries, a steel manufacturing and fabrication company based in Ham-

mond, Indiana. The company was founded in 1980 by Don Keller and initially made industrial pipe glides and slides. Today, the company is a contract manufacturer for large entities in the railcar, construction, and mobile trailer industries across Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Additionally, the Keller family founded Tri-State Automation, a business that advances the use of robotics in manufacturing. This truly innovative technology produces robots that weld, haul materials, and serve other customized industrial functions.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending these dedicated leaders and organizations upon their induction into the Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame. For their influence, innovation, and dedication to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond, the inductees are worthy of the highest praise.

2022 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the artistic ability of a young student from my Congressional District, Lillian Spencer from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School.

Ms. Spencer is the winner of the 2022 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania's High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery."

Ms. Spencer's artwork, an acrylic painting entitled "Surmount," was selected from a number of outstanding entries in this year's competition.

In fact, 27 works from 8 different schools in Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District were submitted to our panel of respected local artists.

It is a real tribute to Ms. Spencer's skill and vision that their work was chosen as the winner of this year's competition.

I should add that Ms. Spencer took second place in this competition last year with a color pencil composition entitled "Seeing Eye to Eye."

Ms. Spencer's artwork will represent the 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit of high school students' artwork that will be displayed in the United States Capitol over the coming year.

I encourage my colleagues as well as any visitor to Capitol Hill to view Ms. Spencer's artwork, along with the winning entries from the high school art contests held in other Congressional Districts, which will be on display in the Capitol tunnel.

It is amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our country.

Hanna Paras from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School was awarded second place for their acrylic painting entitled "Self-Healing."

Rebecca Carter from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School received third place for their photograph entitled "Refracted."