

2021 in partnership with hundreds of businesses and nonprofit organizations.

During her free time, Ms. Beyda enjoys hiking with her family, being in nature, and practices yoga as often as possible.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Nancy Beyda.

SUPPORTING UTERINE FIBROID RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of a critical issue facing women's health that is often misunderstood, grossly underfunded, and has significant ripple effects on a woman's physical and mental health. This condition is uterine fibroids: noncancerous growths in the uterus that can cause severe bleeding, body pain, infertility and miscarriages, and several other consequences.

Uterine fibroids affect 70 percent of White women and 80 percent of Black women in the U.S. during their lifetime. Each year, over 200,000 women undergo hysterectomies for uterine fibroids, with Black women twice as likely to undergo this treatment to alleviate symptoms. We need to do more for these women. Other treatments exist, and we cannot allow a lack of awareness to put women through an unnecessary, lifechanging operation. We do not need to deprive women of their right to have children, to instruct them to sit home for six weeks and recover from such an invasive procedure, to put them at risk of complications.

More must be done to research uterine fibroids, educate health care professionals, and raise awareness for patients. I am proud to cosponsor H.R. 2007, the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Uterine Fibroid Research and Education Act of 2021, as it would expand and coordinate uterine fibroid research at NIH and direct HHS to issue an awareness campaign and research Medicaid coverage of uterine fibroids. We are in Women's Health Month. In this Month, we reflect upon the important women in our lives, and how medical research must better represent them. I am proud to support the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Uterine Fibroid Research and Education Act of 2021 and urge my colleagues to join me. This condition cannot wait, women suffering with this condition cannot wait, and this bill cannot wait.

HONORING THOMAS PETERS, PH.D.

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Thomas Peters, Ph.D. upon his retirement from Marin Community Foundation as its intrepid president and chief executive officer for nearly a quarter of a century and for a lifetime of extraordinary public service.

Dr. Peters graduated from the University of Minnesota with a doctorate in medicine, psy-

chology, and genetics. In 1974, he was hired by the San Francisco Public Health Department to manage a team of healthcare workers providing physical and mental care to both victims and perpetrators of crime. Within 7 years, he was promoted to Chief of Staff and tasked to navigate the unprecedented HIV/AIDS epidemic gripping San Francisco. In 1991, after a lengthy tenure as Chief of Staff for the San Francisco Public Health Department, Dr. Peters was selected to serve as the director of Marin County's Department of Health and Human Services before joining the Marin Community Foundation (MCF) in 1998.

Throughout his time with MCF, Dr. Peters demonstrated impeccable leadership, establishing MCF as one of the largest community foundations in the country with an exceptional reputation for its mission-driven value alignment. Under his leadership, the foundation increased its assets from approximately \$900 million to more than \$3 billion and distributed over \$2 billion in grants to support early education through college, affordable housing, and environmental stewardship. Dr. Peters accomplished this by attracting an unprecedented number of new donors and starting a donor-advised funds program, while also reshaping the governance structure and refocusing the Foundation's priorities to address Marin County's profound income and educational inequities. While focusing on big issues, Dr. Peters also led in a manner that both promoted and supported local and innovative solutions from grassroots community groups and nonprofits. His unwavering commitment to social justice provided both voice and philanthropic giving to underserved and disenfranchised communities in Marin County, as well as models for philanthropic organizations to follow throughout the region, state, and Nation.

Always one to respond to a crisis, Dr. Peters rounded out his legacy during the COVID-19 pandemic, directing the Foundation to provide critical relief for Marin in the form of millions in nonprofit grant funding, PPE for local healthcare facilities, and rental assistance in partnership with Marin County.

Over the decades we developed a close bond, and my staff and I had the good fortune to experience Dr. Peters' maverick problem-solving talents firsthand, evoking the spirit of Congressman John Lewis to collaborate, or as we liked to say, get in "good trouble" to tackle issues like gun violence prevention and NIMBYism. Among many special memories is our work in 2012 to help save China Camp State Park from closure. With the support of the Foundation and my successful legislation to keep state parks open, the local nonprofit Friends of China Camp now operates China Camp State Park.

Dr. Peters has delivered on the mission of Marin Community Foundation to improve the human condition, embrace diversity, promote a humane and democratic society, and enhance the community's quality of life, now and for future generations. He has been the moral compass for the Foundation and Marin County for decades and retires with a legacy that will serve us for many years to come. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing immense gratitude to Dr. Peters for his extraordinary generosity of spirit, unwavering integrity, and innumerable contributions to improving the human condition, and extending to him congratulations on his retirement and best wishes on his next endeavors.

HONORING UNITED STATES ARMY VETERAN LAWRENCE "REX" CARNEY FOR HIS BRAVE SERVICE THROUGHOUT WORLD WAR II

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army veteran Lawrence "Rex" Carney as he posthumously is awarded the New York State Senate Liberty Medal.

Rex was born on October 27, 1918 in Stillwater, New York. After graduating from Stillwater High School, Rex went on to play semi-professional basketball and baseball. In July of 1941, Rex was sworn into the United States Army at Fort Jay, Governor's Island in New York City. After completing basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, Rex was assigned as a gunner in an Anti-aircraft Artillery regiment in North Carolina. Following the Pearl Harbor attacks, Rex was transferred to Hawaii, where he attended Ranger Combat School. After completion of his training, Rex was promoted to an instructor at the Unit Jungle Training Center.

Rex's unit, the 867th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapon Battalion, was sent to the Mariana Islands in anticipation of a Japanese invasion. Following the end of hostilities with Japan, after the dropping of the Atomic Bombs, Rex returned to Fort Dix, New Jersey. He was honorably discharged on September 1, 1945. After his service, Rex worked as a pipe fitter at the Steamfitters and Plumbers Local No. 105 in Schenectady until his retirement in 1983. He was a passionate advocate for veterans and a member of the American Legion Post 490 as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6328.

For his honorable and brave service, Rex Carney was awarded the American Defense Service Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I thank Rex Carney for his service, and I am proud to honor his legacy of defending American freedom and democracy as he is awarded the New York State Senate Liberty Medal.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH CISLOWSKI—
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Ruth Cislowski of West Hollywood, California.

Ms. Cislowski received her Bachelor of Science in Education from Miami University in Ohio, her Master of Social Work from the University of Southern California (USC), and her Master of Arts in Jewish Communal Service

from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Ms. Cislowski's volunteerism began over three decades ago as a Peace Corps volunteer in Bulgaria, where she taught English and developed instructional materials and curricula for students in Kyustendil, Bulgaria after the fall of communism. She served on the staff of Community Partners, where she supported youth development, violence prevention, and access to technology initiatives. Ruth helped launch the largest interconnected educational access channel in the U.S., creating the Los Angeles Times' school literacy volunteer program, establishing a west Los Angeles consortium of social service agencies partnering to increase youth academic achievement and family incomes, and developing the California State University, Northridge Department of Social Work.

Ms. Cislowski is currently a Clinical Associate Professor at the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, where she teaches the foundations of clinical theory and skills and application of management and leadership. She is also the Assistant Director of Field Education overseeing the development and implementation of the Working Professional Program and serves on the school's Faculty Council. She is a frequent presenter nationwide on innovative social work education practices.

Ms. Cislowski has served on the City of West Hollywood Disabilities Advisory Board, was on the City of West Hollywood Human Services Commission for 18 years and participated with the Jewish Federation's Koreh L.A. Literacy Task Force Advisory Board, Access Community Action Projects Committee, the Jewish Community Relations Committee Urban Affairs Commission, and local political organizations. Ms. Cislowski has also received the West Hollywood Women in Leadership Award and an Honorary Doctorate from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Ms. Cislowski and her husband, Joe Cislowski have been West Hollywood residents for more than twenty years and are proud parents of their son, Bailey, and daughter, Amanda.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Ruth Cislowski.

HONORING RABBI JOE ROOKS RAPPORT

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of my friend, Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport, as he begins his much-deserved retirement.

Since 1988, Rabbi Rapport has served at The Temple, Congregation Adath Israel Brith Sholom, the oldest and largest synagogue in Kentucky. During his time at The Temple he has been an incredible leader, teaching a variety of adult education classes, working closely with Bar and Bat Mitzvah students, leading countless congregational programs, and serving as rabbinic liaison for the Brotherhood,

The Temple Archives, and The Temple Library.

In addition to his spiritual leadership, Rabbi Rapport is also a deeply involved community leader, serving as a member of the President's Advisory Council of the University of Louisville and sharing a seat on the Board of Directors of both the Center for Interfaith Relations and Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light, alongside his wife, Rabbi Rooks. He also is a former chair of the Louisville Coalition for the Homeless and Many People One Community, a diversity project of the National Conference for Community and Justice.

Rabbi Rapport's deep devotion to his faith has also called him to always lend a voice on behalf of the less fortunate or the oppressed. Whenever incidents of intolerance or injustice rear their ugly head in our community—whether racial or religious, Jewish or not—Rabbi Rapport is one of the first people there, offering his support to those victimized and standing up for decency and good in our community. This is why I firmly believe, in my years of friendship with Rabbi Rapport, that he is the true embodiment of the Hebrew phrase *Tikkun Olam*—or “world repair”—a mandate to not just look out for our own moral and spiritual welfare, but also the welfare of society as a whole. Rabbi Rapport not only teaches the lessons of social justice, he lives them each and every day.

Rabbi Rapport is a treasure to our community and is truly a “*mensch*” in every sense of the word. He has never grown weary of helping others, and during his 34 years of service to our Commonwealth, he has enriched countless lives with his wise words and spiritual guidance. Rabbi Rapport has not only inspired me, but also a younger generation of leaders who will continue his passionate pursuit of peace, love, and justice in the world for years to come.

On behalf of the people of Kentucky's Third Congressional District and the city of Louisville, it is my honor to recognize Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport for his outstanding leadership, his friendship, and his unyielding love for our city and the people who call it home.

I wish Rabbi Rapport nothing but the best in his well-deserved retirement, and I hope he enjoys every single moment of his time spent with family and loved ones.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENSURING FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE CENSUS ACT OF 2022

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Ensuring Full Participation in the Census Act of 2022, which would prohibit the U.S. Census Bureau (Bureau) from including questions on the decennial census about citizenship, nationality or immigration status.

This bill is essential because, prior to the 2020 census, the Department of Justice wrote to the Bureau requesting that it “reinstate on the 2020 [c]ensus questionnaire a question regarding citizenship.” From 1970–2000, this question was sent to only approximately 16 percent of the population during any decennial census through the so-called “long-form.”

However, the long-form system was dropped from the census and replaced with the current American Community Survey (ACS). The ACS is sent to approximately 3 million people annually on a rotational basis, and allows the Bureau to get the necessary information on citizenship. Asking questions about citizenship status to every person through the decennial census has not been done in almost 70 years because it would discourage people, largely minorities, who are already undercounted in the census, from participating in the census. The ACS was created to make the decennial census simpler for people to complete, which facilitates higher and more accurate participation rates and preserving privacy.

Fortunately, after a protracted legal and political process, the citizenship question was not included on the 2020 census. However, this legislation is necessary to ensure it cannot be asked on a future census. The representative sampling provided by the ACS is more than sufficient to determine citizenship statistics in the U.S. We must ensure that all individuals are counted in the decennial census, thereby providing accurate allocation of federal funds and representation in Congress, and not reduce participation by asking a question that is already asked elsewhere.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF MS. VIRGINIA KEE

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the 90th birthday of Ms. Virginia Kee, a dedicated public servant, longtime constituent, and a dear friend. She is widely recognized, respected and a pillar of strength in New York City's Chinatown community. I met Ms. Kee three decades ago when I first ran for office. She welcomed me and helped me better understand the social, immigration and small businesses needs of the community. I realized that Ms. Kee and I were more alike than different and for that reason I am always grateful for her friendship.

As an Asian American woman, Virginia's experience with the systemic racism in her community helped forge her passion for social justice and strengthened her determination to break barriers. As a dedicated New York City public school teacher in the 1960's, Ms. Kee witnessed first-hand the poverty and disadvantages faced by Asian immigrant students and their families. She realized that the best weapon against poverty was education and she diligently worked to motivate students to learn and achieve. Virginia became actively engaged in the community after the passage of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965. An act that overhauled the immigration system and lifted the longstanding policy of limiting immigration based on national origin. This new policy opened the door for Asian immigrants with families living in the United States.

Ms. Kee was devoted to advancing the social and economic conditions of her community. As an advocate for children, she was instrumental in bringing the first Youth and Head