

COVID–19 response. Throughout my tenure in the California State Assembly and the U.S. House of Representatives, I have sought and valued her advice on education matters.

Madam Speaker, Mary Jane Burke leaves an indelible legacy as she retires and I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing immense gratitude to Mary Jane Burke for her extraordinary generosity of spirit, unwavering commitment, and innumerable contributions to improving the quality of life for communities in Marin County and California and extending to her best wishes on her next endeavors.

HONORING MR. WINDELL CUROLE

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today in order to share a story of Cajun ingenuity and recognize a man who went beyond the call of duty for his community. Windell Curole, Manager of the South Lafourche Levee District, fought tooth and nail to build a more secure flood protection system. Mr. Curole knew the area's levees weren't high enough to defend against a major storm; he began gathering funds and bringing in the necessary resources to raise the levees. Mr. Curole understands his community and gained their support—guided by his leadership, the Parish self-taxed in order to improve their own levee system.

Mr. Curole is no stranger to challenge: the U.S. Corps of Engineers issued cease and desist orders, even going so far as to threaten him with legal repercussions for lacking the correct permits. Driven by a just cause, Mr. Curole simply kept building. Mr. Curole's efforts successfully protected South Lafourche from Hurricane Ida, which devastated most of the surrounding area. His vision and efforts prevented extensive flooding and helped the region back on its feet after this terrible storm. Come hell, high water, or even legal threats, Windell Curole has always and will always take appropriate action to defend his community. I am proud to call Mr. Curole a fellow Louisianian—and friend.

HONORING THE 21ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS 2022 SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTEES

HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, today we congratulate the 2022 Service Academy appointees from the 21st Congressional District of Texas.

The following individuals have accepted Academy Appointments:

Hudson T. Baese, Canyon High School, New Braunfels, United States Air Force Academy.

Austin G. Curtis, Robert G. Cole High School, San Antonio, United States Air Force Academy.

Walker L. Cunningham, Robert G. Cole High School, San Antonio, United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Bradley J. DeMeritt, UTSA, Franklin High School, New Braunfels, United States Military Academy.

Joseph G. Drastata, Canyon High School, New Braunfels, United States Military Academy.

Logan J. Kitchen, Claudia Taylor Lady Bird Johnson High School, San Antonio, United States Military Academy.

Austin W. Locke, UTSA, Boerne High School, Boerne, United States Merchant Marine Academy.

John T. Murphy, Wimberly High School, Wimberly, United States Naval Academy.

Noah A. Purify, USNAPS, Claudia Taylor Lady Bird Johnson High School, San Antonio, United States Naval Academy.

Ella M. Rudik, BASIS Shavano, San Antonio, United States Air Force Academy.

These outstanding students have much to contribute to their chosen Academy and to our country. We appreciate their talents and their patriotism.

I hope my colleagues in the House of Representatives will join me in congratulating these truly heroic young men and young women.

RECOGNIZING PEACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THEIR MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peace Lutheran School in Shelby Township, Michigan, for their dedication to honoring the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country.

The Peace Lutheran School Memorial Day program consists of songs, recitations, and tributes to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Freedom is never free, and it is only secured through the courage of those who serve. We must never forget the sacrifice of those who gave their lives fighting to secure the freedoms we in our country hold dear. I applaud the work of Peace Lutheran School for never forgetting and always honoring these brave men and women.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month which runs from May 15 through June 15 each year. As a founder and Co-Chair of the Congressional Tourette Syndrome Caucus, I want to use this opportunity to address the need for additional research and, hopefully, clear up some common misconceptions about Tourette syndrome.

Tourette syndrome (TS) is a complex neurological disorder that involves tics, which are sudden movements and vocalizations or

noises that people do repeatedly. It develops during childhood and changes over time. Symptoms can wax and wane across the lifespan of the individual. There is no cure for Tourette syndrome, and only three medications have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which each have significant side effects and contraindications. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), among children diagnosed with TS, 83 percent have at least one additional mental, behavioral, or developmental condition. These co-occurring conditions can include anxiety, Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), autism, Oppositional Defiance Disorder (ODD), depression, learning difficulties, and other conditions. These co-occurring conditions can significantly impact the lives of those affected by TS.

Data from the CDC suggests roughly 50 percent of children and teens with TS are not diagnosed. CDC studies including children with both diagnosed and undiagnosed TS have estimated that one out of every 162 children (0.6 percent) have TS. However, these numbers do not include children with Chronic or Provisional Tic Disorders. It is estimated that one out of 100 school-aged children have TS or another tic disorder.

Tourette Syndrome is often misconstrued by media and therefore misunderstood by the public. Many people believe TS involves obscene language. However, only 10 percent of those with TS have coprolalia, the form of TS with obscene language. Continued education and awareness can help to increase understanding and reduce stigma or bullying.

Neither the full public health impact nor the true cost of living with TS is known. Yet, individuals with TS and their families often face substantial costs due to healthcare visits, special educational services, medication, psychological and behavioral counseling, occupational therapy, missed school and work, and more.

It is for these reasons that the Tourette Syndrome Program at the National Center for Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities remains critically important. Research from this program seeks to better understand prevalence, co-occurring conditions, impact, and costs associated with TS. The Tourette Syndrome Program also educates doctors, teachers, allied professionals, parents and the public at large so that we can increase the diagnosis rate and improve the lives of those living with TS.

I would also like to recognize the Tourette Association of America (TAA) which was founded in 1972 and is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. The TAA is the only national organization serving the TS community and works to raise awareness, advance research, and provide ongoing support to patients and families impacted by TS and Tic Disorders.

Madam Speaker, we must continue working to provide additional funding to increase the diagnosis rate and achieve a more inclusive and enlightened society with a better understanding of Tourette Syndrome. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing May 15 through June 15 as National Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
LTC (RETIRED) MICHAEL YAP

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of retired Lieutenant Colonel Michael W.L. Yap as he retires from my District's Service Academy Advisory Board (SAAB) after 14 years of steadfast service, assisting in the nomination process. I want to thank him for his lifelong dedication to his country and the cultivation of the next generation of leaders.

Michael Yap was born in Honolulu, Hawaii during the Second World War and grew up involved in and admired by his community. From tennis team captain to valedictorian, he was a leader and a role model in everything he put his mind to, and he continued that excellence in his time at West Point. Michael

was nominated by the late Senator Hiram Fong and became the only Chinese-American student in his class. He remained an active athlete, playing in the Corps Squad for both tennis and squash.

After graduating from West Point, Michael was commissioned into the Field Artillery. He served one tour in Vietnam and returned to the United States to teach nuclear target analysis. Michael went on to attend Command and General Staff College in Leavenworth, Kansas and continued to serve as an atomic energy expert. He then obtained two Masters of Science from the University of Illinois, one in Physics and one in Nuclear Engineering.

Michael Yap has remained an active member of the West Point community. First on the Association of Graduates Advisory Council, and now he currently chairs a task force to make alumni events more accessible. Since 1987, he has coordinated all class events in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia in his role as Class Vice President for the Capital Region. Michael facilitates quarterly

brunches, an annual dinner, and a ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial every five years.

His influence has produced a number of significant initiatives for West Point. Michael introduced the Class of 2017 Affiliation Class and helped coordinate the Surviving Family Member program. His strong ties to the Academy have been a vital contribution to my office's annual nomination process these last 14 years. We have relied on Michael's thorough understanding of the rigor and community that make West Point unique in order to elevate candidates who will do us proud.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the extraordinary service of retired Lieutenant Colonel Michael Yap as he retires from our Service Academy Advisory Board. His contributions have been paramount in ensuring the next generation of military leaders from Virginia's 11th District is a cut above the rest. And while we wish them well, they will have big shoes to fill in matching Michael Yap's legacy.