

training. CityServe's work grew tenfold during the coronavirus pandemic and in 2020, the organization provided over 150,000 meals and supplies to residents, due in large part to Pastor Robinson's work, which led to CityServe being recognized as the 2021 Nonprofit of the Year for California's 16th Senate District.

Throughout her life, Pastor Robinson has led with grace, humility, and a steadfast devotion to God and community. Though she will be greatly missed in Bakersfield, I am confident she will continue to uplift and transform the people around her. On behalf of the 23rd Congressional District of California, I would like to thank Pastor Robinson for her decades of service to our community and I wish her and Corby the very best as they enter this next chapter of life spending more time with their children, Casey and Haley, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

RECOGNIZING WWII ARMY PRIVATE WALTER J. KOWALCZYK ON THE 78TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the sacrifices of Walter J. Kowalczyk, a U.S. Army Private who earned a Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, and a Presidential Unit Citation while serving in the battles following the Invasion of Normandy.

Walter Kowalczyk was born in Niagara Falls in 1916 to Franciszek Kowalczyk and Sophie Smiech, Polish immigrants who had moved to the United States just a few years prior. Walter enlisted in the U.S. Army on April 23, 1941 as part of the Third Battalion, 334th Regiment, of the 84th Infantry Division, more commonly known as the "Railsplitter" division. He served in the European Theater of Operations from December 8, 1944 until September 26, 1945, during which his unit supported troops in Normandy in the aftermath of D-Day.

While serving as a paratrooper in Europe, Private Kowalczyk participated in the battles of Ardennes, Central Europe, and Rhineland. The campaign in Ardennes, otherwise referred to as the "Battle of the Bulge", was carried out from December 16, 1944 to January 25, 1945, and was the last German offensive which resulted in tremendous loss of life.

Later, Private Kowalczyk's unit was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism, gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps under unusually difficult and hazardous conditions during the Battle of Rhineland where he was wounded in action. The citation notes that the unit was assigned to the mission spearheading the advance between the Roer and Rhine rivers. The battalion encountered and defeated considerable enemy resistance, but advanced 42 miles along the banks of the Rhine River in 12 days. During the advance they captured and defended a strategically important German town, as well as several other cities, towns, and villages. Despite little rest and aggressive attacks from the enemy, the Third Battalion, 334th Infantry's conspicuous bravery and dauntless determination played a critical role in the Allied Forces advancement deep into Germany.

Private Kowalczyk was honorably discharged from the military on October 10, 1945 after more than four years of service. After serving, he returned to Niagara County and worked for Tam Ceramics before retiring in 1981. In Western New York he was a member of United Steel Workers, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Lewiston Fire Company No. 1, Power City Lodge, Italian Daughters and Sons of America, and St. Peter's Church. An avid sportsman, he participated in the 3F Sportsmen's Club and became a charter member of the North American Fishing Club. Additionally, he was an active member of the local veteran community, joining Postage Post 146 of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Loyal Order of the Moose, and the Polish Legion of American Veterans.

Private Kowalczyk married Sophie Saleski with whom he had three children: Carol, Chester, and Paul. They also had four grandchildren: Sarah, Michael, Teresa, and Jacquelyn as well as great-grandchildren: Geffory, Maylianna, and Antonio. Walter sadly passed away on November 12, 1993 with the shrapnel that resulted from enemy fire during the Battle of Rhineland still in his body. His legacy continued, however, as his son Chester and grandchildren Sarah and Michael all served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Madam Speaker, I take this moment to recognize the bravery of World War II Army Private Walter J. Kowalczyk.

HONORING BETHLEHEM CHURCH NO. 1 AND 2

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community church, Bethlehem Church No. 1 and 2.

The old Bethlehem No. 1 church was given in 1973 down on Porter's Bayou. The founder of the Bayou was Anderson Robinson. The Robinson's were the first Black family on the Bayou. A letter found written by Martin, recounts that several families suggested a plan to build a Brush Harbor Church in 1888, which was done. Shortly, thereafter, the Bethlehem Church No. 1 was built on land donated by Randall Miller and was pastored by Zachariah Coleman. The No. 2 church was bought from Jeff Arrington and a congregation was formed there in early 1890. The first pastor was Reverend Williams, as mentioned in the letter. The last pastor of the Bethlehem Church No. 2 was Reverend Clarence Hunt, who still lives in Cleveland, Mississippi.

Bethlehem Church No. 2, an old Baptist church, was built in November of 1889. They closed in 2018 due to mold in the church and it was beyond repair. Unfortunately, there were no funds available for the needed repairs, so the decision was made to shut its doors. There are eight church members who joined in with Bethlehem Church No. 1, which is equally historic, about a quarter mile down the road.

When Bethlehem Church No. 2 closed its doors, the church only had a small congregation. There had been a disagreement within

the church for approximately 20 years and many of the members left because of it. Bernice Watts-Griffin, one of the eight people, left as congregants when Bethlehem No. 2 closed in 2018. She had been a member at Bethlehem Church No. 2 for over fifty years. The former church member said, "I was one of the first students to integrate Shaw Public Schools in the mid-1960's and we had many Civil Rights activists in the congregation." Mrs. Griffin was a young girl during that time and do not remember any specific or historic meetings held during that time.

Recently, there has been a discussion about trying to bet the church placed on a historic registry or named a historic site through the state. Hopefully, that comes to fruition. When asked what she would like to see happen to Bethlehem Church No. 2, Watts-Griffin said she wished the church would be formally declared and recognized as a historic building. It is the wish of the former members of Bethlehem Church No. 2 that the property could be repaired, however the damages inside the church would be of tremendous cost. It is with honor and hope to commend the vision of such a remarkable church as Bethlehem Church No. 2, where history is still standing. Although, they have joined with Bethlehem Church No. 1, the churches will continue to serve the community through service and commitment that has sustained the Bethlehem Church No. 2 family throughout this journey, and whose venture is a testament to God's promise of success and longevity to those who diligently seek Him and obey His will.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Bethlehem Church No. 2 for their dedication to serving their members and community.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF AUSTIN KOHLHOFER ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Austin Kohlhofer of Delta, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Austin's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies offers the opportunity to serve our country and receive a world-class education. At the same time, these young men and women undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Austin brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Delta High School in Delta, Ohio, Austin participated in student government and was on the honor roll. Throughout high school, Austin was involved with football, wrestling, and track and field, earning varsity letters in all three. I am confident that Austin will carry the lessons of his

student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Austin Kohlhofer on his offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Austin will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF PAUL J. SASS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my long-time staffer, Paul Sass, as he marks his last week on Capitol Hill after more than 20 years.

Every Member knows that nothing would get done around here if it weren't for the dedication and commitment of our staff. I have served in Congress for 22 years, and I have had a lot of great staff over that time. Paul has worked for me in a variety of different roles over the course of his Capitol Hill career, in both my Congressional Office and the two committees I have had the privilege of leading. Paul is my longest serving staffer and is unquestionably one of the best and capable staffers I've ever had.

In 2002, I hired Paul fresh out of college as a Staff Assistant, where he was tasked with making the coffee and answering the phones. And as I like to remind him, he was our third choice for the job at the time. Despite that, Paul was determined to prove himself, and he quickly climbed the ranks of my legislative team, rising to Legislative Director and eventually to Deputy Chief of Staff.

After I was elected by my colleagues to serve as the Republican Leader of the Small Business Committee, Paul served there as my Deputy Staff Director from 2009 to 2015. After my time as Chairman was done, I asked Paul to return to my personal office as Chief of Staff to help lead my internal campaign to succeed my friend Bill Shuster as Republican leader of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. In 2019, I was fortunate enough to be elected to that position, and it was an obvious choice to ask Paul to come with me again and lead the Republican Committee staff as Staff Director. And for the last three and a half years, he has done a fantastic job.

During this time, Paul oversaw and led our staff in negotiations on multiple bipartisan, bicameral legislative efforts of great consequence to our Nation, many of which were signed into law. He has worked on two Water Resources Development Acts; an aircraft certification bill, which was crafted in response to two major international aviation accidents; the CARES Act, which was the first major comprehensive legislative response to the COVID-19 pandemic and included significant support targeted toward the transportation industry; two Coast Guard reauthorizations; and efforts to reauthorize the surface transportation programs.

While Paul's accomplishments are not limited to legislative achievements and bills

signed into law, they do represent some of the very real and tangible impacts his 20-year career of public service has had on our Nation. If you asked Paul, he would say his real legacy and career accomplishments are best measured by the relationships he has developed over the past two decades—from those he served under and beside at the beginning of his career—to those he has since hired, mentored, and guided in their own careers. And even to those he met extending his Hartwick College baseball career into a "legendary" softball career as part of the Lawn Wranglers and Owego dynasties, coaching the Republican Congressional baseball team, or just talking politics over a beer at the storied, now sadly shuttered, Capitol Lounge, without a doubt, Paul has put his imprint on the offices, committees, policies, and colleagues across Capitol Hill he's been involved with throughout his career, and we are all better for it.

As Paul enters the next phase of his already-successful career, I thank him for sticking with me for over 20 years. I thank him for his advice and guidance. And I thank him for his loyalty and friendship. When I look back at my Capitol Hill service, it is those dedicated staffers like Paul that I am most thankful for in helping me address the needs of Missouri's Sixth District and the Nation at large. I thank Paul and I wish him continued success in his next endeavors.

COVID-19 EIDL FRAUD STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ACT OF 2022

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I stand in support of H.R. 7334, the "COVID-19 EIDL Fraud Statute of Limitations Act of 2022," to establish a 10-year timeframe during which those who defrauded the government in unlawful receipt of Economic Injury Disaster Loans can be brought to justice.

The COVID-19 pandemic has robbed our nation of over one million souls.

It has taken from us mothers and fathers, children and siblings, friends and neighbors.

For every tragic death there are countless others for whom the world now holds a space that can never be filled.

When the pandemic first arrived on our soil, Congress acted quickly to provide Economic Injury Disaster Loans to small businesses across the country.

Thanks to these loans—in the face of fear, loss, and uncertainty—our nation's business owners kept their doors open.

They provided meals, manufactured PPE, served in non-profits, and safeguarded the color, culture, and economic security of America's towns and cities.

While struggling with their own losses, hardships, and grief these small business owners supported their employees and their communities.

Through our EIDL funding they kept our nation running.

To imagine that some would take advantage of the necessary relief provided by our government for self-serving gains is abhorrent and shameful.

In New York City, one man defrauded the American taxpayers of over \$180,000 in Economic Injury Disaster Relief funds—and spent it at Saks Fifth Avenue.

A couple in Connecticut used the relief not to keep their hair salon open or pay employees—but to buy investment properties in Florida.

One man, right here in Washington D.C. stole money that should have been used to keep our small businesses afloat and instead bankrolled his own yacht and million dollar row house.

While millions of people were dying across the country these people chose to look out for their own self-interest.

Today, we hold them accountable to the law and to the American people.

That is why I place my support behind the addition of a 10-year statute of limitations for criminal and civil charges against COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loans fraud.

We owe it to those who did right by their businesses, their employees, and their community.

We owe it to the American people.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for H.R. 7334 to ensure that anyone who wrongfully abused small business COVID relief be held accountable.

FOOD AND DRUG AMENDMENTS OF 2022

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 7667, the "Food and Drug Amendments Act of 2022," which will reauthorize user fees for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs, and biosimilar products from fiscal 2023 through 2027.

Congress has successfully supported the reauthorization of this important legislation with bi-partisan support for over 80 years.

We must continue in our efforts to generate guidance and regulation on the healthcare products and pharmaceutical drugs available to the American people we serve.

Let it be known, however, that today, the 117th Congress brings forward new requirements of racial and cultural diversity.

In addition to providing reauthorization for pharmaceutical drug, equipment, and trial funding, H.R. 7667 recognizes the millions of Americans who are racial and ethnic minorities who have been too long mistreated by medical trials and studies—to the detriment of our health.

Today we add amendments to this Act that will ensure medical care reflects people across all groups so that we may receive healthcare that is developed and designed to serve us.

The law that we are reauthorizing today will require pharmaceutical manufacturers to submit to the Secretary of Health and Human Services detailed Diversity Action Plans.

These plans must outline their initiatives to include in clinical studies participants across various subgroups including: age, sex, geographic location, socio-economic status, ethnicity and race.

America has an ugly history of racialized medical testing.