

The D.C. National Guard is a federal entity, and the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard is a federal official. The Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard is not required to reside in D.C. Congress has justifiably required that certain Federal officials reside in the jurisdiction they serve to ensure in-depth knowledge of the unique issues and challenges residents and Federal officials face. The President controls the D.C. National Guard, including the appointment of the Commanding General. In the states and territories, the governors control their National Guards, the top official in the National Guard is usually appointed by the governor and the top official can be required to live in the jurisdiction. All of these are compelling reasons why the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard should be required to be a D.C. resident.

This bill flows in the footsteps of several other bills that I have introduced that would require certain federal officials serving D.C. exclusively to reside in D.C. My District of Columbia Federal Officials Residency Equality Act (H.R. 3786) would require the Federal district court judges, Federal circuit court judges, the U.S. Attorney and the U.S. Marshals for D.C. to reside in D.C. I have also introduced a bill (H.R. 4393) that would require the Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia and the Director of the District of Columbia Pretrial Services Agency to reside in D.C.

With the most recent permanent D.C. National Guard Commanding General, Major General William J. Walker, now serving as the House Sergeant at Arms, leaving a vacancy in the position of Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard, this bill is more timely than ever. Moreover, the attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, and the events at Lafayette Square on June 1, 2020, are prime examples of why this bill is so important. Residents of the District would feel more confident in the D.C. National Guard if the Commanding General were required to be a D.C. resident.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional young women in my district who received the Girl Scout's highest honor, the Gold Award, in 2021. Our community is proud of their achievement and grateful for their commitment to service.

Sabrina Adler, Troop 2697.
Chakrika Aluri, Juliette.
Julia Cunningham, Troop 2147.
Olivia Davis-Egan, Troop 2992.
Grace Dudek, Troop 754.
Genevieve Eirich, Troop 2974.
Elayna Frost, Troop 230.
Sarah Hamer, Troop 2285.
Kaitlyn Harrington, Troop 753.
Julia Henry, Troop 2020.
Natalie Landis, Troop 21809.
Jane Macaulay, Troop 21275.
Juliana Marino, Troop 2697.
Chloe McNabb, Troop 21733.
Maura Ott, Troop 2578.

Autumn Robinson-Davis, Troop 23.
Kelly Schieder, Troop 2060.
Tara Shevlin, Troop 2147.
Ashley Shup, Troop 2367.
Emma Smirk, Troop 2105.
Taylor Smith, Troop 2385.
Reagan Ward, Troop 2268.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MS. ELSIE HARTMANN

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor the 100th birthday of Ms. Elsie Hartmann.

Ms. Hartmann was born in Dansville, New York, on January 9, 1922, to Ray and Ruth Finch. As a child, she was adventurous, loved the outdoors, and was a proud member of the Girl Scouts. Ms. Hartmann graduated from Dansville High School in 1939 and served as Senior Class Treasurer alongside her future husband Austin "Mush" Hartmann, who was Senior Class President.

After high school, Ms. Hartmann attended Cortland Normal School for one year as a Physical Education major, and then enrolled at the Rochester Business Institute and graduated with a certificate in Secretarial Science. After graduating, Ms. Hartmann accepted a job as a clerk in the Methods and Tool Design department at Gleason Works, a machine shop in Rochester, New York.

In 1943, Ms. Hartmann left Gleason Works and enlisted with the U.S. Marine Corps and was part of the second group of women to enlist with the U.S. Marine Corps. Ms. Hartmann joined the Marine Corps to become a mechanic, but because of Ms. Hartmann's secretarial background, she was sent to Arlington, Virginia, to work at the headquarters of the U.S. Marine Corps. At the end of WWII, Ms. Hartmann was discharged with the rank of Sergeant, and in 1946 she married her high school sweetheart, Mush Hartmann.

Ms. Hartmann enjoys the simple things of life, bird watching and flower gardening, and is happiest when her house is filled with family. As the proud matriarch of her large family, which is comprised of 6 children, 13 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren, she attends as many of their events as possible, including high school and military graduations, school performances and sporting events. Ms. Hartmann still lives at the Hartmann Homestead, which has been in her family for over 170 years.

Ms. Hartmann is very talented both artistically and musically. She still sings in her church choir and plays the hand bells. At various times in her life, Ms. Hartmann played the violin, piano, flute, tap-danced, was involved in various singing groups, and participated in community theatre. Ms. Hartmann's calligraphy work can be seen throughout Dansville and West Sparta, including on the wall of the Clara Barton Chapter 1 Museum, and at the Dansville Presbyterian Church in their Memorial Book and on the inside front cover of every hymnal that is used today. In 2012, a flag-size banner that Ms. Hartmann hand-lettered, was taken up to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro by a Dansville native.

Ms. Hartmann has always remained involved with her local community. Ms. Hart-

mann is the oldest and longest serving member and choir member of the Dansville Presbyterian Church, and is a long-time member of the West Sparta Historical Society. In 2004, Ms. Hartmann and her husband Mush were chosen as Livingston County Senior Citizens of the Year. In 2014, Ms. Hartmann had the honor of participating in Rochester Honor Flight mission No. 35 and that same year, was chosen as the honorary Grand Marshal of West Sparta's Old-Fashioned Day celebration.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Ms. Elsie Hartmann for her service to our country and in celebrating her 100th birthday.

PASSING THROUGH THE FIERY TRIALS OF DEMOCRACY TO SAVE AND RENEW OUR REPUBLIC

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as a senior member of the Committees on the Judiciary and on Homeland Security, as the descendant of patriotic and heroic veterans who risked their lives to defend our nation and our freedoms, as a parent with the fervent hope and determination to pass on this great democracy to the next generation, and as a citizen of the greatest republic in world history, I rise to reflect on the state of our democracy as it is about to open a new chapter in the remarkable story of America.

In 1776 the Framers declared the self-evident and later the universal truth that all persons are created equal and endowed by their Creator with the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. As important, the Framers declared that "to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just power from the consent of the governed." This genius of self-government is the Framers' gift to us and America's gift to the world, and for nearly 250 years the world has looked upon the United States with wonder, awe, and envy not just for its awesome powers and achievements, but for being the exemplar to which most freedom-loving nations aspire.

But as President Lincoln reminded us at Gettysburg, the proposition that a people can govern themselves is not to be taken for granted; it is a proposition that will be tested time and again and it is for us, the living, to highly resolve to commit ourselves to the great task always before us, that government of the people, by the people, and for the people not perish from the Earth.

As Thomas Paine said in his time, the past four years were times that tried one's soul. The nation was tested, severely so, by what can only be described as the modern-day Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse: a deadly pandemic, economic devastation unseen since the Great Depression, social justice unrest, and the very real threat of authoritarianism. While the threat posed by these challenges are still with us to varying extent, we can all rejoice that the nation withstood the challenge, *e pluribus unum*, by standing together as "We The People." President Lincoln reminded us that in times of testing and challenge that "the fiery trial through which we pass will mark us

down in honor or dishonor until the latest generation" but that so long as the people "retain their virtue and vigilance, no administration, by any extreme of wickedness or folly, can very seriously injure the government in the short space of four years."

And Lincoln was right, for on Election Day 2020, Americans by a substantial majority, voted to withhold consent to govern from an incumbent administration and confer it upon another. That act of self-government and sovereign expression was solemnized on January 20, 2021, at noon when Joseph R. Biden and KAMALA D. HARRIS took the oath of office as the 46th President and 59th Vice-President of the United States.

The Philadelphia Miracle of 1789 endures but only because we Americans resolve that it does and work to make it so. The President takes the oath of office pledging to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution. As does every one of my congressional colleagues, I have sacredly pledged true faith and allegiance in defending the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic and to well and faithfully execute the duties of the office I hold. I do this ever mindful that the purpose of our form of government is "to form a more perfect union, to establish justice, to insure domestic tranquility, to provide for the common defense, to promote the general welfare, and to secure the blessings of liberty for posterity."

But we all have a responsibility to preserve and strengthen this constitutional republic and pass it on to the next generation by engaging in robust, lawful, and peaceful civic activity to hold our government to account and to peaceably assemble when necessary to petition for a redress of grievances as shown by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the March on Washington, following the example of Mahatma Gandhi; by John Lewis and the Civil Rights foot soldiers at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama; by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott at Seneca Falls; by Cesar Chavez leading the fight for human dignity of farmworkers, and by Black Lives Matter demonstrators protesting inequalities in the criminal justice system. For the work of democracy is never complete, our union is always in the process of being made more perfect.

Americans have suffered, endured, and survived much pain and heartbreak over the past five years. But Psalms 30:5 teaches that "weeping lasteth for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" and our collective journey towards the beloved community continues inexorably forward.

RECOGNIZING SENATOR DOUGLAS J. ERICKSEN

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, my heart is heavy as I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend, Senator Douglas Erickson, who passed away on December 17, 2021 after a battle with COVID-19. My prayers are with Doug's family as we mourn his passing.

Doug dedicated his life to working on behalf of the people of Whatcom County, serving in

both the Washington State House of Representatives and Senate for more than two decades. Throughout his tenure, Doug was a champion for the rights of every individual, and he was a fierce defender of the Constitution.

In Eastern Washington, Doug will always be remembered for being a strong advocate of the Snake River dams—which isn't common for someone from the West side of Washington. His pragmatic approach towards finding balanced solutions to our State's biggest environmental problems made him a special partner of mine for many years, and I will miss his leadership—along with his quick-witted humor—dearly.

Above all else, Doug was a remarkable husband to his wife Tasha, father to his daughters Elsa and Addi, friend, and neighbor. His loss will be felt deeply across the entire state of Washington for many years to come, but I thank God for giving me the blessing of calling Doug my friend.

Madam Speaker, Doug Ericksen lived an amazing life that deserves to be celebrated. In honor of his legacy, passion, and contributions that inspired so many, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Washington State Senator Doug Ericksen. May God grant him eternal peace in His kingdom.

MR. JAMES NEAL MCCOY OF DALLAS

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. James Neal McCoy of Dallas, Texas. A quick glance at James McCoy's life is enough for anyone to tell that he was a man of extraordinary character. Throughout his entire life, he has been a beacon of academic and professional excellence and has had a profound impact on those around him.

As a true entrepreneur, Mr. McCoy, after graduating Pennsylvania State University with a Master of Science, purchased a company dedicated to supplying instruments, technology, and training for optimizing the performance of oil, water, and gas wells. This company, Echometer, blossomed under his leadership and Mr. McCoy built an impressive record as a sound, reasonable and conscious business owner lending his innovations to the public for the benefit of all. Following his success, he established the James N. McCoy Foundation. Which, since its inception, has provided support and financial assistance to a wide variety of educational, healthcare, and crime prevention organizations.

James' life was changed forever as he married the love of his life, Vicki. Together the two began a family with their son, Mark, and daughter, Melinda. The tremendous impact that James and his family have had on their community cannot be understated and will not be forgotten. The fulfilling life that James led, and his legacy, will be remembered for generations by his grandchildren. James McCoy will live on as an inspiration for those that strive for excellence.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize James McCoy's devotion to his community.

Furthermore, Madam Speaker, I extend my personal commendations to James McCoy and his family for all they have done in service of the 4th Congressional District of Texas. May God rest the soul of this great American.

IN MEMORY OF DORIS TOPSY-ELVORD

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Doris Topsy-Elvord, an icon in the Long Beach community for more than a half century and the first African-American woman elected to the Long Beach City Council, who passed away on Wednesday, December 15.

I was fortunate to not only work with her over her many years of public service, but to also count her as a dear personal friend who provided me with advice and support throughout the decades we knew each other.

As Doris told the Long Beach Historical Society in a 2015 retrospective on her life, she was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi, on June 17, 1931. She and her family moved to Long Beach in 1942, where she attended and graduated from St. Anthony Elementary and High Schools. In 1956, Doris worked as a California Youth Authority counselor, followed by positions in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine. For nineteen years she worked for the Los Angeles County Probation Department as a Deputy Probation Officer II. On June 22, 1988, after 35 years of public service with the California Youth Authority, and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's and Probation Departments, she proudly retired. Along the way she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from California State University, Long Beach and a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration from Chapman College.

In 1988, Doris became a member of the City of Long Beach Civil Service Commission and served one term as president. From November 1987 through November 1989 Doris served as Commissioner of the first Justice and Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

In 1992, she became the first African-American female to be elected to the Long Beach City Council. In 1996, she was re-elected and holds the singular distinction of being selected as Vice Mayor of the City of Long Beach twice unanimously. During this time, she successfully organized the Jim Wilson Memorial BBQ Cook-Off Gospel and Blues Festival, the Herb Smith Annual Slowpitch Tournament, and the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Unity Parade and Celebration.

Over her lengthy career, Doris received many deserving honors and accolades from numerous organizations and individuals, including being inducted into the St. Anthony High School Hall of Fame in 1991. In 1993, she was named Woman of the Year by the Long Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce and the following year she was honored by the California State Senate as Woman of the Year.

In 2003, she was nominated to join the Port of Long Beach Harbor Commission by then-