

and more than 4 decades, where he recorded and reported the events of Huntington Beach.

Not only is he a lifelong Southern Californian, but he is truly a trailblazer in the field of cable journalism. With programs like his "Local Cable Update," "Made in Huntington Beach," and "Surf City Highlights," Mr. Liffreing has brought everything from important current events to exciting local businesses to the airwaves, sharing the stories of our vibrant communities.

Today, on behalf of all Orange County, I want to thank Mr. Liffreing and congratulate him on his 40 years of service to our community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE POSTAL POLICE AUTHORITY CLARIFYING ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Postal Police Authority Clarifying Act, which would clarify that United States Postal Police Officers (PPOs) have authority to protect mail, postal property and postal employees both on and off United States Postal Service (USPS) real property. PPOs had been performing their duties both on and off USPS real property, but USPS has recently informed them that their statutory police powers are limited to USPS real property.

Under federal law, Postal Inspectors are authorized "to investigate criminal matters related to the Postal Service and the mails . . .," while PPOs are authorized to protect the "property owned or occupied by the Postal Service or under the charge and control of the Postal Service, and persons on that property, including duty in areas outside the property to the extent necessary to protect the property and persons on the property." USPS has recently informed PPOs that property consists only of USPS real property, so PPO police powers are limited to USPS real property. This narrow interpretation of the statute severely limits the ability of PPOs to protect mail and postal staff.

There has been an increase in mail theft nationally, including through the theft of stolen universal keys, formally referred to as "arrow keys." A constituent recently contacted my office after checks they put in a blue collection box were stolen. Thieves changed the payees and dollar amounts on the checks, and tens of thousands of dollars were stolen from my constituent's account. This is just one example of the increased mail theft occurring now, and is ample evidence of the need for legislation to clarify the authority of PPOs to fully protect mail and postal employees.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF NORTHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL WINNING THE DIVISION I STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school baseball team in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. The young men of the Northview High School baseball team have represented their school ably on their way to achieving the Division I State Baseball Title. The Northview Wildcats overcame the challenges posed by intense competition in their effort to surpass all other teams in the Division I State Baseball Playoffs.

In pursuing the State Championship, the Northview Wildcats defeated their outstanding competitors to win their first state baseball championship. The members of this very special team have shown that their sport requires an individual effort for a team result. Their hard work and dedication, both on and off the field, in achieving this accomplishment should be commended.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Northview High School baseball team. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE INFANT FORMULA ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Affordable and Accessible Infant Formula Act, legislation to temporarily suspend tariffs on imported infant formula.

As we've all seen, families across the country have been facing a devastating infant formula shortage. Between the closure of an Abbott plant in Michigan in February and general supply chain struggles, out-of-stock rates for formula have been growing exponentially. At the end of May, ten states and fourteen metropolitan areas have out-of-stock rates higher than 90 percent. To make matters worse, re-starting formula production at Abbott's Michigan plant was further delayed after flooding from severe storms.

The Biden-Harris Administration has acted swiftly to respond to the crisis. In May, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) took unprecedented action to temporarily exercise enforcement discretion to increase infant formula in the United States. As of June 10, the Biden-Harris Administration has secured commitments to import 130.7 million bottles of formula.

The FDA's actions have allowed formula to be imported from around the world including Germany, Switzerland, and England. However, infant formula faces a substantial tariff when imported from countries without a Free Trade

Agreement or that are not part of a preference program. As infant formula is imported into the United States during this period of an infant formula shortage, tariffs will increase the cost of the formula by approximately 27 percent on average.

At a time of unprecedented crisis, the federal government should swiftly seek to remove any barriers that exacerbate the crisis. The FDA has done this by exercising enforcement discretion. Now, it is up to Congress to temporarily suspend the tariffs on imported infant formula so that imported formula is affordable for working families. Suspending these tariffs for the duration of the FDA's current easing import restrictions will lower the cost of infant formula at a time when working families and single parents are struggling.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation and bring relief to families across the country.

HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE SERVICE OF EARL ANGELES

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedicated service of Earl Angeles and congratulate him on his retirement. With over 38 years of federal service, Mr. Angeles recently worked as a Medical Technician with the 509th Healthcare Operations Squadron at Whiteman Air Force Base where he provided his peers with superior leadership, dedication, and an outstanding effort on a wide variety of projects and major programs that have impacted the Air Force Global Strike Command, and the United States Air Force.

After serving an honorable 24 years in the United States Air Force, Mr. Angeles began his career as a Medical Technician in 2007 where he performed 64,000 tests annually for 12,000 beneficiaries in eight departments. He continuously worked to bring innovative methods to the medical group which includes creating specimen label printing capabilities that improved patient safety and saved the wing \$2,600. He was coined by the squadron commander for his initiative.

At the start of the global Coronavirus pandemic in 2020, Mr. Angeles played a pivotal role in the emergency response of Whiteman Air Force Base and the two following years, he assisted in processing 8,700 Coronavirus disease samples, and the testing of over 3,000 rapid in-house patient samples. Mr. Angeles also helped with the modernization of the laboratory's capabilities by putting into place three analyzers that have increased testing accuracy, and reduced result turnaround times by 97 percent.

For over two decades, Mr. Angeles has devoted his service to the development of the laboratory where he has been a key asset to the wing and Whiteman Air Force Base. His extraordinary talents and determination have led him to win various awards and recognitions. It is a great honor that I recognize the dedicated service and retirement of Mr. Earl Angeles. Please join me in congratulating him for many years of service to our nation and to the United States Air Force.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I missed the below vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 278.

CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BOB JULIANO

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Bob Juliano, an ally of the working man and a friend to so many who worked with him.

Juliano, who referred to himself as "Cool Bobby J", was born and raised in the west side of Chicago—a city he dearly loved. He started his career in the hospitality industry in Chicago but moved to Washington to represent the legislative interests of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Union.

He made strong relationship with Members on both sides of the aisle and from different parts of the country. Juliano's success in D.C. was driven by the fact that he didn't view the Members by the letters next to their names, but how each elected official cared about their constituents and everyday people. Juliano easily related to people as he advocated for improving the lives of our constituents, which endeared him to us. He managed relationships beautifully, not just Members of the House and Senate, but our Congressional office staff as well.

True to the spirit of his role, Juliano also seemed to know every service worker on the Hill, whom he extended the same level of kindness and respect as he would show leadership. This embodied why we so deeply admired him, because he valued each person's work and showed it.

He made strong ties to members of the Congressional Black Caucus, because his devotion to people shined through in how he advocated about issues, especially when it came to the fight for equality. Bob always maintained that civil rights was the defining issue of our generation.

The relationships he established and maintained around the Hill helped him shepherd labor legislation through both chambers, including when it came to issues of middle-class, hardworking Americans and protecting health care of hospitality workers.

A true Chicagoan, he never forgot where he came from and who helped him along the way. Although he passed last year, his spirit and memory still live on with everyone he worked with in D.C., reminding all of us of the importance of bipartisanship and treating others with respect.

Madam Speaker, it was a blessing to know him, and I am honored to have been able to call him a friend. My thoughts are with him, his family, and all who loved him.

HONORING GENERAL MICHAEL X. GARRETT FOR 38 YEARS OF MILITARY SERVICE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Army General Michael X. Garrett for 38 years of dedicated military service, culminating with more than three years of distinguished service as the Commanding General of U.S. Army Forces Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Gen. Garrett personifies a life of service. The son of an Army command sergeant major decorated for valor in the Vietnam War, Gen. Garrett began his own Army career in 1984 as an Infantry officer and served his first assignment within the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) where his father also served as the division's senior noncommissioned officer.

Gen. Garrett went on to serve his formative years as a lieutenant, captain, and major in the elite 75th Ranger Regiment, where he wore the scrolls of the regimental headquarters and each of its three ranger battalions. He was in command of an airborne infantry battalion at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, on Sept. 11, 2001, when our Nation was thrust into the longest period of war in its history. Through these years of combat, Gen. Garrett led America's sons and daughters through multiple deployments in the Middle East, including his first to Afghanistan less than a year after Sept. 11 as a member of Fort Bragg's XVIII Airborne Corps, and later as commander of a newly formed Alaska-based airborne brigade which fought valiantly through 15 months of heavy combat in Iraq. As a general officer, he has led service members preparing for and serving in war from influential positions of responsibility, including as XVIII Airborne Corps and U.S. Central Command chief of staff, and as commanding general of U.S. Army Alaska, U.S. Army Central, and U.S. Army Forces Command.

On account of his exemplary service, Gen. Garrett has received many of our nation's most impressive distinctions and awards, including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal with one bronze oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, and the Bronze Star Medal with one bronze oak leaf cluster, among many others. He is a proud Ranger, paratrooper, and Soldier, and has been named a Distinguished Member of the 75th Ranger Regiment. Gen. Garrett represents the best our nation has to offer, and we will look up to his leadership for generations to come.

As Fort Bragg's Congressman, I know I speak for our Nation and community when I say we are truly grateful for Gen. Garrett's exceptional service. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him and his family success in all their future endeavors.

PASSING OF MARK FLANAGAN

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay a special tribute to my friend and longtime supporter Mark Flanagan, known in Memphis as the Mayor of Midtown, who passed last week. Mr. Flanagan contributed immeasurably to our community, founding the Irish Eyes of Memphis pub crawl from downtown to Overton Square that produced an annual bonanza for the bars and businesses along the route. He had the original idea to develop the Cooper-Young neighborhood that now thrives with businesses and nightlife. Born in Washington, D.C., on March 13, 1943, he was the second oldest of nine children. Growing up in the District, he developed a lifelong love of politics, and was dubbed the Mayor of Adams Morgan, a D.C. neighborhood. (When he returned to D.C. to care after aging relatives, he was the Prince of Cleveland Park.) His father, Fripp Flanagan, was a close friend of House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill and the Kennedy family, especially Bobby Kennedy. He was proud of his Irish heritage and loved spending his summers in Lisdoonvarna, Ireland. He and the late Thomas "Silky" Sullivan started a barbecue contest in Fanore, Ireland, so the Irish would learn about Memphis barbecue. Mark attended East Carolina University and American University in D.C. His professional career included plywood retail sales, real estate, and restaurant investments as well as associations with the late restaurateurs Silky Sullivan, Bud Chittom and Thomas Boggs. He came to Memphis in 1968 and proceeded to have a positive impact on the city, and became a kind of Pied Piper to many D.C. fellas who were encouraged to move to Memphis, including Joe ("forehead") Dougherty; the Boland twins, Jim and Chris; William "Bill" (Gringo) McGaughey; Bob "Doctor" Harper; the Juice, former Navy SEAL O.J. Mitchell, and his brother Mike (Marcel), and Mark's beloved brother Dennis. In 1973, he founded the Memphis St. Patrick's Day Parade and Pub Crawl, the forerunner of the Beale Street Saint Patrick's Day Parade. He served on the boards of the Hollywood Child Care Center and the ACLU, on the Shelby County and State Democratic Executive Committees, and was a 1980 delegate for Ted Kennedy at the Democratic National Convention. He ran for Congress on the Democratic ticket in the '70s and '80s. A founding member of the Irish Eyes of Memphis, he was also active in the Memphis Irish Society. He worked with the late Irvin Salky on the first Beale Street Music Festival. He was active in Saving Overton Park and worked with Dr. David and Yvonne Acey on Memphis Honors Africa in April. Flanagan worked closely with me early in my career when I was the Memphis Police legal advisor, and together we petitioned the city to establish a 20 mile an hour speed limit to make Overton Square safely walkable. Mark had a huge heart and a larger personality. I extend my sincere condolences to his children, his siblings and his many friends. His was a life well-lived, and he will be missed.