

RECOGNIZING JOE MAYER'S LIFE-TIME COMMITMENT TO ADVANCING AMERICA'S SECURITY AND HIS ADVOCACY FOR AMERICA'S MISSION IN SPACE

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a constituent from Florida's Space Coast who has dedicated his career to advancing the strategic security of our nation and strengthening America's technological capability, and who has been a well-known and passionate advocate of our mission in space—Mr. Joe Mayer.

In 1976, Joe graduated from William Paterson College in New Jersey, then attended Georgetown University, and earned a Master of Science of Foreign Service degree focusing on national security. He got his start working on Capitol Hill as an aide to U.S. Senator Jake Garn of Utah, advising on defense and national security issues and helping to support the B-1B strategic bomber as well as funding for the Strategic Defense Initiative. Joe then went on to serve on the staff of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence focusing on arms control.

In 1986, Joe joined Rockwell International taking the lead on Rockwell's NASA space-related business. He worked to modernize the Space Shuttle program and became a leading advocate for the International Space Station. Joe later worked for The Boeing Company supporting their human space exploration efforts. He became the Chair of Citizens for Space Exploration, a pro-NASA, pro-space advocacy organization, received a NASA Space Flight Awareness award from the Boeing leadership team, and was named an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

In 2007 Joe joined the Lockheed Martin Space team in Houston representing the company in the community and advocating on behalf of the Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV)/Orion spacecraft. He worked with community partners and traveled across the country meeting with the public, school children, community leaders and elected officials explaining the value of human space exploration. The Houston Mayor and City Council honored Joe for his professional and community contributions with a Declaration designating February 26, 2013, as 'Joe Mayer Day in the City of Houston'.

In 2013 Lockheed Martin dispatched Joe to Florida's Space Coast where he has served the space community in numerous civic and charitable positions and has been a leading voice for our nation's space program. Joe's local leadership roles have included Chairing the board of the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast, Chairing the Cocoa Beach Chamber as well as Chair of VISIT Florida and Space Coast Citizens for Space Exploration. He has served on the Boards of Brevard Cultural Alliance, Florida Defense Contractors Association, the Astronaut Memorial Foundation, and the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation. He is a member of the Space Coast Civilian-Military Association and serves on my Congressional Space Advisory Committee.

After more than 40 years of service, Joe recently announced his plans to retire, and we thank him for his tireless service and commitment to our communities, and for his strong advocacy and support for our nation's space program. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Joe Mayer and wishing him and his family well in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING DR. KEVIN MCCARTHY, PRESIDENT OF RENTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Dr. Kevin McCarthy on his retirement from Renton Technical College. He has served many years as an educator and as a leader in our community.

Kevin has continually demonstrated his commitment to education. He brought his talents to the Pacific Northwest where he served as vice president of instruction at the Lake Washington Institute of Technology, dean of the Health Sciences, Education & Wellness Institute at Bellevue College, and associate vice president of instruction at Blue Mountain Community College prior to joining Renton Technical College.

Kevin is well known throughout the community as the president of Renton Technical College. He has served as a strong and passionate leader in this role since 2015. Kevin has always emphasized the importance of inclusion and prioritized equitable access to education during his time as president. His focus on equity goes beyond the classroom. Kevin serves the community as part of the Puget Sound Coalition for College & Career Readiness and as a member of the Renton Mayor's Inclusion Task Force.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely thank and commend Dr. Kevin McCarthy for the tireless work he's done to educate and support learners in the Puget Sound region. I congratulate him and wish him a happy retirement.

HONORING DOCTOR JOEL STUART BLOOM AS A DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR IN NEW JERSEY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Joel Stuart Bloom upon his retirement as the eighth President of the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT).

As a premier public university, NJIT plays a crucial role in shaping the economic trajectory of our state. It is also a school with the highest student mobility and, therefore, exemplifies the American Dream. I recall attending President Bloom's inauguration in 2012 when I served as the President of Newark's Municipal Council. At the ceremony, I voiced my optimism that the university would flourish under President Bloom's vision and forward-thinking ideas.

As he now steps down and begins the next chapter of his life, I can confidently express

my pride in President Bloom's leadership. Under his leadership, the school accomplished numerous significant feats, including a two-fold increase in enrollment, the expansion of research, the improvement of minority students' access to STEM education, and the formation of numerous commercial and industry partnerships. His notable contributions will leave a long-lasting imprint for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing gratitude to President Bloom for his esteemed commitment to the growth and development of NJIT, the city of Newark, and our great Nation.

RECOGNIZING PATRICK MALONE

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute and offer my gratitude to my departing Deputy Chief of Staff and Communications Director, Patrick Malone, as he departs government service for other opportunities.

Patrick has faithfully served as a staffer in the House of Representatives for more than a decade, acting to preserve the values enshrined in the Constitution and striving to expand rights for all Americans.

During his tenure, Patrick has helped give voice to those who are too often left out of the conversation: victims of gun violence, domestic abuse, and hate crimes. I know that as his career advances he will find ways to advocate for these causes and many others in whatever way he can. Most especially, he has done all of this with care, good humor and with a commitment to mentoring others committed to public service.

As he leaves, I wish the best for Patrick, his wife, Cindy, and sons, Ronan and Seamus. I am proud to convey my thanks for his service.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF JOHN HEUBUSCH

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Mr. GARCIA of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement and commend the service of John Heubusch, an individual who has spent decades in both the private and public sector and who, for the past 13 years, has played a pivotal role in the growth and revitalization of one of the jewels of our nation: the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. After guiding this prestigious institution through the challenges of the past decade, he will be enjoying his well-deserved retirement.

A native of our nation's capital, John Heubusch spent his college years in the D.C.-Maryland-Virginia area studying political science and receiving a master's degree in National Security Studies from Georgetown University. John started his career in public service nearly forty years ago working as an analyst for the Department of the Air Force. He soon moved to Capitol Hill, serving as a staffer for Congressman Denny Smith, where he quickly ascended the ranks to become his

Chief of Staff and working directly with Congressman Smith to trim down wasteful Department of Defense spending and maximize the efficiency and the safety of the military under the Reagan administration. Under the Bush administration, John served as the Chief of Staff to Secretary of Labor Elizabeth Dole before becoming the Vice President of Communications of the American Red Cross, one of the largest and oldest non-profit humanitarian organizations in the world. In these roles, from the Pentagon to Capitol Hill, to the Red Cross, John embodied what it means to serve one's country and be a faithful advocate for the greater good.

After impressive stints in the campaign and corporate worlds, John was personally selected by former First Lady Nancy Reagan and the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute Board of Trustees to serve as Executive Director. In this role John led this organization, which oversees the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, into a new era of success and fostered renewed respect for President Reagan's legacy. Under his leadership, the Reagan Foundation championed the same values that President Reagan embodied, including charity, private goodwill, and free enterprise. Additionally, the Reagan Library under John educated a new generation of Americans about the life, presidency, and ideals of President Reagan. Leaving the Reagan Foundation with a historic \$250 million endowment as he enters the next chapter of his life, John has provided an invaluable service to our community and our nation, as the Reagan Foundation, Institute, and Library remains well equipped to face the years ahead and continue their critical mission in preserving the legacy of one of our greatest presidents.

I cannot commend John Heubusch enough for his service to California's 25th District and the Nation. We thank him for his stewardship of President Reagan's legacy, and while we will miss him, his retirement and the opportunity to—spend—more time with friends and loved ones is certainly deserved after a long and successful career.

TRIBUTE TO DREW TROJANOWSKI

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, today I wish to recognize the service and career of Drew Trojanowski, who has a long record of service to National Security and our Nation's veterans.

Mr. Trojanowski served in the U.S. Army from 2006 to 2015, most notably as a sniper. Mr. Trojanowski deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan in support of the Global War on Terrorism; also serving as a combat advisor to a foreign military in the realms of operations, tactics, intelligence, and civil affairs. He concluded his military career serving in the Arizona Army National Guard, where he helped develop long-range plans for the Joint Counter Narco-Terrorism Task Force.

Mr. Trojanowski began serving veterans in 2015, after returning from Afghanistan, at the Mesa Chamber of Commerce; he established the Mesa Veterans Program and Mesa Indus-

try and Defense Council, a consortium of more than 70 aerospace and defense companies.

Mr. Trojanowski's career with U.S. Senator John McCain initiated in 2016 as a military and veteran advocate, where traveled throughout Arizona interfacing with veterans, DoD installations and personnel and industry.

In December of 2016, Senator McCain asked Mr. Trojanowski to be his Military Legislative Assistant and senior policy advisor. In that role, he was at the forefront of advocating for reform, resources, funding, and benefits that our military and veterans earned and deserve.

During his time with Senator McCain, Mr. Trojanowski helped champion the writing and passage of significant legislation impacting American servicemembers families and veterans. These include the VA Mission Act, National Defense Authorization Act, the VA Appeals Modernization Act, the VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act, the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act—also known as the Forever G.I. Bill—and the Veteran Overmedication and Prevention Act. These bipartisan bills, all of which were signed into law, serve as Mr. Trojanowski's dedication and leadership on behalf of the military and veterans.

In 2018, Mr. Trojanowski joined the White House as a Presidentially Commissioned Officer and Special Assistant to the President on the Domestic Policy Council. In this role he oversaw the Departments of Veteran Affairs, Defense, NASA and Labor. During his tenure, Mr. Trojanowski was the policy lead on three executive orders and 56 regulations, including the implementation MISSION Act and the PREVENTS initiative.

It is my honor to recognize Mr. Trojanowski's outstanding military service and continued service to our military, veterans, and their families. As Mr. Trojanowski begins a new chapter, I have no doubt that he will continue to be a voice for all those who serve.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS AND PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Courts and Public Defender Service Voluntary Separation Incentive Payments Act. This bill, which passed the House in the 114th Congress, would make a small but important change to the authorities of the District of Columbia Courts (D.C. Courts) and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS), giving them the same authority federal agencies and federal courts already have to offer voluntary separation incentive payments, or buyouts, to their employees.

Congress has provided this authority to the D.C. Courts and PDS on an annual basis in the last several appropriations bills. However, my bill is necessary to make this authority permanent. This authority would allow the D.C. Courts and PDS to respond to future administrative and budgetary needs, and would pro-

vide the flexibility to extend buyout offers to their employees.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office has opined that voluntary separation incentive payments may be made only where statutorily authorized. Federal agencies and federal courts already have permanent statutory authority to offer buyouts, and there is no reason why the D.C. Courts and PDS, which are both federally funded entities, should not have the same permanent authority to manage their workforce as budget conditions and needs change.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

REMEMBERING LUKE WILLIAM ALBRIGHT

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Luke William Albright, who passed away on Friday, June 17, 2022, at the young age of 11.

A resident of Bay Village, Luke was born on April 28, 2011, to Ryan and Megan Albright.

Despite his fight with neuroblastoma, Luke remained true to his core: generous, loving, outgoing, and spirited. When he was feeling good, he would spend his time outside, riding his bike and playing with friends. If the weather wasn't up to par, you could find Luke enjoying his time with video games. If not that, then you could see him catching up on his favorites, anything Spiderman or Star Wars. One who loved to give, Luke commonly bought gifts for his friends and made sure to prioritize spending time with his family.

Luke leaves behind to pay forward his love, his parents, Ryan and Megan Albright; older brother Liam Albright; grandparents Alan and Noreen (nee Doyle) Albright and William Collins and Deanna Klosinski. He is also survived by aunts and uncles, Rory and Mandy Albright, Andrew and Kristen Albright, Nora and Chris Zabik, and Edward and Meghan Collins; cousins Breana, Grant, Evie, Sonny, Rose, Clara, Bianca, Ivan, and Marcus; his furry friends Molly, Pete, Frank, Giuseppe and most especially Oppa; and all of his friends at Westerly Elementary and the Bay Village Schools. Greeting Luke on the other side was his grandmother Leanne (nee Challenger) Collins.

Luke fought his battle with neuroblastoma with a level of courage that can rival the strongest of us in this room. Even though Luke's journey was short, the love he left will be everlasting and the light he made will continue to burn bright. To his family, I pray for peace over time because I know this is a pain that one can never rid themselves of.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FORMER SENATOR PILAR DIAZ CRUZ LUJAN

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of former