

COVID-19 pandemic, strong funding for HUD's McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants program is necessary to address homelessness and to get more people off the streets and into permanent housing. The increase in this bill is necessary and will provide much-needed resources to state and local governments to address the housing crisis. I look forward to working with the Chair and my colleagues to ensure this increase is maintained and even increased as the FY 2023 appropriations process moves forward.

RECOGNIZING KAREN ROSALES ON
HER ELECTION TO THE NAFCU
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Karen Rosales on her recent selection to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Karen currently serves as the President and CEO of Arlington Community Federal Credit Union, serving the financial services industry for more than 30 years. As CEO, Ms. Rosales has guided the strategic direction, service delivery, and operational efficiency of ACFCU. Under her leadership, the credit union now serves more than 23,000 members who live, work, worship, volunteer, go to school, and do business in the Arlington area.

Karen has served on the Board of Directors for many community and Credit Union industry organizations, including Leadership Center for Excellence, Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization, and Credit Union Miracle Day. Ms. Rosales also currently serves on the Board of Directors for Callahan and Associates.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Karen Rosales and wishing her the best of luck in her new role on the NAFCU Board of Directors. I look forward to working with her in this regard.

FARM BILL IMPACT SERIES NO. 13

HON. TRACEY MANN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to deliver the 13th installment of my Farm Bill Impact Series during a time when the effects of a poor wheat harvest in Kansas are only compounded by crushing inflation.

This is insult added to injury for Kansas wheat farmers. Producers are laboring under the burden of skyrocketing input costs while they work hard to keep our country fed, fueled, and clothed, and they deserve workable solutions to this inflation crisis before the situation gets any worse. Farming is already a risky, volatile business without the added burden of inflation, and USDA estimates that input costs will continue to rise to astronomical rates throughout 2022.

For an example of the risk and volatility—the wheat harvest just ended in Kansas, and the results were a fraction of the yield that

farmers in the Wheat State hope for and bank on during normal seasons. The Farm Bill (which Congress will reauthorize in 2023) exists, in part, specifically for situations like this past wheat season—to provide emergency assistance to the people who feed, fuel, and clothe the world even when mother nature doesn't cooperate.

The weather in Kansas can be extreme and unpredictable, which means that growing wheat in the wheat state can be a very difficult prospect sometimes. I had an intern in my office this summer named Parker Vulgamore who is a rising senior at Kansas State University where he serves as the student body president. He is also a member of the sixth generation of his family farm in Scott City, which lies in my district. Vulgamore Family Farms is a wheat, corn, and sorghum operation, with wheat being a staple. This year, due to an exceptional drought and extreme conditions throughout the growing season, much of the wheat never grew past three inches tall. So, what is typically a highly anticipated three-to-four-week wheat harvest only lasted a day and a half. Many wheat farmers in Kansas barely even ran their combines this year—they harvested what they could, cut their losses, and moved on.

This is where Farm Bill emergency assistance programs like crop insurance come in. Crop insurance serves producers and consumers alike because it helps prevent producers from going out of business and grocery store aisles from sitting empty. Farm Bill programs like crop insurance have secured our national food supply and helped generation after generation of producers avoid bankruptcy when times get tough. We're in one of those times right now. Inflation is skyrocketing in America, President Biden is trying to impose his Farm Killer Tax, and producers are going out of business. The chance to reauthorize the Farm Bill for 2023 has come at a critical moment in time.

The farm crisis isn't just about money. It's about morale and spirit. It's about joy. Missing wheat harvest time in Kansas doesn't just mean missing out on the yield of a cash crop—it means missing out on the special Kansas tradition of celebrating the culmination of all your family's hard work. It means missing out on grandma's casserole in the harvest field and missing out on seeing your mom in the semi, your dad in the combine, and your little brother getting to drive the grain cart for the first time. A bad wheat harvest in Kansas doesn't just create financial insecurity, it also leaves a void where a renewal of family camaraderie should be. American agricultural producers are hurting not only from the skyrocketing input costs that come with inflation, but also from the lowered morale that comes with drought, thin margins, and a broken supply chain. In 2023, Congress must reauthorize the Farm Bill with American farm families at the front of our minds, because they are in a crisis.

I'll be back on the floor soon to deliver another installment of my Farm Bill Impact Series and highlight more programs and titles within the Bill that I believe Congress must understand and support to ensure that agriculture thrives in America. The people who feed, fuel, and clothe us all deserve our unwavering support. They also deserve a robust safety net in the Farm Bill and workable solutions to the inflation crisis before it's too late.

HONORING DAVID KELLER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of David Keller as he retires from the Friends of the Eel River (FOER) Board of Directors after 21 years of service.

Mr. Keller has long been committed to environmental stewardship and public service. During his tenure on the FOER board, he played a key role as an advocate for critical community projects and restoration initiatives, and as an expert on watershed and coastal programs.

Mr. Keller graduated from the City College of New York in 1967 cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, with a BA in Psychology and Sociology, and completed his graduate degree in Social Psychology at the University of Michigan in 1969. His passion for woodworking brought him to Northern California, and since 1976, he has been the manufacturer of his own specialized woodworking tools, the Keller Dovetail System.

Mr. Keller's public service precedes his time on the FOER board. He served on the Petaluma City Council from 1996 to 2000. In this role, he helped pioneer the first U.S. adoption of form-based building codes for downtown redevelopment and led the defeat of the first full privatization of a municipal wastewater treatment plant in the U.S., which resulted in a city-owned wetland-based treatment facility. He also was a strong advocate for utility ratepayer protections in community choice aggregation programs. In addition to his service on the city council, Mr. Keller also served as an elected member of the Bolinas Fire Protection District Board of Directors, the Sonoma County Conservation Action Board of Directors, and is the founder and former Director of the Petaluma River Council. He also served on the Bolinas Lagoon Technical Advisory Committee where he led the campaign to reconstruct the Bolinas beach and groin after a 1982 storm disaster.

Mr. Keller's vast and successful service to the community was invaluable during his tenure on the FOER Board. After two years as a general board member, Mr. Keller took on the role of FOER Bay Area Director in 2003. He's worked tirelessly for dam removal on the Russian River, salmonid fisheries and watershed restoration, resolving inter-basin water transfer conflicts, and to help transform the defunct North Coast Railroad's line to the Great Redwood Trail. Mr. Keller also played a role on the Potter Valley Project Ad Hoc Committee where he represented Eel River interests to ensure the protection of salmon and steelhead populations.

Madam Speaker, David Keller exemplifies what it means to be a community-minded public servant and environmental steward. His dedicated service both in the City of Petaluma and to the Friends of the Eel River has played a significant role in community action and environmental stewardship in the North Bay. Therefore, please join us in congratulating him for decades of inspiring work and in wishing him a fulfilling and relaxing retirement.

DECATUR COUNTY BICENTENNIAL

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Decatur County and its county seat, Greensburg, Indiana, in its Bicentennial celebration. Decatur County and the wonderful city of Greensburg were founded in the year of 1822 by veterans and war heroes of the war of 1812, and still stand today as a model county and city.

Decatur County is known for its Hoosier hospitality, industry, art filled streets, and rich history. Decatur County and the city of Greensburg will long stand as a beacon of hope, from the communities filled with hospitality to the famous "Tree City" courthouse.

Madam Speaker, today I honor Decatur County on its historic bicentennial.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Rollcall No. 378. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on Roll Call No. 378.

HONORING BEBE MOORE CAMPBELL NATIONAL MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought on an unprecedented number of mental health issues for Americans across the nation. However, America has been dealing with a crisis for years.

This is particularly true for youth of color. Black children under the age of 12 are dying by suicide at twice the rate of their White peers. Suicide is the leading cause of death for Asian Pacific Islander youth ages 12 to 19 years old.

That is why I am proud to have introduced H. Res. 1217, urging mental health resources be provided for adolescents of color.

Similarly, I am proud to see that as of this past week, Americans can finally use the nationwide 988 Lifeline.

This will afford everyone in need 24/7 confidential support if they are experiencing suicidal or mental-health related stress.

Despite this stride forward in our fight to accessible mental health care, there are still systemic and institutional barriers to our children of color. Already, the lack of cultural understanding and competency by health care providers cause many to delay or forgo treatment and leads to 'underdiagnosis'.

We must commit to saving the lives of our children.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF BYNUM BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize The 75th Anniversary of the Bynum Baptist Church located in Bynum, Alabama.

The Bynum Baptist Church began organization on a Sunday afternoon on September 14, 1947 at Bynum Community Building, Desoto Manor.

The members of the Organizing Presbytery consisted of: Dr. B. Locke Davis, Pastor, Parker Memorial Baptist Church in Anniston; Rev. L.R. Perry, Pastor, Liberty & Bethel Baptist Church in Crossville; Rev. Otis C. Fincher of Wedowee; Rev. G.C. Shaddix, Pastor, New Haven Baptist Church, RFD 1 in Anniston; Bro. Ben Sawyer, Deacon, Parker Memorial Baptist Church; Bro. Fred B. Bryant, Deacon, Parker Memorial Baptist Church and Bro. S.L. Johnson, Moderator, Deacon, Parker Memorial Baptist Church.

The church was organized with a charter membership of 37 Baptists living in and near the Bynum Community who desired to organize a church. Today the church's pastor is Rev. Benjie K. Miller.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this milestone for Bynum Baptist Church.

HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, MICHIGAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 175th Anniversary of the City of Taylor, Michigan, located in the Downriver area of Metro Detroit. The City of Taylor is strong and resilient—just like their residents. The city offers beautiful recreation areas, excellent educational opportunities, and a strong sense of community. Their nearly two centuries of excellence are worthy of commendation.

Named after former President Zachary Taylor, the city began as a small township. In the city's early days, it was part of Ecorse Township, but residents of the area found they were too spread out to fully participate in the necessary civic functions. Because of this, residents petitioned to form a separate community, which was approved in 1847. For what started as an agricultural area, Taylor has flourished into a diverse city of many industries and opportunities. Residents of Taylor can live, work, and shop all within a twenty-four square mile area. The city is well connected to the rest of Metro Detroit through highways and is just east of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport. As they say: "all roads lead to Taylor."

Taylor's talented residents are employed at various medical centers, retail locations, and transportation practices, providing essential services to the entire Downriver community. The city is home to the Taylor High School, Taylor Prep Charter High School, Trillium Academy, and the Downriver campus of Wayne County Community College where students thrive. Natives of Taylor include famous athletes, actors, and musicians—there is no shortage of talent coming from this city.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the City of Taylor as they celebrate 175 fantastic years. Although much has changed over the years, the sense of resilience and community that is found in Taylor has never changed. We wish Mayor Tim Woolley and the entire Taylor community the very best during this time of recognition and celebration.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF PROFESSOR JOHN F. STACK, JR.

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart I rise today to commemorate a true academic scholar, Mr. John F. Stack, Jr. whose commitment to democracy in international and public affairs at the Florida International University has left an impressionable mark on the community and on me.

John began his career in 1976, as an instructor and shortly after Chair of the Department of Political Science at FIU and remained committed throughout his tenure to advancing FIU's core mission in providing high-quality teaching, state-of-the-art research, and collaborative engagement with our local and global communities. FIU's College of Law is credited in large part to John's leadership as Chair of the College of Law initiative in 2000 and his devotion to the rule of law in remaining part of the faculty for the past two decades. As if establishing a Law School wasn't enough, Professor Stack additionally served as the founding Director of the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy and as the founding Dean of the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs.

Due in large part to his determination and vision for FIU, John led FIU to many firsts and has impacted thousands of students along the way. Under his leadership at FIU's Green School of International and Public Affairs, South Florida made history as the first university in Florida to achieve the designation of Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs, one of only 40 globally.

Throughout his extraordinary career, he has received numerous awards, including Doctor of Humane Letters in 2018 presented by his alma mater, Stonehill College. Among John's proudest moment was leading and advising FIU's Model UN team to rank Number 1 in the North American College Model U.N. Championship in 2019, a first in FIU history.

John was more than a professor; he became a personal mentor to me as well as to my Chief of Staff, Cesar Gonzalez. Before I began my professional career a friend recommended that I sit down with John to discuss my future. Although I was not one of