

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PELL GRANT

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, Nelson Mandela imparted a lesson to all of us when he said: "Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world." This summer, we mark the 50th anniversary of the Pell Grant—a program that put postsecondary education in reach for tens of millions of low-income students, a program that gives access to the pursuit of knowledge for those not born into privilege, and a program that allows students to change the world regardless of how much change is in their pockets.

It is an honor and privilege to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Pell Grant Program. There was no Pell Grant when I went to college. The only way I could attend college was by the grace of receiving an academic scholarship that another student turned down. In 1972, Congress recognized the challenges faced by students like me, and it amended the Higher Education Act to provide direct financial aid to low-income students to afford them the same access to higher education and opportunity for success as their higher-income peers. Originally called the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant, this program was later named the Pell Grant in honor of its original sponsor, Senator Claiborne Pell, a Democrat from Rhode Island. Signed into law by President Richard Nixon, the program has maintained bipartisan support for five decades.

Since its creation, the Pell Grant has helped more than 80 million students attend college. Currently, 40 percent of undergraduate students—nearly 7 million students—receive Pell Grants. In Illinois's 7th Congressional District, nearly 33,000 students use over 142 million dollars in Pell Grants to pursue their higher education goals. The Pell Grant is undoubtedly the bedrock of federal financial aid for students. It is especially critical for students of color, with nearly 60 percent of Black students, half of American Indian or Alaska Native students, and nearly half of Latinx students receiving a Pell Grant each year. Without this pivotal program, many students—especially Black students—would be excluded from higher education altogether or have to dig themselves deeper into debt or struggle so much harder by working multiple jobs while attending college.

I am especially proud that, as we mark the 50th anniversary, Congress has restored the Pell Grant to the incarcerated, a policy for which I fought for decades via the REAL Act. Just this week, the Department of Education issued its proposed rule to restore Pell so that incarcerated individuals can complete higher education coursework that improves their re-entry, strengthens their economic well-being and that of their families, increases labor force participation, and grows our economy.

The Pell grant has undeniable positive impacts on students across the United States, that much is certain. As policymakers, it is our responsibility to ensure that the future of tomorrow—our youth—are not hindered by the monetary challenges of today. I urge my colleagues to join me in fighting to substantially

increase funding of this life-changing program so that it can make college affordable in the face of rising higher-education costs as it was intended.

HONORING COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR GRETCHEN EVANS**HON. CHELLIE PINGREE**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize a courageous veteran, a resilient leader, and a selfless Mainer. Command Sergeant Major Gretchen Evans of Brunswick, Maine is one of the most decorated female veterans in American history serving in the United States Army for 27 years. Since enlisting at age 19, CMS Evans has served in tours of Kosovo, Bosnia, Somalia, Iraq, and Afghanistan, where she responsible for more than 30,000 ground troops. Ms. Evans' honorable dedication to defending our country earned her the position of Command Sergeant Major, the highest non-commissioned officer rank in the military.

In 2006, Command Sergeant Major Evans survived a barrage of mortar fire in Afghanistan which rendered her deaf and wounded. After her combat injury, she quickly found renewed vitality by learning to lip read, forging relationships with her "hearing dogs," Aura and Rusty, and by proactively reaching out to fellow veterans with similar lived experience.

Today, in Maine, CMS Evans continues to give back as an active fundraiser and ambassador for local nonprofits which provide support services to disabled veterans and which seek to prevent veteran-experienced social isolation and depression. Additionally, CMS Evans is a distinguished public speaker who advocates for the importance of leadership, perseverance, and teamwork, as a part of "Women Veterans Speak," a national speaker's bureau.

When she is not inspiring others to serve, CMS Evans pursues her passion for extreme sports, running 40 marathons. CMS Evans also led UNBROKEN, the first all-mixed abilities team to complete in "The World's Toughest Race," a 670-kilometer, week-long endurance race held in Fiji. This achievement recently earned her the Pat Tillman Award for Service at the 2022 ESPYs, which honors individuals with both strong connections to sports and community leadership. This fall, CMS Evans will also be inducted into the U.S. Veteran's Hall of Fame in recognition for her outstanding meritorious service to our country.

I thank Command Sergeant Major Gretchen Evans, for her selfless acts of duty to keep this Nation safe. The people of Maine are incredibly lucky to have her as an advocate, a leader, and a community member. I wish CMS Evans the very best and I look forward to seeing her continue to thrive.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION**HON. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I missed the first 5 votes in

an 8 vote series on Tuesday, July 26th, due to my flight being delayed from Tampa to DCA for weather. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 386; NAY on Roll Call No. 387; YEA on Roll Call No. 388; YEA on Roll Call No. 389; and YEA on Roll Call No. 390.

HARRIET TUBMAN BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, today I rise in support of H.R. 1842, Harriet Tubman Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act, which I introduced with Congressman KATKO.

This legislation honors Harriet Tubman by requiring the Department of Treasury to mint and issue coins bearing her likeness. We can all agree she is an icon for the constant push for more freedom and equality in this country.

Tubman was born into slavery and escaped after surviving many years of brutality under the institution of chattel slavery. She dedicated her life to fighting against the oppression of white supremacy, for the freedom and rights of African Americans and women's suffrage.

In today's world where we are continuing to fight for justice and equality for all, we should all learn from Tubman's historic contributions and sacrifices.

I want to thank the Harriet Tubman Home in Auburn, New York which was founded by Tubman herself, and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Ohio, for working with me and Congressman KATKO on this bill.

I urge all Members to vote for this bill and help these organizations who are doing incredible work to promote Harriet Tubman's core values and inspire Americans with her story.

RYAN CYBULSKI

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending Ryan Cybulski's (Si-bull-ski) Eagle Scout Court of Honor. In September of 2010, Ryan joined Mantua Pack 45 Cub Scouts and worked his way up the ranks to eventually earn the rank of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout project, Ryan approached the Mantua Township Fire Chief and formulated a plan to build a hose bed training aid for the fire station. His project benefits the fire department by allowing the firefighters to practice using a fire hose without having to take the hose off one of the fire trucks. Ryan should be proud of his contribution to the Mantua Township Fire Department, and it was my honor to attend his Eagle Scout ceremony. God Bless Ryan, and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING JUAN MARTINEZ

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Juan Martinez, a local hero, an influential Chicano activist, and invaluable community archivist. After a year-long battle with cancer, Mr. Martinez passed away, and leaves behind a legacy of storytelling.

The son of a World War II veteran, Juan Martinez was born and raised in the City of Gonzalez. He attended Gonzalez High School, where he played football and became active in the Farmworkers' Movement.

As an 18-year-old high school student, Mr. Martinez stood with United Farm Workers and Cesar Chavez when he spent 20 days in jail in Salinas in 1970 for refusing to call off a lettuce boycott. Mr. Martinez was among some 2,000 supporters who marched with Chavez to turn himself in at the jail, and Juan Martinez joined the group as a bodyguard to protect Mr. Chavez. This experience fueled Mr. Martinez's passion to support the Farmworkers' Movement and marginalized communities.

He later became a champion of the preservation of the Farmworkers' Movement and its history in Salinas and on the central coast of California. He fought tirelessly to transform the old Monterey County into a Cesar Chavez Museum and was instrumental in having it designated on the National Register of Historic Places. He also kept a personal collection of photographs, testimonies and artifacts related to the movement, ensuring that this important part of our history is never lost. He also organized the installation of signage on Highway 101, designating part of it as "Bracero Memorial Highway" to honor 32 seasonal farmworkers who died in a truck crash in Chualar in 1963.

Additionally, he served the Central Coast as a community worker with California Rural Legal Assistance, assisting historically disadvantaged communities. Mr. Martinez also served on the Hartnell College Board of Trustees from 1979 to 1991 and was a co-founder of the Monterey County Pesticide Coalition. The coalition fought to establish the first field posting ordinance in Monterey County in 1983 that would become a model for statewide legislation.

Madam Speaker, Juan Martinez's commitment to service will continue to protect and impact Californians for generations to come. Let us always remember his legacy of service and honor his commitment to the Central Coast and its storied history.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
MICHAEL J. HORNYAK

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of Michael J. Hornyak of Homestead, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hornyak was a man devoted to his faith, family, and country. When the North Korean People's Army stormed across the 38th par-

allel, Mr. Hornyak answered the call of duty. His patriotism and bravery as a Sergeant in the Air Force while defending freedom-loving people a world away demonstrated his immense character;

Beyond his service to our country, Mr. Hornyak was active in his community. He was a longtime member of the Homestead United Presbyterian Church and was known as a talented carpenter, woodworker, and bricklayer. Mr. Hornyak was devoted to his family, including his children Michael Hornyak, Janie Hochlinski, and the late Judith Hutchinson, as well as his grandchildren Michael-Eric, Matthew, Molli, and Addi.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the life and legacy of Michael J. Hornyak. May we be inspired by his patriotism and devotion to his family.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE CHICANO HERITAGE MONTH

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to proudly introduce legislation to recognize Chicano Heritage Month.

The Mexican American community has reclaimed "Chicano" to empower and uplift the Mexican-American identity.

The Chicanos of my district, the State of California, and America as a whole, have significantly contributed to the advancement of our country. Chicanos have aided in scientific advancement, such as the invention of the X-ray reflection microscope in 1948. Chicanos have made major strides in the category of space exploration, as Ellen Ochoa was the first Hispanic female astronaut. As of 2019, approximately 37,000,000 Chicano immigrants reside in the United States and make up about 61.4 percent of America's Latino population.

In my district, Chicanos make up an overwhelming majority of the city of Santa Ana, which became the first major city last year to recognize Augustas Chicano Heritage Month.

Mexican Americans in the United States deserve recognition for their aforementioned achievements and contributions to our country. Therefore, I am introducing the Chicano Month Resolution. This resolution will recognize August as Chicano Heritage Month and acknowledge the enhancement of diversity that the Chicano population provides for the United States.

AMERICAN TYPE CULTURE
COLLECTION (ATCC)

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) located in Manassas, Virginia, which has provided biological research resources for decades. Over the past two years, ATCC played a critical role in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by supporting the re-

search community within the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Department of Defense (DoD), and other partners.

Founded in 1925, ATCC is a diverse biological resource center, focusing on advancing global health initiatives within the U.S. government, academia, and research foundations. ATCC has assisted the government for over 50 years with research and development, innovative solutions, and biological products. During several recent pandemics, including COVID-19, SARS, Zika, and H1N1 influenza, ATCC was a provider of R&D services, reagents, detection and surveillance assays, and logistical support for the federal and global response. ATCC ensured the research community could conduct research, gather data, share insights, and advance critical countermeasures.

ATCC manages the Biodefense and Emerging Infections Resources (BEI Resources) Program for NIAID, which has received more than 140 variants of SARS-CoV-2 and propagated the virus to enable and support diagnostic, vaccine, and therapeutic development. BEI Resources has provided more than 105,000 vials of SARS-CoV-2 and related coronavirus strains and reagents to over 3,600 researchers at 1,700 institutions in more than 70 countries since 2020. BEI Resources continues to play a critical role in cross-agency initiatives to harmonize research methodologies, assess the impact of emerging variants, and evaluate new and existing countermeasures.

ATCC offers researchers a range of tools and resources to contain the impact and investigate the long-lasting effects of COVID-19, including monoclonal antibodies against the spike glycoprotein receptor binding domain of SARS-CoV-2, microbial strains for cross-reactivity testing, cell lines for vaccine development and immune research, and heat-inactivated material for use in molecular assays. ATCC has also worked to advance molecular diagnostic testing and has provided the necessary array of clinically relevant materials for evaluating the limit of detection, inclusivity, and cross-reactivity of the virus.

As a non-profit, ATCC collaborates with many areas of the federal government including, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the CDC, the National Cancer Institute, the DoD, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to strengthen and improve public health initiatives.

Whether the challenge is COVID-19 or another infectious disease, ATCC has enabled the research community by providing high-quality, industry-standard biological materials and services.

JULY CONSTITUENT OF THE
MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Dr. Pratima Gupta as