

its neighbors in South Asia. The United States is one of Bangladesh's most important trading partners, with approximately 19–20 percent of its exports destined for the United States. Also, bilateral trade between the United States and Bangladesh was over \$10 billion (U.S.) in 2021.

According to the United States Census Bureau, there are over 200,000 people of Bangladeshi Origin living in America. Promoting educational exchanges between Bangladesh and the United States benefits both nations, and with approximately 10,000 students from Bangladesh studying in the United States, the country places eighth in the World in this category.

The Congressional Bangladesh Caucus will promote continued good relations between the United States and Bangladesh. Caucus Members will receive periodic updates on our bilateral relationship, joint efforts to combat terrorism and promote human rights, as well as opportunities for high-level visits between the two countries, including with Ambassador M Shahidul Islam as we work to strengthen our relationship.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILL TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOR MIGRANTS**

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 16, 2022*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to introduce a fiscal year 2022 supplemental appropriations bill to provide \$50 million to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) for humanitarian assistance for migrants. The funding would remain available until expended.

Since mid-April, the governors of Texas and Arizona have exploited and harmed approximately 4,500 vulnerable people fleeing desperate and dangerous situations in their home countries for political gain by busing them to the District of Columbia and New York.

In fiscal year 2022, Congress provided \$150 million to the EFSP for humanitarian assistance for migrants. As of July 21, 2022, approximately \$85 million of this funding remained available. However, the busing of migrants to D.C. and New York has increased funding requests and the EFSP may exhaust its funding.

Supplemental funding would ensure that the EFSP can continue to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants. I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

**HONORING COLONEL MELANIE R. BELL-CARTER**

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 16, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an impeccable

and self-motivated leader, Colonel Melanie Bell-Carter. Colonel Bell-Carter currently serves as the Director, Human Resources Directorate, White House Military Office, Washington, DC. She has been a champion and a leader of service and dedication to our great nation.

Colonel Melanie Bell-Carter is a native of Shaw, Mississippi, and she graduated from Shaw High School in 1990. She enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1992 and graduated from recruit training Marine Corps recruit Depot in Parris Island, South Carolina. Upon graduation, she attended the Aviation Ordnance Course at Naval Air Station (NAS), in Millington, TN. In November 1992, she attended the AV-8B Armament Organizational Systems Maintenance Course at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS), Cherry Point, NC. She was selected to the Meritorious Commissioning Program during this assignment. From October 1998 until December 1998, she attended Officer Candidate School. Colonel Bell-Carter possesses a BS in Human Resource Management, Master's in Organizational Development and Management, Master's in Management, a Master of Military Operational Art and Science Degree, graduated from the Air War College and is pursuing a Ph.D. in Organizational Development.

Colonel Bell-Carter has 2 children—Erik and Kennedi. Her personal awards include Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, 2 Navy and Marines Corps Commendation Medals, 3 Navy and Marines Corps Achievement Medals, 2 Good Conduct Medals and a host of Meritorious Masts, Certificate of Commendations and Letters of Appreciation.

Colonel Bell-Carter serves as a leader in the Marine Corps; she is an advocate for community service. In both endeavors, she does not seek praise for her actions, but will ensure others are praised for their accomplishments. Colonel Bell-Carter has proven herself throughout her career and earned a reputation of impeccable character, unquestionable integrity, unparalleled professional achievement, and superior leadership. She lives by her motto, "Learning is essential to being a good leader."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Colonel Melanie Bell-Carter for her leadership, service, and dedication to the United States Marine Corps.

**CONGRATULATING CADENCE RAIN NICKEY ON BEING RECOGNIZED AS THE 2022–2023 CHOCTAW INDIAN PRINCESS**

**HON. MICHAEL GUEST**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 16, 2022*

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Cadence Raine Nickey on being recognized as the 2022–2023 Choctaw Indian Princess. She has earned this distinction through her hard work and dedication to her family, her community, and her tribe. As her Congressman, I was happy to meet Cadence at the Neshoba County Fair recently, and I am proud of that she is representing the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians in this special role.

Cadence is the daughter of Eric Nickey and Georgianna McMillan and is a graduate of Choctaw Central High School. Cadence will attend Mississippi State University in the fall, where she plans to major in forensic science.

I am thankful for the leadership of young people in our state like Cadence and know she will continue to make her tribe and her state proud.

**RECOGNIZING MRS. MARIA EUGENIA OSUNA, NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI), SAN DIEGO REGION**

**HON. JUAN VARGAS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 16, 2022*

Mr. VARGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Maria Eugenia Osuna of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), San Diego Region. Mrs. Osuna served as the Outreach Coordinator for this organization for ten years. She is currently retired and is a resident of the Castle Park community in the City of Chula Vista, CA.

Mrs. Osuna has been recognized for her long years of service with NAMI, during which she founded and organized various support group programs throughout San Diego County to help minority parents who have children with mental illness.

Before for her professional career with NAMI, Mrs. Osuna served as a volunteer for the organization, because her son was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia at the age of 17. Both her father and brother were diagnosed with mental illnesses, and both committed suicide. Mrs. Osuna did not want her son to suffer the same fate.

After realizing that resources for minority families with mental illness were limited, Mrs. Osuna took NAMI's 12-week program to learn more about her son's illness, and she began to assist other minority families with similar situations. Through her time and commitment, Mrs. Osuna was formally offered a position with NAMI.

Mrs. Osuna created and organized support groups for Latinx parents who have children with a mental illness. Her support group programs were the first in San Diego County to be held in Spanish. Mrs. Osuna's goal has always been to provide education, support, and advocacy to minority families, as well as to dispel misconceptions and stereotypes on mental illness.

Mrs. Osuna is to be honored as the 51st District Constituent of the Month, particularly during National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, for her outstanding commitment to supporting minority families with education and advocacy on mental health awareness, as well as all her service and efforts that have helped those in need build a brighter future.

**HONORING LONNIE SMITH**

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 16, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable servant, Mr. Lonnie Smith.

Lonnie is a native of Leland, Mississippi, and graduated from Leland High School in 1996. After high school, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps. He served 10 faithful years in the reserves with a final rank of Sergeant. During his time in the reserves, he matriculated at Delta State University to pursue a degree in Computer Information Systems.

Next, Lonnie joined the Greenville Fire Department in 2003. He rose through the ranks of the Department, and now serves as Chief of Training. He was recently recognized by the Department for an act of bravery by single-handedly rescuing someone from a house fire shortly before reporting for duty.

Lonnie founded Dynamic Technologies, LLC in 2008, and continued to build his knowledge of computers and technology by enrolling in Walden University and also obtaining various certifications. He is a CPR instructor for the American Heart Association and serves as board member for the MS River Marathon, the United Way Housing Initiative, and the YMCA.

Lonnie's servant heart, entrepreneurial spirit, and easy-going nature inspire all who come into contact with him.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Lonnie Smith for his passion and dedication to serving his community and this country.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. JOHN SHIRLEY

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**HON. JERRY MCNERNEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Dr. John Shirley, who dedicated his life to serving his country and his community. John passed away on December 22, 2021, leaving a legacy of service to and love of country and community.

Dr. John Shirley was born in Santa Ana, California on December 8, 1924. At 19 years old, after being drafted and rising quickly to the rank of Staff Sergeant, John was part of the Anzio breakout with the 3rd Infantry Division. After taking part in the invasion of Southern France, he was wounded by fragments of a shell from a German tank and taken prisoner. As he and other prisoners were being marched to the rear, a young German soldier bringing up the rear of the column got too close, and John turned around and slugged him, rendering him unconscious and allowing John to escape to Allied lines. John was awarded a battlefield commission to Second Lieutenant when he rejoined his unit after three months in the hospital recovering from his wounds.

Aside from his commission, John was awarded a Purple Heart, Silver Star, and two Bronze Stars with Oak Leaf Cluster and V for Valor devise. He earned the European Theater of Operation Medal with six campaign stars and a bronze arrowhead for the invasion of Southern France, as well as the French Fourragère de Guerre.

After the war, John attended the University of California at Davis Veterinary College, graduating in its first class. He set up the first veterinary clinic in Livermore, California and was known as "Doc Shirley" to the ranchers in

the area. John was considered one of the best veterinarians in the region, with the toughest cases referred to him by his peers.

John became active in the Livermore community, winning a seat on the Livermore City Council, where he served from 1958 until 1966. He served as Livermore's Mayor from 1963 until 1966.

He was a member of the Rotary Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). He led and was instrumental in many projects to improve the quality of life for Livermore residents and served on the VFW Honor Guard, firing gun salutes into his late seventies. John served as president of the Livermore Valley Opera, and as a member of the Livermore Symphony Association.

As a member of the 3rd Infantry Division Veterans organization, he raised money for high school Junior ROTC programs in San Francisco and Oakland. He was also instrumental in creating the Veterans First program at Las Positas Community College to provide services to veterans returning to school.

John loved sports, and was an avid skier, hiker, tennis player, and golfer. He was also a skilled instrument-rated pilot, which led him to further public service on the Livermore Airport Commission. John said, "You can be a bad golfer, skier, or tennis player, but you have to be a good pilot."

On July 13, 2019, Livermore City Council honored John by naming the new council chamber after him: The John Shirley City Council Chamber. John's list of contributions and accomplishments are too long to list. He was the very embodiment of service to his community and to our great Nation. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of this great American.

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AUGUST DECEIT

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**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, somehow in August the travesties of deceit by the Biden Administration are especially shocking, dangerous, and insulting to common sense.

The abandonment of Afghanistan last year was the most horrific national security and foreign policy debacle in American history. Thirteen American servicemembers were murdered and numerous others were left behind, as a familiar safe haven for terrorists was re-established as the one we gruesomely experienced on September 11, 2001.

Dangerous criminals on the Terrorist Watch List are now invading the open Southern border, as cartels are enriched with human trafficking and fentanyl smuggling at the cost of American lives.

The raid on the Trump Home on Monday is an inconceivable political assault on democracy, repeating the hoax of Russian Collusion. FBI agents are abused as pawns by deranged, political zealots.

And on Wednesday, the absurd declaration by Biden of "zero inflation" is a disconnect from reality. Inflation is 8.5 percent, the highest in forty years. American families know gasoline is up 44 percent, electricity up 15.2 percent, food up 13.1 percent, and transportation up 9.2 percent.

Despite the universal definition of a recession in two quarters of GDP decline, Biden denies the truth and persists with his failing agenda of raising taxes, borrowing, and foolish massive spending, sparking inflation and destroying jobs.

Sadly, the failures of Biden have created inconceivable threats at home and abroad and he should change policies immediately to protect American families.

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HONORING ORLANDO W. PADEN

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**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated leader, Representative Orlando Paden. Rep. Paden has been a champion of service, education, and dedication to the great state of Mississippi and his community.

Orlando W. Paden is a native of Clarksdale, MS, and the son of Cornelius and Lisa Paden. He has two sisters, Marquita Paden and Yusomie Caldwell. Mr. Paden is a proud 2002 graduate of Coahoma Agricultural High School. Graduating with honors from Coahoma Community College in 2004; he went on to graduate Magna Cum Laude with a political science pre-law major from Alcorn State University in 2006. He also did graduate studies at Delta State University and Belhaven College.

In 2015, he was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives, District 26—serving Coahoma and Bolivar counties. Rep. Paden serves on eight committees: Agriculture, Public Health and Human Services, Transportation, Tourism, and Universities and Colleges. During his term, he has been a staunch supporter of public education, university and college funding, and health for all Mississippians. In 2018, Rep. Paden was selected as a Mississippi Legislator delegate to study government abroad in Taiwan. In 2019, Rep. Paden was reelected to serve a second term. He lives by his motto, embodied through the words of Mahalia Jackson, "If I can help somebody, as I pass along; if I can cheer somebody, with a word or song; if I can show somebody, how they're travelling wrong, then my living shall not be in vain."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Representative Orlando Paden for his support of public education, university and college funding, and health for all Mississippians.

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RECOGNIZING ALI BALEED

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**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I want to recognize the outstanding contributions of Ali Baleed, a well-known community member of Wayne County, Michigan.

Ali Baleed is the founder of many community-based organizations since his arrival to the United States in the 1960s. He is one of the founding members and executive director