

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF NANCY KAY YOUNG PLACIER

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of long-time community member, Nancy Kay Young Placier.

Nancy was born in 1936 in Modesto, California, to Jack and Lois Young. She went on to graduate from Downey High School and later attended Stanislaus Community College. In 1963, she married Philip Placier in San Francisco, California. Later, she and Phil became adopted parents to their three children, David, Tom, and Betsy.

Throughout her life, Nancy has shown her passion for her faith and her dedication to service. For 40 years, Nancy volunteered with nonprofits such as Peralta Cancer Research Institute, Carol Ann Read Breast Health Center, and more, helping fundraise for breast cancer research and raising awareness about the disease. Nancy was also dedicated to her faith and was a member of the Presbyterian Church for 58 years, even serving as a Sunday School teacher and Deacon.

Sadly, Nancy passed away on January 18, 2022. Nancy is survived by her husband, Phil, her sons, David and Tom, her daughter, Betsy, and her grandchildren, Alex, Tyler, Michael, and Zariyah. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Please join us in honoring Nancy for her many contributions to our community.

HONORING SHERRI VANNEST

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sherri Vannest in recognition of her 31-year career dedicated to public safety.

Records and Communications Supervisor Sherri Vannest joined the Clearlake Police Department in 1991. In the Department, she served as an Office Assistant, Confidential Secretary and Secretary to the Chief of Police.

During the Great Recession in 2009, Sherri was laid off, but undeterred in her desire to serve, she returned in 2010 to the Clearlake Police Department as a dispatcher. She went on to earn her Dispatcher Basic, Intermediate and Advanced certificates from the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. In 2014, Sherri was promoted to the position of Records and Communications Supervisor.

Sherri has also taken on other important assignments throughout her career. As a notary public and proctor for the Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) entry level testing

for dispatchers and police officers, she was directly involved in the hiring of the many people who have served the agency. Sherri managed numerous grants, including the Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant, which has helped make our officers safer in instances of gun violence. As the de-facto technology coordinator, Sherri kept the computers running and ensured personnel were knowledgeable and supported in their use.

Sherri took a lead role in the department's transition into a state-funded 9-1-1 public safety answering point, which brought the level of 9-1-1 service and accessibility to the standard enjoyed elsewhere in the state. Sherri has been a consistent and strong advocate for the dispatchers she leads.

Sherri decided to enter a much-deserved retirement on August 5, 2022, so she could spend more time with her family and working on her farm. She will be remembered for her considerable amount of service to the public.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Sherri Vannest has worked endlessly to serve and support safety within the community of Clearlake. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING PASTOR KEN AND WANDA SWETT

HON. JOSH HARDER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Mr. HARDER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary work done by Pastor Ken and Wanda Swett of Modesto, California. For decades, the Swetts have been pillars of Modesto's community and have touched countless lives through their work at Foursquare Church.

For the past 43 years, Pastor Ken has been involved in Foursquare Church's ministry. From working as a youth pastor in San Jose and Santa Fe Springs to spending the last 32 years as a senior pastor in Modesto, Ken has been a constant and inspirational figure in the Central Valley. Pastor Ken has never been one to back away from a challenge as exemplified through his work in Mexico, Costa Rica, the Philippines, and Thailand. Throughout these adventures, Wanda has been by Ken's side and has, through her work in education and women's ministries, positively impacted the community in her own right.

In addition to their remarkable work in the community and around the world, the Swetts have also built an incredible family. Their 45 years of marriage have led to three daughters, ten grandchildren, and countless memories with their loved ones. Today, Ken and Wanda relish their downtime by being in the company of their family, rooting for their beloved Green Bay Packers and watching their grandson Zachariah compete in local rodeos.

Individuals like the Swetts exemplify how, through dedicated service to others, each and

every one of us can have a profound impact on our communities. I commend the lifelong work done by Pastor Ken and Wanda Swett and congratulate them on their extraordinary careers.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JACK BROADBENT

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Jack Broadbent to our Nation, our environment, and our community upon his retirement from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

Over the years, Jack accrued extensive experience in environmental policy and administration. He earned his master's degree in environmental administration from UC Riverside. Jack previously served as Deputy Executive Officer of the South Coast Air Quality Management District where he directed multiple landmark programs to help improve air quality in the Los Angeles area. Jack later went on to serve as Air Division Director at the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region IX. He also had prior experience working in the private sector as an environmental programs manager for Hughes Aircraft Company which is the largest private employer in the state.

Starting in 2004, Jack served as the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. Under Jack's leadership, the Air District developed innovative strategies to improve air quality and to foster a healthier environment in the Bay Area. Under Jack's direction, the Air District was responsible for managing indoor air quality and radiation programs for the Pacific Southwest as well as ensuring proper implementation of the Clean Air Act. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is one of the most esteemed air quality management agencies in the Nation thanks in part to Jack's dedication and hard work.

We thank Jack for his diligence and passion for protecting our environment. Please join me in congratulating Jack on his retirement and honoring him for his more than 18 years of service as head of the Air District.

HONORING EAGLE SCOUT JOHN CHRISTOPHER BONNER

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, on behalf of Florida's Third Congressional District, we honor Eagle Scout John Christopher Bonner, who achieved the prestigious rank of

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Eagle Scout on March 14, 2022. As a member of Boy Scout Troop 72, John has dedicated over 10 years of his life to serving in his local troop and making the greater Marion County community a better place to live, work, and play.

To earn the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, John completed 36 merit badges requiring him to demonstrate knowledge of and expertise in various life skills, served in troop leadership positions, including Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and planned and executed an Eagle Scout Service Project. For his project, John built a large movable snake habitat display case for Silver Springs State Park, now named the "Snake Shack." It included a large base cart for storage of supplies and the upper display habitat for the snake with large viewing windows, with overall dimensions 6' L X 6' H X 44" W. This display case will be used as an educational exhibit at Silver Springs. The Snake Shack was constructed with approximately 87 percent repurposed material supplied mainly by Silver Springs State Park.

Congratulations to Mr. Bonner, his family, and his troop on this prestigious honor. We look forward to seeing all of his accomplishments in the future.

HONORING CASHONEY C. CARTER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a hard-working and impactful leader, Ms. Cashoney Carter. Ms. Carter has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

Ms. Cashoney C. Carter is a former Jefferson County High School graduate with 15 years of educational experience in the Jefferson County School District. Her past roles include serving as a teacher, instructional coach, and assistant principal. She currently leads as the principal of Jefferson County Upper Elementary School. She is the proud mother of Harley Elizabeth Carter-Varnier.

Ms. Carter has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Tougaloo College, a Master of Arts in Teaching from Alcorn State University, a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Strayer University and is currently pursuing an advanced degree.

Serving as an educator is a passion for Ms. Carter. When asked why she does this important work, she replied, "The work I perform is empowered by knowing every scholar under my leadership will have a better opportunity to succeed in the future through a balanced educational curriculum. In addition, my work is driven by ensuring teachers are prepared and equipped to provide the power of education to our youth. When teaching and learning occurs, success is sure to follow."

"Ms. Carter is a transformational leader who is committed to the success of every child," said Adrian Hammitte, Superintendent of Jefferson County School District. "Under her leadership, Jefferson County Upper Elementary School is projected to earn a C-rating for the 2021–2022 school year after receiving an F-rating for 4 consecutive years. More impor-

tantly, her teachers, students, and parents have fully embraced her vision and call-to-action to 'Raise the B.A.R.' at the upper elementary school. Therefore, I can confidently say that Ms. Carter is making a difference in our school district and will have a lasting impact on the boys and girls she leads."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Cashoney C. Carter for her passion and dedication to education in the Jefferson County School District.

BUILD BACK BETTER ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 12, 2022

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of our historic legislation, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA or the Act). The Act establishes incentives and actions to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other forms of health-harming pollution throughout every major sector including transportation, electricity production, industrial, manufacturing, and buildings while also lowering energy costs so Americans across the country will see savings. At the same time, the Act reinforces the longstanding authority and responsibility of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to regulate GHGs as air pollutants under the Clean Air Act (CAA). The IRA combines new economic incentives to reduce climate pollution with bolstered regulatory drivers that will allow EPA to drive further reductions under its CAA authorities.

The IRA contains the most important and far-reaching amendments to the CAA in more than a generation. EPA's responsibility to address GHG air pollution under the CAA is long-standing and time tested. By passing the IRA, Congress underscores and reinforces that responsibility. To the extent the Supreme Court has suggested otherwise under the so-called "major questions" doctrine, the IRA is abundantly clear.

As Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce (the Committee), I would like to specifically address the provisions related to EPA rulemaking within the Committee's jurisdiction. These specific provisions include those provisions supporting EPA rulemaking to address climate change, providing clean energy incentives that EPA may take into account in developing regulatory requirements, and imposing additional requirements that EPA must implement through rulemaking. I am proud to say that many of these provisions were developed by the Committee, so I would like to explain how Congress intends these provisions to work, state our intent for EPA action under them, and clarify the legislative requirements.

The IRA is expected to reduce GHG emissions by approximately 40 percent from 2005 levels by 2030. The Act achieves this objective in large part by amending the CAA to give EPA the authority and funding to collect fees on excess methane emissions from the oil and gas sector, and to spend tens of billions of dollars to provide grants, make assessments, conduct monitoring and outreach, provide technical assistance, and undertake other actions to reduce GHG emissions. (See Sections

60101, 60102, 60103, 60114, and 60201, which add new CAA Sections 132, 133, 134, 137, and 138, respectively). It also provides EPA with additional funding to support rulemaking under the CAA to reduce GHG emissions.

Of particular note, Section 60107, the Low Emissions Electricity Program, adds CAA Section 135, which directs EPA to conduct an assessment of the reductions in GHG emissions that result from changes in domestic electricity generation and use that are anticipated to occur on an annual basis through fiscal year 2031. This assessment should take into account both changes in the carbon intensity of electricity generation (including reductions in fossil fuel-fired generation and increases in renewable and other low- or zero-emitting generation, including hydrogen), and changes in the amount of electricity use (including increases in use due to electrification of mobile sources and other beneficial electrification and decreases in use due to energy efficiency measures). Section 135(a)(6) provides \$18 million for EPA "to ensure that reductions in greenhouse gas emissions are achieved through use of the existing authorities of this Act," incorporating the assessment under Section 135(a)(5). Congress intends for EPA to have significant discretion regarding how to incorporate the assessment under paragraph (5) in its actions under the "existing authorities."

These "existing authorities" include CAA Section 111 for stationary sources (among other provisions), which, since its enactment, has provided EPA extensive authority to promulgate impactful regulations that reduce GHGs, from, but not limited to, the electric power sector, the industrial sector, and the oil and gas sector as well as CAA Section 202 and other provisions under title II for mobile sources. These and other CAA provisions give EPA broad authority to address air pollution problems, including those that may not have been well understood at the time of enactment, and to do so on the basis of novel mechanisms as may be appropriate for the air pollutant and industry at issue. Congress recognizes that regulation of GHGs in particular may present novel and complex issues that may require innovative regulations and the enormity of the climate crisis will require that the regulations be impactful while adhering to statutory requirements.

In providing additional funding under Section 60107, Congress intends that EPA construe its authority under the existing CAA authorities broadly, consistent with the requirements of those authorities, so EPA can promulgate impactful and innovative regulations, as appropriate. Congress believes that EPA has sufficient expertise in the various industries that may be affected, including the electric power sector, to promulgate these rulemakings. Congress' understanding that the existing CAA authorities give EPA broad authority to promulgate innovative and impactful regulations to reduce GHGs is consistent with the additional funding that the IRA gives EPA under the CAA to issue grants that promote innovative technology to reduce GHGs. Congress recognizes that promulgating and implementing GHG regulations may be resource-intensive, and the additional funding under Section 60107 will allow EPA to prioritize these regulations and devote the necessary resources to execute them.

EPA is currently undertaking rulemaking under CAA Section 111 to regulate methane