

The Act provides the states and certain territories with formula funding to support state-designated institutions' cooperative forestry research programs. The funding available under this Act assists the states and territories in carrying out forestry research programs at state forestry schools and colleges and developing a trained pool of forest scientists capable of conducting needed forestry research.

District of Columbia residents pay full federal taxes, and with few exceptions, the District is treated as a state under federal programs. This Act defines "State" to include Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam, whose residents do not pay full federal taxes. The District's absence from the Act makes it ineligible for federal funding that would support research at the District's public university, the University of the District of Columbia (UDC). The College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences at UDC, the nation's only urban land-grant university, offers programs that complement D.C.'s ongoing forestry efforts and serve individuals in my district and beyond. Rectifying the District's exclusion from this Act would ensure its equitable treatment and provide UDC a fair share of resources.

The District should be eligible under this Act just like the states and territories. This bill would allow students and researchers in the nation's capital to benefit from this important forestry program. I urge support for this bill.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF MR. JOHN SCHOUTEN

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Schouten for his contributions to the dairy industry and congratulate him on his retirement.

John Schouten's passion for the dairy industry started over 35 years ago and led him to World Wide Sires, which started out in Hanford, California. He completed German language school shortly after starting and quickly built relationships in the international dairy scene that would last decades. His enthusiasm and desire to put farmers first has created numerous opportunities for U.S. genetics worldwide.

While at World Wide Sires, Mr. Schouten became known for his remarkable work ethic and empathy for others. He started as an Area Director of Marketing and went on to become VP of Marketing from 1993 to 2001, eventually becoming CEO in 2001. Mr. Schouten's leadership allowed his team to grow as they traveled to over 70 countries, sharing their knowledge and helping farmers.

Mr. Schouten became CEO at a time of rapid growth and change in the industry. Thanks to his vision, his team launched Global Dairy Solutions along with setting up six global subsidiaries. Mr. Schouten has set a great example of what hard work and compassion can accomplish. His energy to keep innovating has led him to become one of the most recognized and respected members of the U.S. AI community.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. John

Schouten for his contributions to the dairy industry and wishing him the best in retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBIN
HEBERT

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Robin Hebert. Robin was a beloved wife and a Gold Star mother.

She passed away on September 13, 2021, after an extended battle with bone marrow cancer at age 63.

Robin was an active and compassionate member of her community.

On August 1, 2003, Robin lost her son, Army Specialist Justin Hebert when his vehicle was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade in Kirkuk, Iraq.

Robin fought her battle with cancer with the same honor and courage as Justin.

Robin volunteered as a trial patient for an experimental bone marrow transplant. While she could not donate her organs, she proudly donated her information to researchers to save lives even after she passed.

Robin will be remembered by friends and family for her resilience and tenacity. She will be missed greatly.

HONORING AND COMMENDING THE
WONDERFUL LIFE OF VERNA
ELIZABETH "RITCHIE"
BERTSCHE, ON HER 100TH BIRTH-
DAY

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the wonderful Mrs. Verna Elizabeth "Ritchie" Bertsche. Verna Elizabeth was born on December 28, 1921, in the era of the Great Depression, and during the presidency of Warren G. Harding. She grew up during the time of the roaring twenties and during prohibition.

Ritchie excelled in her academic studies, graduating from the University of Cincinnati, where she was also chosen to serve as president of her sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha. She married a decorated officer, Carl I. Bertsche, who served in Europe during World War II, having known him since their kindergarten days. She enjoyed her time serving as a pre-school teacher, before her children came along, and then worked part-time in Carl's business, PESCO, where she made a hugely valuable contribution in both an official and unofficial capacity. Well-known in her community as a dedicated volunteer, she has selflessly given 20 years of service at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

In addition to her service to her community, she has been a generous, loving, and supportive mother to her two children, Patricia B. Deis-Gleeson (who shares Verna's birthday), and Carl I. Bertsche Jr, both of whom are proud to call her Mom. Greater still are her

five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, to whom she is always showing a genuine and proud interest in their lives and achievements.

Verna's wonderful memories of Jeeme Hipad, a club consisting of Doie and Bob Stacy, Betty and Nick Weisgarber, Helen and Bob Dhonau, Verna and Carl Bertsche, and Dottie and Phil Spiess. The club's name derives from the letters of their middle names and all the ladies in the club are also members of Zeta Tau Alpha. The club began meeting just for fun but ended up meeting right through the remainder of many of their lives. Jeeme Hipad activities encompassed World War II, the growth of their families, adapting to empty nest syndrome, right through to the passing of their spouses. A truly unique and special group.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Verna Elizabeth "Ritchie" Bertsche's devotion to all that is good and wholesome in this life. May God bless Verna on her 100th Birthday.

RECOGNIZING MR. SEAN MULLIN

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition and appreciation of Mr. Sean Mullin, upon his completion of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship Program. Mr. Mullin served as a Knauss fellow in my Washington, D.C., office during the 2021 calendar year.

As an integral member of my legislative staff, Mr. Mullin assisted my work on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, particularly my work on the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment and the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management pertaining to natural disasters. Over this past year, he worked closely with my personal office staff in developing several pieces of legislation. He revamped my "Wildlife Conservation and Anti-Trafficking Act" from previous Congresses into bipartisan legislation (H.R. 6059) I reintroduced on November 19, 2021. He also developed the "End Palm Oil Deforestation Act" (H.R. 5863) from an outline into actual legislation and reworked the "Stop the Spread of Invasive Mussels Act of 2021" (H.R. 5692), of which I assumed sponsorship from former Congressman Ben McAdams (D-UT).

Mr. Mullin received his doctorate in geobiology from the California Institute of Technology in 2020, and graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a Bachelor of Science in microbial biology in 2011. While his fellowship with my office has ended, I am very pleased that Mr. Mullin's public service with California's Congressional delegation will continue as he joins the office of U.S. Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN (D-CA).

I have no doubt that Mr. Mullin's innate curiosity and aptitude for navigating complex policy problems to develop actionable solutions will serve him well in this new role. Mr. Mullin will remain a deeply valued member of Team Garamendi, and we look forward to continuing to work with him.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of California's third Congressional district, I extend our deepest appreciation to Mr. Sean Mullin for his dedicated service.

IN MEMORY OF COURTNEY
LYKINS, JR.

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of a great American, Courtney Lykins, Jr. Mr. Lykins lived in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, and passed away on December 15, 2021.

Mr. Lykins served our nation proudly in the United States Army Reserves from 1970 to 1997. He served in the 100th Division, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Brigade as Sergeant First Class/E7, Senior Drill Sergeant, and Senior Tank Commander. He trained soldiers heading to Vietnam in 1970 when he served at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Mr. Lykins was an active member of the American Legion, Post 22 in Mt. Sterling. He was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by the Commonwealth of Kentucky in recognition of his service and accomplishments.

Mr. Lykins worked at Hobart Manufacturing Company for ten years. He then worked for Kentucky Utilities, LGE in Mt. Sterling for 32 years until his retirement. He is survived by his loving wife, Janet Wilson Lykins, two sons and daughters in law, Chuck and Nancy Lykins and Wesley and Allison Lykins, and six grandchildren. In addition, he leaves behind two brothers and two sisters.

Courtney Lykins was a follower of Christ, a true patriot, and a loving family man. It is my honor to lift up the life of Courtney Lykins before the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING MR. GREGORY
RUSHIN ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Mr. Gregory Rushin, a steadfast leader who has dedicated nearly forty years of distinguished public service at various levels of government.

Mr. Rushin's career began in 1979, where he served the town of Lewiston, Illinois, as a Deputy Sheriff. Prior to assuming this position, Greg completed his Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement Administration at Western Illinois University and his Master of Science Degree in Human Relations and Business at Amber University.

In an effort to further expand his knowledge, Mr. Rushin sought additional training and educational opportunities that allowed him to develop skills essential to being an effective leader in law enforcement. In doing so, he graduated from the FBI Academy, the FBI National Academy, the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Program, and Harvard's Senior Management Institute for Police. Additionally, for three years he would reside in the Washington, D.C., area where he gained invaluable experience serving as a Special Agent with the FBI.

In June of 1982, Greg began his nearly 34-year career with the Plano Police Department, the latter 18 years of which he assumed the position of Chief of Police. As a result of his leadership, Chief Rushin was selected to serve as Plano's Deputy City Manager where he is responsible for overseeing the City's Public Safety Departments encompassing services including Animal Services, Fire and Rescue, Police, and Emergency Management.

Mr. Rushin's commitment to our community has been evidenced by his membership and past leadership positions within several organizations including as the President of the Texas Police Chief's Association as well as on multiple boards of directors, including the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Collin County Child Advocacy Board, the Plano Youth Leadership Board, the Medical City Plano Citizen Advisory Board, and the Brett Adkins Foundation Board. Due to his dedication and contributions to the Plano community, it is no surprise that Greg was recognized as one of the 21 for the 21st Century by Inside Collin County Business.

While Greg has created a tremendous legacy of servant leadership, it is evident that respect for his efforts run deep among all who have had the pleasure of working with him. Now, as Mr. Greg Rushin prepares to begin a new season of life, it is with a deep sense of gratitude I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing his exemplary contributions throughout his career in public service while wishing him and his family all the best in this next chapter.

RECOGNIZING JANUARY 6

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today on the anniversary of January 6th to reflect on a horrific day for our institution and our democracy.

One year ago today, violent terrorists attacked our Capitol—the seat of our democracy, and what I used to think was one of the safest places in the world. I don't think that anymore.

On that day, in the House gallery when the Capitol was breached, I sat alongside my colleagues in confusion and panic. I feared for my life. We heard the shot. We saw the tear gas coming in from under the door—but didn't know what it was. I struggled to get my gas mask on, because I couldn't hear the instructions over the chaos. I lost my glasses for a period of time.

We were evacuated, running down the halls and stairs past a part of the mob that was being held down at gunpoint. We sheltered for hours in a room packed shoulder-to-shoulder with people. Then we went back to finish the job. Because that's what we had been there to do in the first place—certify the results of a free and fair election.

That day shows that we can't take our democracy for granted. We still must fight to protect it every day, because there are still many people, including some of my Republican colleagues, who want to undermine it.

I'm thankful to the Department of Justice, FBI, and law enforcement agencies across the

country who are working to prosecute and bring to justice those who planned and participated in the violence. But there is still a long way to go—we won't have true justice until those in positions of power who helped inspire and enable the mob are put on trial. To that end, I appreciate the work of my colleagues on the January 6 committee to bring to light all the details of that day, including the role of the Trump administration. I also want to again thank the journalists who were with us that day and who worked fearlessly through the attack to make sure everyone saw what was really happening.

Most importantly, I thank our Capitol Police Officers for selflessly protecting us that day. My thoughts are with the families and friends of the officers who lost their lives because of the attack. We will always remember and honor their sacrifice.

Today, I no longer feel safe at work, and I still fear for our country because so many people want to forget the events of that day, or flat out deny that they happened. We won't forget, we won't let the American people forget, and we won't stop working every day to preserve our freedoms.

RECOGNIZING LESTER CASH ON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lester Cash on his exemplary 37 years of service to the Federal Government, including 24 years at the Department of Health and Human Services.

After growing up in North Carolina, Lester Cash began his federal career as a statistician planning for the 1990 Census, which was followed by a decade as a senior examiner at the Office of Management and Budget. In 1997, Mr. Cash moved to HHS and spent eight years overseeing budgets for some of the Federal Government's most important agencies, including the NIH, CDC, and FDA. In 2005, he was appointed to the Senior Executive Service.

Since 2007, Mr. Cash has served as HHS's Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, often managing the most difficult budgetary issues across a Department whose programs and services reach virtually every American at some point in their lives—from Head Start for early childhood education to Medicare for seniors.

Throughout his 24 years of service at HHS's Office of Budget, Mr. Cash frequently served as the Department's liaison to the Committees on Appropriations. During that time, he became an indispensable resource to the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. Mr. Cash's budgetary and programmatic expertise has helped the subcommittee to draft annual appropriations bills and emergency supplementals—for which I am deeply grateful.

Most recently, Mr. Cash provided important technical assistance on emergency supplemental appropriations to respond to the COVID pandemic. He has been instrumental in HHS's procurement of life-saving vaccines,