

philosophy of Theodore Roosevelt and George Bird Grinnell who were founders of the Boone and Crockett Club. As a Boone and Crockett member, Bob has personally provided major support for Boone and Crockett endowed professorships at the University of Montana, Oregon State University, and Texas A&M. Bob has also been an advocate for professional wildlife management with a long tenure on the Board of Directors for the Wildlife Management Institute, including a stint as Chairman. He was a founder and past chairman of the American Wildlife Conservation Partners (AWCP) which is a coalition of over forty of America's most respected hunter/conservation organizations that meet to discuss and take action on the most important conservation issues facing our country. The AWCP has developed and forwarded a conservation vision to the Bush, Obama, Trump, and Biden Administrations and works actively with administration officials to implement the necessary policy revisions.

During the George W. Bush Administration, Bob was a member and chairman of the Sporting Conservation Council and served as a member of the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council during the Obama Administration. Bob is also a founder and board member of the National Conservation Leadership Institute in Shepherdstown, WV, a joint endeavor between state and federal wildlife agencies, private conservation organizations, and natural resource industry to provide world-class leadership training to the next generation of conservation executives.

Bob has also been instrumental in the founding and growth of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, the largest bipartisan, bicameral caucus in the United States Congress, bringing together members with professed support for hunting, fishing, and professional wildlife management. Since the Caucus's founding in 1988, Bob has remained active and involved through his support of numerous Caucus initiatives and his many contributions to the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, including his nearly two decades of service on the Foundation Board of Directors, including a term as Chairman of the Board.

In recognition of Mr. Model's service to conservation—both on-the ground and in the policy arena—Mr. Model has been chosen as the inaugural recipient of the Dingell-Young Sportsmen's Legacy Award, a fitting tribute to an individual whose life has epitomized dedication to America's outdoor heritage.

Named in recognition of the Dingell family—Congressmen John D. Dingell, Sr. and my husband, John D. Dingell, Jr.—and my good friend, the late Congressman Don Young, the Dingell-Young Sportsmen's Legacy Award is a fitting tribute for Mr. Model. Each day as Co-Chair of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, I think about the award's namesake patrons. Like them, Mr. Model's contributions were built upon a commitment to never allowing partisan politics to cloud his love of the great outdoors and his commitment to the time-honored traditions of hunting and fishing.

In closing, I want to thank Mr. Model for his many contributions to America's outdoor heritage and congratulate him for the well-deserved recognition as the first ever recipient of the Dingell-Young Sportsmen's Legacy Award.

HONORING PAUL TAFALLA

HON. COLIN J. ALLRED

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. ALLRED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Paul Tafalla, a brave and courageous North Texas veteran who passed away on July 2.

Paul Tafalla was a son of Dallas. As one of six siblings, he was raised in the historical "El Pozo" neighborhood in South Dallas. After moving with his family to East Dallas, Paul attended and graduated from Crozier Tech High School.

After graduation, Paul enlisted in the United States Army, where he would serve a 4-year enlistment with two tours to Vietnam. He bravely served in the 1st Cavalry Infantry division aboard the Huey and Chinook gunships, one of the first helicopter divisions to experience combat in Vietnam.

When he returned home to the United States, he married the love of his life, Sarah Lucille, in 1973 and had three beautiful children. Paul later worked as a precision optician on defense contracts at Texas Instruments for more than 20 years.

Paul was a member of the Freemasons and the Shriners Society, as well as belonging to other organizations such as the American Legion, Disabled Veterans, and VFW. He received several awards for his heroic bravery over his life. He was awarded the Carnegie Medal of Heroism and was honored by numerous city and state organizations, including the State Legislature of Texas, for saving four lives in a head-on car collision.

He also served his community by mentoring youth through sports. Paul received two Coach of the Year awards and led teams to multiple division titles and championships.

Paul lived a very selfless life and was known to always put others before himself. He was a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. Paul's courage and kindness will leave a lasting impact on so many in Dallas.

I was lucky to know Paul, and I am proud to honor the life and legacy of Paul Tafalla today. His memory lives with his wife, children, and grandchildren. My thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones and the Dallas community today.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR RICK DAVIS, A LEADER IN HIS HOMETOWN OF TONAWANDA

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, the former mayor of the City of Tonawanda, Rick Davis, for his recognition as Democrat of the Year.

A graduate of Tonawanda High School, Rick joined the Air Force in 1992. Trained as a meteorologist, Rick was eventually stationed in South Korea, and later in several U.S. cities. Upon re-entry to civilian life ten years later, Rick dedicated his career to continuing his love of meteorology—but this time he did so with the Federal Aviation Administration. He continues his work there today.

In 2006, Rick decided to expand his contributions in public service by running for and serving as 4th Ward Councilman in the City of Tonawanda from 2006 through 2009. In 2013, Rick ran for Mayor, eventually serving two terms.

Over that time, Rick was able to obtain more than \$30 million in grant funding and left Tonawanda with a budget surplus in excess of \$8 million—the largest surplus in the city's history. Projects like the Intermodal Hub, Canal Street Plaza, and improvements to Gateway Park were made possible through his leadership. Rick had recognized some of the most pressing issues facing Americans in the 21st century: economic growth, healthcare, and housing. For each of these challenges, Mayor Davis can point to tangible changes in city policy. This includes revamping the city's Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan and ensuring the Zombie Housing Grant program's presence in Tonawanda.

Furthermore, during the pandemic, Rick Davis was a noteworthy figure for one distinctive reason: he was the only mayor in our congressional district to participate in Zoom meetings in front of a Metallica banner. All jokes aside, I trust that the next chapter of his life will include spending more time with his wife, Megan, with the ten children they share in their blended family, as well as with their three grandsons. Throughout his tenure, Rick delivered results to thousands of citizens within New York's 26th Congressional district, and we all owe him a debt of gratitude for his selfless dedication to the people he represented.

HOMETOWN HERO—TEXAS-24 TEACHERS

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize all of the incredible teachers of Texas-24 as they begin a new school year.

Our teachers work tirelessly to prepare the next generation of North Texans for a lifetime of success. Without their wisdom and guidance, our students would not be equipped with the tools necessary to navigate their future careers.

Their flexibility and dedication to the next generation was on full display last year. As schools shut down during the pandemic, our selfless teachers had to adapt to a new environment to ensure our students continued their education.

With this new year beginning, I'd like to thank our Texas-24 teachers for their dedication and many sacrifices made in the name of education. This week—and every week—take time to thank a teacher.

RECOGNIZING WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with pride and sincere respect that I take this time

to recognize Westminster Presbyterian Church, of Munster, Indiana, as its members and leaders join in celebration of the church's 60th anniversary. The congregation will be commemorating this momentous occasion with a special service and celebratory brunch on Sunday, September 18, 2022.

In 1961, twenty-nine families met to discuss the establishment of a new Presbyterian church in Munster, Indiana. After obtaining its validation, the church, which would later come to be known as Westminster Presbyterian Church, held its first service on February 4, 1962, at the Independence Park Community Building. Eighty individuals were in attendance while thirty-three children met at the town hall for Sunday School. The congregation then began holding services at Munster Christian Reformed Church under the leadership and guidance of its first pastor, Reverend Gerald Gregg. During its early years, Westminster's membership continued to grow, and the congregation soon purchased five acres of land on the corner of Elliott Drive and Columbia Avenue, the location that would become its permanent home. Westminster's first service at the new building took place on Palm Sunday, April 11, 1965.

Westminster's second pastor, Reverend Richard Rogers, arrived in January of 1979 and would remain in this capacity for nearly thirty years. During his extraordinary tenure, the membership experienced immense growth, additional Sunday worship services, and began to televise services. Eventually, in the mid-1990s, Westminster would make the decision to replace its building, while keeping its original sanctuary, in order to accommodate its growing needs.

A beacon of hope in the community, Westminster Presbyterian Church has been dedicated to charitable efforts within Northwest Indiana and beyond. Throughout the years, the church has graciously supported local organizations including Habitat for Humanity, Greater Hammond Community Services, the Samaritan Center, Sojourner Truth House, and Northwest Indiana Veterans Village, among others. Westminster's members have also selflessly dedicated their time and efforts to feeding the homeless in their communities and providing blankets and winter clothing items for schools and relief organizations. Globally, the church's mission has directly improved the lives of countless individuals through its support of organizations including Heart for Africa, Living Waters, and Malawi Matters, as well through its commitment to aiding those impacted by the devastating Haitian earthquakes of 2010.

Despite the challenges in recent years caused by the COVID pandemic, Westminster Presbyterian Church has continued to thrive and is currently led by Reverend Angela Ryo. The church's outstanding musical programs have been a source of pride for the community, and its Christian educational programs, which are offered for children, teens, and adults, have been essential to its members. Westminster Presbyterian Church is truly a congregation worthy of emulation.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Westminster Presbyterian Church, of Munster, Indiana, on its special milestone. For the past sixty years, it has served as an exceptional partner in the Northwest Indiana community. The members and church leaders have dedicated them-

selves to serving others, especially those most in need, and they are an inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MT. VERNON MEMORIAL GARDENS CEMETERY

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Mt. Vernon Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

The cemetery was acquired by Gene and Betty Wells in 1952. In 1967, their daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Eugene Stanford, acquired and placed 25 flags to honor our heroes in uniform laid to rest in the cemetery. Over the years, they also began placing homemade crosses bearing the names of each veteran interred there. Earlier this year, the Stanfords and their staff set up an avenue of 419 flags and 1,200 crosses to represent every veteran laid to rest at Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

In 2019, a local citizen encouraged Memorial Gardens to participate in the Wreaths Across America program. Since then, the Mt. Vernon community comes out to the cemetery every year to place small flags at the marker of each veteran ahead of Veterans' Day. When the wreaths arrive in December, the community uses those flags to easily identify which graves bear the heroes from the Mt. Vernon area who served our nation.

I also want to recognize the Stanfords' daughter, Lieutenant Colonel Samantha Stanford, who answered the call to serve on September 11, 2001. Twenty-one years later, she continues to patriotically serve our nation in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Stanfords' efforts to keep the memory of generations of servicemembers alive and for the important role they've played in providing a place of comfort for grieving Southern Illinois families.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF MUNFORD

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Town of Munford on their 20th anniversary.

In the latter part of 1999 and early 2000, the citizens of the Community of Munford, Alabama, located in the northern portion of Talladega County, began a campaign to incorporate the community. One of the main purposes for incorporating was to separate itself from the City of Oxford, which was rapidly expanding and moving closer and closer to Munford.

In August of 2002, an election was held, and the Town of Munford was incorporated with a population of 1,508. The newly elected mayor and five council members took office in November of that year. Now Munford was in control of its own growth.

Munford has a very strong Water Board and Volunteer Fire Department to serve the area. The town also has a brand new middle school and high school and a new elementary school. The future looks bright for this great small town.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Town of Munford on their 20th anniversary.

COST ESTIMATE FOR H.R. 5641, THE SPEED RECOVERY ACT

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office for H.R. 5641, the SPEED Recovery Act. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the Committee report filing.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, August 22, 2022.

Hon. GARY PETERS,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs, U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 5641, the SPEED Recovery Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Jon Sperl.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 5641, SPEED RECOVERY ACT—AUGUST 3, 2022

(By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars)

	2022	2022–2027	2022–2032
Direct Spending (Outlays) ..	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	1	*

* = not estimated.

Mandate Effects:

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? No.

Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2033? No.

Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.

Contains private-sector mandate? No.

H.R. 5641 would codify a final rule issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in August 2022 that allows more disaster relief projects to qualify as small projects and thus be approved for federal assistance under a simplified review process. That rule increased the upper monetary threshold for small projects from \$139,800 to \$1 million. Projects under the threshold are approved for assistance based on estimated costs rather than on the actual costs of projects and are typically approved for assistance more quickly.

Because H.R. 5641 would codify an existing regulation, CBO estimates that enacting the provision related to a higher threshold for small projects would not affect the budget, relative to current law.

In addition, within three years of enactment, H.R. 5641 would require the inspector