

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
JAMES “J” BOBO

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of James “J” Bobo. James is a senior at Indian Land High School and currently serves as the President of the South Carolina Society of the Children of the American Revolution, the oldest patriotic youth organization in the Nation.

Children of the American Revolution was founded in 1895 and trains civic-minded citizens, develops strong leaders, and promotes a love of our great Nation. As part of his role in the society, James participates in community service projects and learns about his American heritage. He also organized a state project called “Finding Fields of Freedom” which supports learning about lesser-known battles and conflicts that took place in South Carolina during the American Revolutionary War.

Many of these lesser-known battles rallied support for the Patriot cause and served as important steppingstones to the Patriot victories that secured our Nation’s independence. The courageous men who fought in these battles deserve to be remembered and recognized. In addition to sharing and preserving these important stories, James is also raising funds to erect historical markers at some of these American Revolution battlefields such as Rugeley’s Mill and Fort Galphin. He is on track to raise enough funds to erect at least three historical markers.

James’ leadership in the Children of the American Revolution organization and his dedication to this project has taught countless others about our rich history and the role South Carolina played in the American Revolution. He rightly believes one of the best ways we can maintain our freedom is by telling the stories of the conflicts, skirmishes, and battles in which our brave patriots first fought for independence. On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, it is my most sincere pleasure to recognize James for his outstanding leadership and service to our state. I wish him the best of luck throughout his future endeavors, as I know he will continue to find great success in all that he does.

REMEMBERING DR. SYED
LATAFAT HUSAIN HAMZAVI

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible life of Dr. S. L. Husain Hamzavi, an influential resident of Michigan who passed away on January 15th. Dr. Hamzavi was proud to be the devoted husband of Aquela and loving father of Iftefat, Fasahat, and Asra. He will also be remembered by many as a caring healthcare provider, passionate academic, and noble servant to the community.

Syed Latafat Husain Hamzavi was born in Aurangabad, India in 1940. After earning a de-

gree from Nizam College, Syed Hamzavi attended Liaquat Medical School in Hyderabad, Pakistan, and then continued his education at the University of Glasgow in Scotland. At the University of Glasgow, Dr. Hamzavi earned his PhD, researching the usage of Zinc for the treatment of leg ulcers, and was trained in dermatology. He fondly recalled his time in Glasgow, sharing memories of how the British dermatology community embraced him despite the prevailing ethnic biases of the time.

In 1969, Dr. Hamzavi married Aquela. In 1977, the family moved to Detroit as one of the first South Asian and Muslim physicians to become an American Board of Dermatology-certified physician, working with Dr. Herman Pinkus to develop the Contact Dermatitis Unit. Dr. Hamzavi began his full-time academic practice at Wayne State University in 1980, and his commitment to the education of aspiring medical professionals persisted for decades thereafter. He and his wife were also the founders of Hamzavi Dermatology, growing the practice to include dozens of healthcare providers, across many locations in Southeast Michigan over the course of their careers and inspiring their children to pursue a career in the medical field. Those who knew him say that he cared deeply about his patients and staff alike, following his beloved Aquela’s lead in treating his staff like family.

Beyond the many significant contributions that Dr. Hamzavi made to the medical profession, he was also an active philanthropist and organization leader. His passion for education was further evidenced by his generous support of the Pinkus Chair and the Aronson lectureship at Wayne State University, The Henry Lim research Chair at Henry Ford Hospital, and multiple student scholarships at The University of Michigan, in addition to leading the weekend Islamic school activities at the IAGD mosque in Rochester, Michigan. Proud of his Indian and Pakistani heritage, Dr. Hamzavi served on the board of various cultural organizations such as APPNA, the Pakistani American Association, and was a member of the Indian medical group, AAPI. Dr. Hamzavi was a man of deep religious conviction who believed in an inclusive world. Leading by example, he was generous to all and always sought to improve himself.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Syed Latafat Husain Hamzavi will be truly missed by his family and all who knew him and benefitted from his many contributions to the community. His incredible legacy will continue to improve the lives of others for a long time to come, and we are truly grateful.

CONGRATULATING THE CALI-
FORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
LONG BEACH MOOT COURT PRO-
GRAM ON ITS NATIONAL CHAM-
PIONSHIP

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the California State University Long Beach (CSULB) Moot Court Program, which for the fifth time and second straight year has produced a national cham-

This year, over the January 21–23 weekend, CSULB Seniors Vaishalee Chaudhary and Marco Romero won the American Moot Court Association’s (AMCA) Oral Advocacy National Championship. This also makes CSULB one of just four public universities to win a national title for oral advocacy in AMCA’s 22-year history. This is CSULB’s second national championship in oral advocacy, putting the CSULB team in rarified company with only one other school having won more. CSULB is the only public university to advance to the national finals more than once and the only public university to win the national title for oral advocacy more than once. CSULB has been the national finals three times (third all-time) and to the national semifinals four times.

The competition, which was held on Zoom, featured 100 teams from schools in the United States and Canada. Chaudhary and Romero, the only team in AMCA history to win three regional tournaments, won five of five competitions in 2021–22 and went undefeated on the season. In addition to winning the national title for oral advocacy they finished 4th in the Nation in respondent written advocacy. They graduate as the most winning team in the CSULB Moot Court Program’s history.

During their run at the national championship, Chaudhary and Romero won eight rounds, including one against 12-time champion Patrick Henry College and three rounds against teams from the runners-up—the University of Chicago. Two other CSULB teams qualified for the national quarterfinals, giving CSULB three of the top eight teams in the Nation. The other quarterfinalists from the team were Aleece Hanson, Celeste Sanchez, Kelton Munch and Georgina Tierney.

In addition to the national win by Chaudhary and Romero this year, CSULB won a national oral advocacy title in 2003 and three written advocacy national titles in 2004, 2014, and 2021.

The tremendous success of the CSULB Moot Court Program in these competitions speaks volumes about the quality and leadership of the CSULB instructors, led by head coach Lewis Ringel, as well as the dedication and determination of the students in the program. Go Beach.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE
AND MEMORY OF BOBBY
CONTRERAS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to commemorate the life of Bobby Contreras and to pay tribute to his lasting legacy in Kansas City, Missouri. The world that Bobby Contreras has left is brighter, kinder, and more joyful because of the sixty-seven years of life that he shared with us. I am grateful to God for giving Bobby to his family and friends, and I am grateful to them for sharing Bobby with us.

Father. Grandfather. Union member. “DJ Bobby C.” Bobby Contreras was a man who seemed to be everywhere, both physically and spiritually. Somehow, all at one time, Bobby managed to be truly present—as an outgoing

coworker at Kansas City Power & Light and Aramco Steel; as a Board Member and volunteer at Fiesta Hispana; as a passionate member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1464; as a weekend DJ; and as an extraordinarily loving and playful father and grandfather. But Bobby was also spiritually pervasive. His light, his smile, his very presence could fill any room, any venue, and any party. Bobby instilled this light in his children, and despite his physical absence, his spirit will continue to be felt anywhere the two of them appear. Through the joy he spread, Bobby's presence could be felt throughout the community, and the reverberations of his life—a life well lived for nearly seven decades—will continue to be felt for years.

In all parts of his life, Bobby combined that vibrant presence with pure dedication. He was religious about Joseph's and Jackson's ballgames—both in attendance and in fervor. He kept every ticket, every recital program. He passionately campaigned to bring Tejano artists to Kansas City as a part of his lifelong effort to celebrate the Mexican American heritage he valued so deeply. He worked tirelessly to provide a better future for his children and grandchildren, blazing a path through an industry where few Hispanic individuals had trod before. He volunteered both inside and outside of his community. He brought his DJing skills from large gigs to backyard Bar-B-Ques, sharing with others his love for Kool & The Gang, Santana, and Jay Perez. His adventurous spirit was a vestige of his younger days, and like so many parts of Bobby's youth, it only grew more brilliant with age. Bringing together the adventurous and dedicated sides of his soul, Bobby charted a life course we should all hope to emulate.

The pain that accompanies the death of a loved one can be especially difficult for children to understand, and I can imagine how Joseph, Jackson, and Jada will be missing their grandfather's spontaneous visits and groovy tunes. I hope they know that he is still, and will always remain, just over their shoulders, right behind home plate, cheering them on. To Patrick and Jessica, as you witness your father trek up far beyond the "City of the Sun," I know you understand that he leaves you with an unmistakable guide to living life the right way. Today, he enters the "Land of 1000 Dances," and it will be a long time before we join him. But he's certainly left us with plenty of moves to practice.

Since I learned of Bobby's passing, I have been listening to the wonderful "living" play list you have been putting together of "DJ Bobby C" standards. One song in particular has stood out to me. I'm not sure why. I'm not sure if it's the bouncy accordion, the smooth, airy vocals, or its feeling of togetherness so sorely lacking in the world today. Regardless, I've been thinking about it all week. It's Track 12: Michael Salgado's 1994 song "Cruz De Madera" off the album *Nuevas Y Favoritas*. ". . . Cuando yo me muera," Salgado sings, "Yo no quiero lujos ni mesas de adobe/ No quiero una caja que valga millones/ Lo único que quiero es que canten canciones." Lo único que quiero es que canten canciones. I think we can swing that, don't you?

Madam Speaker, my prayers are with Bobby's family and friends as they adjust to this momentous loss. In death, Bobby has found peace in the arms of his parents and in the arms of God. I don't know what playlist he's

cooking up right now or how he plans to get Heaven on its feet tonight, but I do know there isn't a place in the universe Bobby couldn't make better. Like the speaker in Salgado's song, Bobby never asked much of anyone, but he did ask us to feel the music, let go of tomorrow, and dance along—for him, yes, but mostly for us. The pain of mortality may have dimmed the lights, but Bobby's party will go on forever.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHERIFF RON ANDERSON

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheriff Ron Anderson and congratulate him on his retirement as Cumberland County Sheriff.

For 44 years, Sheriff Anderson dedicated his life to serving the people of Cumberland County. Sheriff Anderson began his career as a uniformed corrections officer in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in 1977, and went on to serve with both the Newville Police Department, and North Middleton Police Department, before becoming Cumberland Counties Deputy Sheriff and later Sheriff. Throughout his time as a police officer and sheriff, Ron Anderson remained a cornerstone of the Cumberland County community.

Aside from his work in law enforcement he served as a criminal justice advisory board member to Cumberland—Perry Vocational Technical School; as a committee member for the Criminal Justice Subcommittee of the South-Central Task Force; and a representative to the Pennsylvania Association of Elected Officials for the Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association.

On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Sheriff Anderson on a well-earned retirement, and express our gratitude for his four decades of public service.

I thank Sheriff Ron Anderson for his tireless work to protect and serve our community.

IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION'S ESTABLISHED PROGRAM TO STIMULATE COMPETITIVE RESEARCH

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR). For decades, the EPSCoR program has been instrumental in supporting groundbreaking research and development in states that don't receive a majority of federal science funding. 28 states and territories benefit from this program, including my home state of Kansas.

Nationwide, EPSCoR has inspired a generation of STEM professionals and created new opportunities for student researchers to succeed. Through its most recent award, the Kan-

sas EPSCoR program has been researching microbiomes in our water, plants, and soil to enable more sustainable food production and lasting ecosystem protections. This federal funding has also allowed recipients to launch an internship program, a summer course for high school teachers, and more. From the University of Kansas to Haskell Indian Nations University, students and faculty that benefit from EPSCoR will help ensure that the United States leads well into the future when it comes to science, sustainability, and life-saving research.

As the House and Senate consider legislation to make our nation more competitive, bolster our supply chains, and boost domestic manufacturing, I urge the inclusion of robust funding for the EPSCoR program. In 2020, EPSCoR states received just \$190 million in federal funding—only two percent of the NSF's budget. Increasing dedicated EPSCoR funding to 20 percent of the NSF's budget, along with the large investments in research and development we are considering, will spur innovation in underserved communities without sacrificing support to states that have historically received high amounts of federal science funding.

Student researchers in Kansas and other smaller states have so much to offer. I urge my colleagues to continue supporting them, their work, and the EPSCoR program with increased dedicated funding in the America COMPETES Act.

HONORING BEACON HILL VILLAGE'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Beacon Hill Village in Boston. It's an anniversary with significance for the whole Nation and they are to be congratulated on reaching this special milestone.

Madam Speaker, Beacon Hill Village was created by, and for, neighbors determined to continue to thrive and grow in the neighborhood they loved, as they aged. There was no ready model when they began. A core goal of Beacon Hill Village members was living active, independent, and healthy lives. There is not much choice about growing old, but there are choices about where and how to do so. The Village offers those choices to its members and so much more, including maintaining and enhancing quality of life, providing peace of mind, enabling purposeful lives, and helping to navigate the transitions of growing older.

From its start in 2002 Beacon Hill Village has spawned a movement that continues to spread across the U.S. and in other countries. Today there are 263 open and 70 developing Villages serving thousands of older adults from major cities to small, rural communities. These Villages are all across the nation—in 43 states and the District of Columbia—and in four countries abroad. While many Villages were formed through grass roots efforts led by a few passionate people, Villages have also grown from faith-based groups, social service partnerships, and through existing community service organizations.