

While this bill represents a critically important step forward, there are additional Russian entities (and names representing the leadership ranks within those entities) that, while not included in this legislation, warrant close attention by the Administration as well. I believe a particular focus on the Russian financial sector is warranted, and that government agencies in the sector play an integral role in financing Russia's war in Ukraine.

One specific government agency worthy of sanctions is the Russian DIA, or the Russian Depositary Insurance Agency, which I, along with Congressman JOHN CURTIS, brought to the Administration's attention earlier this year.

The DIA, established in 2004, is a Russian state-owned corporation, controlled by a board dominated by officials from the (now sanctioned) Central Bank of Russia. In its official capacity, the DIA operates the national deposit insurance system for Russian banks and acts as the sole authorized bankruptcy administrator of financial institutions deemed insolvent in Russia.

Hiding behind this innocuous role, however, the DIA leads Kremlin-directed efforts to nationalize the assets of Russian financial institutions, funneling the assets of privately owned businesses to now-sanctioned Russian state banks such as Sberbank, VTB and Gazprombank. I have been made aware that many of the businesses that the DIA targets on behalf of the Central Bank of Russia are owned by individuals who have been blacklisted as political targets of the Russian state and lack sufficient political protection from these kinds of schemes.

The CEO of the DIA, Andrey Melnikov, was sanctioned by the United States in 2017 for his role as Minister of Economic Development of the Russian-occupied territory of Crimea, following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Mr. Melnikov was re-sanctioned by the Treasury Department just last week, for his role at the DIA, as well. Other members of the DIA's legal team (such as Andrey Pavlov) have been sanctioned under the Magnitsky Act for their key roles in attacking Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny and his supporters in Russia and abroad, often using abusive lawsuits and court proceedings around the world to pressure them into abandoning their support for democratic change and rule-of-law in Russia.

By taking actions to target the DIA directly, the U.S. government can play a key role in cutting off Russia's long arm of oppression abroad and limit Putin's ability to fund his war chest. Sanctioning the DIA will not only hamper its ability to expropriate assets from privately held Russian financial businesses, but also help defend brave Russian dissidents and opponents of Putin abroad from predatory attacks by law firms in the employ of the DIA.

Individuals in leadership positions in the DIA, who I believe that, along with Director Melnikov, should be reviewed for the future imposition of sanctions include:

Filatova, Maria Vladislavovna, First Deputy General Director of the DIA

Dolgoleva, Olga Viktorovna, Deputy General Director of the DIA

Dolenko, Veronika Viktorovna, Acting Financial Director

Morozov, Oleg Borisovich, Deputy General Director of the DIA

Popelyukh, Alexander Anatolievich, Deputy General Director of the DIA

Savchenko, Sergey Mikhaylovich, Deputy General Director of the DIA

Fedorova, Natalia Vladimirovna, Deputy General Director of the DIA

I am hopeful that the Senate, in future action on companion legislation now pending in the body, can review these names with an eye toward adding them to the Senate bill. I also hope the Senate will consider adding the DIA itself to the pending legislation. Doing both can take direct aim at the ability of the DIA and its leadership to advance Putin's schemes, his war in Ukraine and his attacks on all those who dare stand up and oppose him.

**HONORING COUNCILWOMAN RYSHEEMA DIXON—FORMER WILMINGTON CITY COUNCILWOMAN AND ENTREPRENEUR**

**HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2022*

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor and commemorate the life of former Wilmington City Councilwoman Rysheema Dixon. We lost Councilwoman Dixon unexpectedly and far too soon on September 16, 2022. During her 35 years of life, she demonstrated exceptional leadership, entrepreneurship, and dedication to public service. The people of Delaware, myself included, will profoundly miss Councilwoman Dixon and her inimitable spirit.

Councilwoman Dixon was born in Philadelphia and moved to Wilmington, Delaware, at the age of 15. After graduating from the University of Delaware in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in Sociology, she began her career by serving two terms with Public Allies Delaware. Public Allies, an AmeriCorps program at the University of Delaware's Center for Community Research and Service, recruits and trains emerging leaders with a passion for social justice and impact. In 2013, Councilwoman Dixon furthered her education, earning her master's degree from the University of Delaware. She would later return to her alma mater as an educator, to share the knowledge she had gained with the next generation of students, serving as a professor of social entrepreneurship.

Councilwoman Dixon was a true public servant. As the first Black woman and youngest candidate to win an at-large Wilmington City Council seat, she was an exceptional and tireless advocate for her community. During her time in office, she established a legacy of inclusion, creative policymaking, and fearlessness. Notably, Councilwoman Dixon served as Chair of the Community Development & Urban Planning Committee, Chair of the Health, Aging, & Disabilities Committee, and Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Among her significant legislative accomplishments was the launch of Wilmington's first disparity study which would help ensure Wilmington City government used its purchasing power fairly and equitably. She also sponsored legislation promoting sex education, consent, and reproductive health.

In addition to her years of direct public service, I must also mention Councilwoman Dixon's entrepreneurial prowess and talents in

business. In 2011, she founded RD Innovative Planning, now called RD Innovative Solutions. The organization aims to educate and support individuals advocating for more equitable access to affordable services and resources. With issues spanning from health care to nutrition, education, youth development, and beyond, RD Innovative Solutions offers support and advice. Councilwoman Dixon remained the Chief Executive Officer until her untimely passing.

Councilwoman Dixon also served as Executive Director of Delaware Pathways to Apprenticeship which helps individuals from low-income communities attain apprenticeships and sets them up for future success. The program serves particularly vulnerable groups including formerly incarcerated people, those on public assistance, and Delawareans living in public housing. This year, Councilwoman Dixon launched a Global Social Entrepreneurship program in Liberia to reach young people across the world.

I know I am in the company of so many Delawareans in my grief at Councilwoman Dixon's passing. She was a singular force in the First State and in our world, and we will never forget her kindness, tenacity, compassion, and service. I extend my deepest condolences to Councilwoman Dixon's parents and loved ones. Councilwoman Rysheema Dixon made a true difference in Delaware and beyond, and I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to know her. She will be missed and remembered forever.

**MAYOR FANUCCI**

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2022*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of my friend, Mayor Anthony Fanucci. Mayor Fanucci is currently serving his second term as the mayor of the city of Vineland, South Jersey. Prior to becoming mayor, he served a single term as City Council President and was a two-term member on the Vineland Board of Education. Mayor Fanucci is also the owner of two successful businesses, A.R. Fanucci Insurance and A.R. Fanucci Real Estate. In addition, he serves on the New Jersey Conference of Mayors Board of Directors, as well as the Executive Board of the New Jersey League of Municipalities. Mayor Fanucci has left a very positive impact on South Jersey and has received several well-deserved awards for doing so. These awards include the Spirit of Achievement Award from the Italian Cultural Foundation of South Jersey, the Teach Anti-Bullying Community Award, the Greater Vineland NAACP Unit 2115 Community Award, and the Cultural Award from the St. Augustine Prep Hall of Fame. In his free time, Mayor Fanucci is a very active alumnus of St. Augustine Prep. He volunteers as a mentor and career counselor to local students, as well as aids student athletes by coaching sports teams and providing sponsorships. Mayor Fanucci has truly made such a positive impact on the South Jersey community, and I am so proud to call him a friend of mine. God Bless Mayor Fanucci and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANN  
McGUINNESS

## HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of an extraordinary woman's rights leader and advocate, Ann McGuiness, of Selkirk, New York. Ann passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on August 3, 2022, following an aggressive, and courageous battle with cancer. Ann's life and achievements will be celebrated and remembered on September 28, 2022, in Washington, DC, where she did so much work to advance privacy rights and delivery of women's health care based on science and medicine.

Born in 1957 and raised in Newington, Connecticut, to Edward and Catherine McGuiness, Ann's life was initiated and guided by her Connecticut origins. Her proud, Connecticut-Catholic upbringing—and with it an instilled affinity for social justice—was reinforced by her earning a political science degree from the College of St. Joseph in West Hartford, Connecticut. By that point, through her tenacious demeanor, she had already discovered what would ultimately grow into her life-long passion: advocating for women's reproductive rights.

Her tireless advocacy and passion can be observed in every step of her life's story—no matter what Ann was doing, she always tied it back to advancing equal rights for women. The earliest stage of her career prior to obtaining a master's in public administration from Columbia University, was with the National Women's Political Caucus. She continued her political advocacy by campaigning on Tim Wirth's campaign for Senate. Upon then Senator Wirth's successful electoral bid, Ann, equipped with her experience and passion, made a career transition to work for NARAL Pro-Choice in 1987, a mission which she remained dedicated to for 17 years. Madam Speaker, I had the privilege of knowing Ann personally, particularly in her earliest years of political activism. She was very bright, very principled and had a great sense of humor. Her husband and soul mate William "Chip" Reynolds was a perfect match and they supported each other's social activism as well as their commitment to growing and raising a beautiful family.

Having built up roughly two decades of experience and a network in reproductive rights advocacy, Ann transitioned her career again in 2006, this time lending her unmatched expertise to Planned Parenthood's fundraising arm. She approached her senior role at Planned Parenthood with the same sense of ferocity that she brought to every other project. What caused her to be most successful in her role, however, was her penchant for connecting with young people and her steadfast belief in affording reproductive rights for all that energized her to pour limitless energy into the mission. Relentless in her pursuits to ensure equal access to reproductive rights, Ann left Planned Parenthood in 2018, working to form the Contraceptive Access Initiative in 2020—an effort which was purposed towards ensuring contraceptives were available to women without barriers.

Madam Speaker, we have all come to know Ann McGuiness as a champion of community,

inspiring and convincing others to become philanthropists and donate hundreds of millions of dollars toward a cause fundamentally important to her and the lives of women across the country. We would be hard-pressed to find an example of someone more unwavering in their commitment to a cause. Of her critical work, nothing may have been more important to Ann than mentoring and recruiting youth on the issue of reproductive rights. For, over the decades, Ann McGuiness had not only solidified the legacy and strength of a post-Roe America, but has now undoubtedly inspired brigades of activists to carry the torch, as we collectively fight to not just regain, but expand even further women's reproductive rights. This legacy will hopefully provide solace for the loss her husband, Chip Reynolds, children Nora Reynolds and Nicholas Reynolds and siblings, Patrick McGuiness, Timothy McGuiness and Mary Kate Hallisey have and will endure. Those of us in public office can and should contribute to that effort to honor her memory. To that end, Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Ann McGuiness.

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SUPPORTING H.R. 8542—MENTAL  
HEALTH JUSTICE ACT OF 2022;  
H.R. 6448—INVEST AND PROTECT  
ACT OF 2022; H.R. 4118—BREAK  
THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE ACT;  
AND H.R. 5768—VICTIM ACT OF  
2022

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## HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the four public safety bills that the House is considering today.

Crime, and in particular gun violence, continues to be a major problem affecting every community in our country. The annual cost of gun violence alone is more than \$280 billion.

This Congress has already taken the most significant action in 30 years with the enactment of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act to reduce gun violence.

Today, we take another step forward to strengthen public safety by passing four bills that will keep our communities safer.

Together the bills will save lives by increasing grants for police training and recruitment for small police departments which often lack the resources they need.

They will fund the deployment of mental health crisis response units and evidence-based community violence intervention programs—two strategies that have been used very successfully in my district.

And they will provide funding so local law enforcement can solve homicide and non-fatal shootings.

I would like to thank Representatives HORSFORD, DEMINGS, GOTTHEIMER, and PORTER for their leadership on these bills.

I urge my colleagues to put party over politics and vote YES on each of the public safety bills being considered today to reduce crime and save lives.

HOMETOWN HERO—LAWRENCE  
THORNS

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## HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lawrence Thorns as our Texas-24 Hometown Hero of the week. Lawrence is a North Texan who has gone above and beyond to ensure the next generation of Texans are equipped with the necessary tools for greatness.

Lawrence is a hard worker in his community, especially with his local church—Forest Hill Church of Christ. His work in his church community has directly impacted the lives of North Texas students.

Since 2016, Lawrence has been supplying back to school supplies for local schools and shelters, ensuring the students have everything they need to pursue an education and achieve their dreams. This year alone, Lawrence supplied over 230 bags of school supplies to students.

On behalf of our entire community, I'd like to thank Lawrence for his selfless dedication to the next generation. I look forward to seeing the impact his work will have on our students.

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HONORING STEPHANIE BAPTIST

## HON. DARIN LaHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Mr. LaHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Stephanie Baptist, a district staff member of mine who runs and manages the Jacksonville office for the 18th District of Illinois.

Since coming to Congress, my office has prided itself on providing top-notch constituent services with four offices in our 19-county district. We all know this would not be possible without great staff in our districts, helping constituents with casework and being the front line of communication with our communities while we are here in Washington, D.C.

For the 18th District of Illinois, which includes many rural areas in central and west central Illinois, this is extremely important with long distances between towns and cities. In Stephanie's case, she manages our Jacksonville office by herself. Stephanie joined the office several years back, replacing Barb Baker, a longtime community advocate and a staff member who sadly passed away. To say Stephanie had big shoes to fill after Barb would be an understatement; however, she filled them incredibly well.

Stephanie served with professionalism and an unmatched dedication to the community, particularly during the extraordinary times that we have faced over the past two and a half years during the COVID-19 pandemic. Stephanie served as the point person for our office on IRS casework and SBA issues over the last several years, which was not easy given the challenges our communities faced. Throughout it all, Stephanie handled her work with grace, compassion, and resilience.

Sadly, because of our redistricting in Illinois, our Congressional District will no longer have Jacksonville and our office downtown.