

Jeff will be remembered as a loving father, husband and son. Whether it was serving as pit crew to his father LeRoy in local demolition derbies or being the number-one fan at his kids' sports games. Jeff's happiest moments were by his family's side.

We offer our deepest condolences to Jeff's family, friends and colleagues. May his memory bring them comfort during this challenging time.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EISNER MEMORIAL RED BANK PUBLIC LIBRARY

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 8, 2023*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate the Eisner Memorial Red Bank Public Library as its administration, Board of Trustees, volunteers, and community members gather to kick off the commemoration of its 100th anniversary. The Red Bank Public Library has been an integral part of the local community since its establishment and continues to uphold its mission to provide residents with an inclusive environment to learn and gather.

Although the community had a library since 1878, patrons were charged a subscription fee by the institution, and were restricted to borrowing one book at a time. In 1923, residents voted to create a free public library—no longer limiting access to those who could afford it—and on January 2, 1924, the Borough took control of the assets in this endeavor. Today, the library is a member of the Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium, significantly expanding its circulation materials and accessibility.

Throughout its history, the Eisner Memorial Red Bank Public Library has supported and been supported by the community. Sigmund Eisner was a prominent Red Bank resident and longtime benefactor of the library. The library's current location is the former Eisner residence, which was gifted to the library by his sons. The family continues to support the library today.

The Eisner Memorial Red Bank Public Library maintains outstanding resources and accessibility for its patrons. Over the years, the library has expanded its collection and offerings. It has evolved with technology and the changing needs of its visitors and pivoted during the COVID-19 pandemic to still meet the needs of the community while observing health protocols and precautions.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in marking the 100th anniversary of the Eisner Memorial Red Bank Public Library. Its continued service to the community is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 8, 2023*

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to local and

state elections in my district, and I regret missing the votes on the Amendments to H.R. 4820, Making Appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, HUD, an related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted nay on Roll Call No. 613; yea on Roll Call No. 614; nay on Roll Call No. 615; nay on Roll Call No. 617; nay on Roll Call No. 618; yea on Roll Call No. 619; and nay on Roll Call No. 620.

ADDRESSING VOTES ON H. RES. 559, H.R. 340, H.R. 3774, AND H. RES. 798

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 8, 2023*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address my votes on bills passed through the House of Representatives under suspension of the Rules the week of October 30, 2023: H. Res. 559, H.R. 340, H.R. 3774, and H. Res. 798.

I voted no on H. Res. 559 because it contained language that could insinuate U.S. support for potential military action against Iran at a moment when de-escalation is necessary. This legislation was overly broad, and without an opportunity for proper debate on the House Floor, this bill has the potential to give license to the United States to use any means, including military action, against Iran without Congressional approval.

I voted no on H.R. 340, the Hamas International Financing Prevention Act, because it was intentionally amended to delay humanitarian aid to Gaza, where people are suffering without access to food, drinking water, fuel, and medical care. The United States has rightly designated Hamas as a terrorist organization since 1997—but holding Hamas accountable cannot come at the expense of Palestinian civilians living in Gaza, roughly 40 percent of which are under 14 years of age. This is dangerous, as civilians must be protected under international law.

I voted no on H.R. 3774, the SHIP Act, because the bill contains overly broad language that would have serious impacts on the global economy and the U.S. economy as well. Sanctions are one of the most important and impactful diplomatic tools that we have in managing our relationships and security around the globe. The Executive Branch that administers them needs to be able to adjust and scale sanctions for them to be effective. The waiver within this bill provides the Executive with limited flexibility—rendering the waiver provision nearly unusable.

I voted yes on H. Res. 798 condemning the support of Hamas, Hezbollah, and other terrorist organizations at institutions of higher education because every student deserves a safe environment in which to learn and live. This resolution fails to mention the concurrent rise in anti-Muslim and anti-Arab hate. It is a glaring omission not to include other protected classes. Antisemitism and Islamophobia are on the rise in the U.S., and hatred in all its forms is unacceptable and must not be tolerated anywhere.

All people deserve safety and security, and the only sustainable path forward is one where

international human rights and international law are at the forefront and democratic ideals are upheld. Peace must remain our utmost goal in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT DANIEL J. SWIFT OF THE HORNELL POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR HIS SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

**HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 8, 2023*

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today and commemorate Sergeant Daniel J. Swift of Hornell, New York for his service and sacrifice to the City of Hornell. On October 24, 1973, Sergeant Swift was targeted and murdered by a young man who had stolen his father's car with the intention to wreak havoc within his community. At only 25 years old, Daniel was cruelly taken from our world: a world which he only sought to protect. His badge number—16—has been retired from use within the City of Hornell Police Department ever since.

On October 28, 2023, constituents of the Hornell community and greater Southern Tier assembled to view the unveiling of a memorial honoring Sergeant Swift, for his service and sacrifice to his community. While some choose to target and defame members of law enforcement because their presence in our lives, members of my district chose instead to rally around the memory of one of the many police officers who chose every day to leave the safety of their homes and families in order to protect all of ours.

I am honored to join the City of Hornell in recognizing Sergeant Daniel J. Swift for his service and dedication to the City of Hornell. May his memorial forever remind us of the vital role which our law enforcement officers play in protecting our communities and freedoms.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 8, 2023*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, due to the last minute House floor schedule changes, I had previously committed to an event in my home state of Florida which I could not miss, so I missed the vote on H. Res. 845. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 622.

HONORING THE CAPTAIN JAMES MCFARLAND AMERICAN LEGION POST 79

**HON. ANDY KIM**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 8, 2023*

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Captain James McFarland American Legion Post 79 in Burlington City as

they celebrate the 100th anniversary of the construction of the Post's building this Veterans Day.

After starting operations in 1919, both veterans and community members of Burlington City came together to erect the building that currently stands today. Originally constructed to honor those who bravely served our nation in World War I and completed in 1923, this weekend marks the Post's 100 years of service to our community and continued mission of honoring the service of our veterans. Named after Captain James McFarland, a resident of Burlington, who served as a medical doctor in the 113th Infantry during the first World War, his legacy lives on today in Post 79 and the veteran community that continues service to others by following in his footsteps.

While many community members locally know Post 79 for their success in maintaining a Drum and Bugle Corps and attending many local events and parades, the Post has also coordinated many efforts to connect our neighbors with crucial resources. From blood drives to their annual Thomas Ryan Scholarship for students, they have made an indelible impact on those around them. Now as an organization consisting of 55 members, Post 79 is undoubtedly an integral part of what makes our community thrive.

Beyond these first 100 years of service to our community, Post 79 is taking even more steps to honor our veterans' stories through establishing their Memorial Walkway. This will provide all families of veterans with a place to reflect and honor our servicemembers' sacrifice for many years to come.

This weekend as we honor both the 100th anniversary of Post 79 and Veterans Day, I wish our veteran community all the best in honoring this momentous occasion. I look forward to continuing to work to honor our veterans' memories for many more years to come.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 8, 2023*

Mr. D'ESPOSITO. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to participate in voting on the passage of H. Res. 845. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 622.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR. LARRY W. SWALES

### HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 8, 2023*

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Larry W. Swales, a vital member of our community in Rankin County, Mississippi. Currently serving our community as the Chancery Clerk of Rankin County since 2008, Mr. Swales is the only person to serve as president of both the Mississippi Association of Supervisors and Mississippi Chancery Clerks Association.

Mr. Larry Swales has been a vital part of his community for many years starting with his

membership since 1977 at the St. Mark's United Methodist Church. He has served as a lay delegate to the United Methodist Church Annual Conference and as an usher, as well as on various church committees through the years.

Mr. Swales is a dedicated Hinds Community College alumnus. Having graduated from Hinds Community College, he was the alumnus of the year in 1998, served on the foundation board, and was named one of the 100 people most passionate about Hinds Community College. Throughout his time, he has served in various other capacities at Hinds, including as a member of the Rankin Alumni Association and as President of the alumni association; and since 2023 he has served on the board of trustees.

As a Veteran of the United States Navy, Mr. Swales is a proud American. He has volunteered with the fire department and the Mississippi State Fire Academy in various roles, saving lives and gaining certificates in EMS, basic firefighting, and a certificate of appreciation for his role in aiding the people of Webster County in recovering from a courthouse fire.

His service continues with the Rankin County American Cancer Society, Rankin County Heart Association, Rankin County Rotary Club, Northwest Rankin High School Football Chain Gang, and other various organizations throughout Rankin County. In 2021 he was named the Citizen of the Year by the Junior Auxiliary of Rankin County.

While his community is important to him, more important is his relationship with his family. He has been married for 53 years to Linda and is the father of Josh Swales and Megan Rushing. Larry is also the loving grandfather of five grandchildren: Jackson, Aiden, Jake, Baker, and Remy.

Mr. Swales' service spans many years and many organizations, and I am proud to recognize his service in Rankin County and the state of Mississippi as he prepares to retire from public office.

#### HONORING MARY ANN GOSSETT MOORE'S LIFE AND LEGACY

### HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 8, 2023*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mary Ann Gossett Moore of Tyler, Texas. Mary Ann was born on March 26, 1926, in Troup, Texas and was later baptized and joined Big Springs Baptist Church in Blackjack, Texas. From an early age, Mary Ann had a quest for education and graduated from Troup High School, in Troup, Texas, and later was the second of her ten siblings to pursue a higher education degree.

Mary Ann would go on to spend two years at Texas College in Tyler, Texas, where she majored in Home Economics. Prior to college, Mary Ann worked alongside her siblings and parents in the cotton fields, where her grandfather owned several hundred acres of farmland.

Mary Ann would go on to marry Robert Moore Jr. for 50 years and have two children, Edward Don, and Della Marie. Mary Ann and her husband lived in North Tyler and were ac-

tive members of True Light Missionary Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas, where she served as president of the senior choir and the deaconess auxiliary, and was a trusted member of the Pastor's Aide Committee for over 35 years. She also dutifully worked for Trane Technologies (formerly General Electric) for 26 years, where she later retired.

As the Matriarch of the Moore family, Mary Ann, was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. She served her family with a steadfast commitment to her deep-rooted values of respect, hard work, and kindness. Mary Ann was also an avid baker and had a deep love for her church, serving as Church Mother until she departed this life.

I extend my prayers to all Mary Ann's loved ones during this time. May her memory be a blessing.

#### RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC SERVICE OF KADRI CAKRANI DURING THE HOLOCAUST

### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 8, 2023*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to recognize the humanitarian efforts of Albanian Commandant-General Kadri Cakrani.

On Saturday, November 11, 2023, the Albanian and Southeastern European Studies Program at DePaul University will host an event entitled, The Cakrani Family of Albania: Repairing the Fabric of History, that will honor the work of General Cakrani in protecting Jews during the Holocaust and advancing Democracy in Albania. Illinois is the home of many relatives of General Cakrani, including my constituents Elizabeth Cakrani Vrato, Evan Metaj, and Abigail Vrato—his granddaughter, great-great-grandson, and great-granddaughter, respectively.

During the German occupation of Albania, Commandant-General Cakrani led the protection of over 600 Jewish refugees and residents in the Berat region from Nazi capture during the Holocaust. At risk of death, General Cakrani lied to Nazi officials about the whereabouts of Jews hiding in Albania and guided efforts to shelter Jews in safe hiding locations, including his own home. His courage and leadership contributed to Albania being the only European country that ended World War II with more Jewish residents than at the start of the war. Further, General Cakrani sheltered three American Army nurses and secretly returned them to Allies after their plane crashed in Albania.

In 1951, General Cakrani moved to the United States after President Harry Truman granted him political asylum. He worked with the U.S. Intelligence to try to bring Democracy to Albania for the remainder of his life. The lives and safety of families and individuals depended on General Cakrani's silence about his efforts during his lifetime. The DePaul event is a step to recognize his humanitarian work during and after the war.

The Auschwitz Memorial Museum, the United States Holocaust Museum, the Illinois Holocaust Museum, the Jerusalem Post, and the Israel Hayom have all recognized General