

The pandemic has brought home this truth: none of us can truly remain well, while some of us are ill. Now it is time for Congress to fully commit to making sure the poorest in the insular areas are treated equitably.

I thank my colleagues who joined me in introducing this legislation—Ms. HOLMES NORTON, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. MOYLAN, Ms. RADEWAGEN, Ms. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. TORRES, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. TRONE, Mr. CASE, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. BONARNICI, Ms. MENG, Mr. GARCÍA, Ms. LEE, Ms. MOORE, Ms. NAPOLITANO, and Ms. CHU.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PHYLLIS  
FABER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 9, 2023*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Phyllis Faber, who passed away at the age of 95 on January 15, 2023. Instrumental to the conservation movement in Marin County and the state of California, Phyllis was a trailblazing environmentalist who leaves a legacy worthy of high commendation.

Born in New York City, Phyllis pursued a bachelor's degree in zoology from Mount Holyoke College and a master's degree in microbiology from Yale University. She eventually moved to Marin County in 1970, where she began her career as a wetlands biologist while teaching biology and natural history at the College of Marin. She became an effective advocate for wetlands restorations projects in the San Francisco Bay.

In 1980, Phyllis and Ellen Straus co-founded the Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT), the first land trust in the nation dedicated to protecting farmland. Leveraging a coalition of ranchers, environmentalists, and community leaders, MALT has since secured more than 55,000 acres in Marin County and invested more than \$1.8 million in projects aimed at improving and protecting the health of soil and water quality.

Phyllis was an active member of the California Native Plant Society, as well as editor of the organization's journal. During her membership, she was credited with improving the botanical literacy of elected officials and helped promote the preservation of native plants in legislation and public policy. Additionally, she served as a regional officer for the California Coastal Commission and as a trustee on the Buck Institute Board of Trustees.

Phyllis was known for her dedication, energy, and passionate advocacy for environmental stewardship. Without her efforts, Marin's landscape would be vastly different today. While she will be greatly missed, her legacy will live on through the preservation of Marin's natural beauty.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing my deep appreciation for Phyllis' pioneering and lasting work in conservation and extending condolences to Phyllis' family and many friends.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
MIKE DAVIS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 9, 2023*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to celebrate and recognize the extraordinary work of Lawman Mike Davis. His decades of dedication to Central Texas reflect the hard work and commitment of an admirable public servant.

A native Texan, boy scout, sheriff, and Marine, Mike, as both a law enforcement officer and district attorney has lived a life devoted to ideas and causes bigger than himself. As a former judge, I know firsthand the essential role police officers and district attorneys play in maintaining law and order. Despite the challenges, they carry on, strengthened by their resolve to protect and serve. Whether working to serve big cities or small towns, they help preserve our way of life and are the shields that guard us from those lost souls who wish harm to others.

While Mike isn't tired of the privilege of service he knows that everything has its season and the time has come to allow the next generation of leaders to take the stage. Stepping away from work won't give him much idle time as he remains a vital part of the Central Texas community and will spend more time with his beloved wife Debbie and their family.

Retirement is meant to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but the beginning of a new adventure. It is my honor to recognize the selfless service of Mike Davis as he starts this new chapter of his life. On behalf of Central Texas, I thank him for his superb work and wish him the very best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHY E. MANNING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 9, 2023*

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I was unavoidably detained and missed Roll Call No. 111. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 111.

OPPOSITION TO H.J. RES. 24 AND  
H.J. RES. 26

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 9, 2023*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.J. Res. 24 and H.J. Res. 26 which would nullify legislation enacted by the D.C. Council.

Our constituents did not elect us to get involved in the local politics of our nation's capital city. Yet, House Republicans think it's appropriate to waste Congress's time to weigh in on D.C. politics instead of getting to work for the American people to cap insulin costs for everyone, make the wealthiest and the biggest corporations pay their fair share in taxes, or strengthen Social Security and Medicare.

The topic of H.J. Res. 26 is a dispute between the Mayor of D.C. and the D.C. Council, and Congress should not be involved. Congress does not have the authority to pass such a resolution for Minnesota or any other state—a power it would not have over D.C. and its 700,000 residents if it was rightly granted statehood.

Mr. Speaker, it is telling that a month into the 118th Congress, House Republicans have nothing to offer the American public but to waste their time with political stunts like this. It should be rejected.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 9, 2023*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, due to family medical leave, I was not in Washington, D.C. on February 6 through February 9.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YEA on Roll Call No. 107; NAY on Roll Call No. 108; NAY on Roll Call No. 109; YEA on Roll Call No. 110; YEA on Roll Call No. 111; YEA on Roll Call No. 112; YEA on Roll Call No. 113; YEA on Roll Call No. 114; YEA on Roll Call No. 115; NAY on Roll Call No. 116; YEA on Roll Call No. 117; NAY on Roll Call No. 118; and NAY on Roll Call No. 119.

HONORING THE BRIGHTON HIGH  
SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CLASS OF  
2023

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 9, 2023*

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a group of motivated students in Livingston County who have a few things to teach the adults in the room. The Brighton High School Leadership Class of 2023 represents not just some of the best and brightest students in the great state of Michigan, but a group that gives me so much hope for the future because of the way they have dedicated themselves to improving the world around them.

While this class takes on many projects and endeavors, today I would like to highlight one in particular. Every year in October, the Leadership Class takes on the planning and execution of a weeklong fundraiser to support the local cancer center. But to call this a simple fundraiser does not encompass the scope of the endeavor. "Pink Week" is a citywide engagement initiative designed to unite the community around a common cause, and it's entirely student-led.

At the start of the week, BHS students paint downtown Brighton pink with spirit, covering store fronts, businesses and restaurants with pink ribbons and supportive messages. The days that follow are a flurry of pastel activity at the high school, including daily baked goods and t-shirt sales, face painting, driveway decorating, a 5K race, a vocal competition, a powder puff football game, and a traditional football game complete with a "Pink

Out” in the stands and an emotional Survivor Walk around the field. And it’s not just a high school activity—every building in the district takes part in Pink Week activities, and students solicit donations and prizes from the generous local business community. The Leadership Class organizes and executes all of this, under the guidance and direction of their teacher, Mrs. Kelly Armstrong, and with the support and backing of the administration, all while balancing challenging coursework, college applications, varsity sports, musical endeavors, part-time jobs, and the general ups and downs of high school life.

Pink Week is a cherished tradition in Brighton, annually bringing in thousands of dollars to support cancer treatment for local residents. But the class of 2023 broke all records, raising close to \$55,000 in a single week for the Trinity Health Cancer Center, located just a few miles from their high school.

Mr. Speaker, today’s high school seniors have had to navigate and overcome so much: the massive disruptions of a global pandemic, social and political upheaval, a mental health crisis, the very real threat of gun violence, and so many more obstacles than they should have had to face in just 18 years of life. And yet in Brighton, still they rise in the service of others. I submit that these students are not waiting to become the leaders of tomorrow; they are stepping up today. I applaud the extraordinary accomplishments of the Brighton High School Leadership Class of 2023. Long may they continue to lead the way.

**TERMINATING CDC REQUIREMENT  
FOR PROOF OF COVID-19 VAC-  
CINATION FOR FOREIGN TRAV-  
ELERS**

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 8, 2023*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 185) to terminate the requirement imposed by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for proof of COVID-19 vaccination for foreign travelers, and for other purposes:

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, I rise to provide remarks on H.R. 185, a bill House Republicans have brought to the Floor to revoke vaccine requirements for global travelers entering the United States. This legislation puts American health care at risk, flies in the face of settled science surrounding the COVID-19 vaccine and hinders America’s ability to adapt and respond to emerging variants.

The decision to revise or revoke our country’s public health guidance concerning COVID-19 vaccine requirements should rest in the hands of our public health experts—not Congress. Since the beginning of the pandemic, numerous variants of the virus originating in other countries have spread to the United States. The potential for new variants is a public health concern that is only elevated with increased travel of unvaccinated individuals.

With this bill, House Republicans have made themselves clear: they would prefer to play political games by misleading the Amer-

ican people about the efficacy of the vaccine instead of focusing on alleviating the stress on our hospitals, health care providers, and public health resources.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK  
OF EUGENE LEE**

**HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 9, 2023*

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, this week, we mourn the death of Eugene Lee, a celebrated and innovative set designer from Providence, Rhode Island.

Perhaps most widely known as production designer for Saturday Night Live, he was longest serving member of the show’s production staff, joining the team for the show’s debut in 1975. During his tenure, he created iconic sets including Wayne’s World, Putin’s office, and the More Cowbell recording studio.

He was also production designer for The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon from 2014–2018, creating the Manhattan skyline-inspired set, and for Late Night with Seth Meyers.

He is a three-time Tony Award winner for Broadway’s *Candide*, *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, and *Wicked* and was nominated for 18 Emmys, winning 6. His is also a three-time recipient of the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Set Design, and was presented with the Lucille Lortel Award, the Elliot Norton Award for Sustained Excellence, the Pell Award, and the DesignxRI Lifetime Achievement Award. He is an inductee of both the New York Theater Hall of Fame and the American Theatre Hall of Fame.

Eugene shared his talents with the Providence community as the resident designer at Trinity Repertory Company, and our arts community was proud and lucky to have him as a member.

Beyond his immeasurable talent, Eugene was a wonderful person, and I am grateful to have called him a friend.

My thoughts are with his wife Brooke, their sons Willie and Ted, his entire family and all of those who knew and loved him.

The world is a bit darker without his light. May he rest in peace.

**HONORING THE SCRIPPS HOWARD  
SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND  
COMMUNICATIONS AT HAMPTON  
UNIVERSITY ON ITS 20TH ANNI-  
VERSARY**

**HON. ROBERT C. “BOBBY” SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 9, 2023*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications at Hampton University on its 20th Anniversary.

The Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications was established in September 2002 to train students to become expert journalists and communicators and increase diversity within the industry. Hampton University is one of the nation’s top Historically

Black Colleges and Universities, and the Scripps Howard School continues the legacy of innovative higher education that is found at Hampton University.

The Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications hosts a wide variety of experiences to prepare students for their future journalistic pursuits. Housed in a 36,000 square foot building, the school offers students the ability to work in a broadcast studio, a radio station, and a television station with state-of-the-art editing equipment. Alumni of the school enter the workforce as talented journalists, holding positions at local and national news organizations. The Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications embodies the Hampton University motto: “The Standard for Excellence, An Education for Life.”

I want to thank Julia A. Wilson, the current Dean of the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications, for her dedication to the students of Hampton University. I also want to thank the prior deans Christopher Campbell, Tony Brown, Rosalynne Whitaker-Heck, Brett A. Pulley, and B. DaVida Plummer for their years of service.

Mr. Speaker, as the Hampton University community gathers this Friday to celebrate this momentous anniversary, I want to congratulate the students, faculty and alumni of the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications on 20 years of excellence and wish them many more years of success.

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF FRED  
ROGERS**

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 9, 2023*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. Fred Rogers, a fierce champion and advocate who helped guide the City of Aurora’s young people onto a path of success.

Mr. Rogers was the City of Aurora’s first ever youth services director, a role he held for 25 years. During his time, he directed the City of Lights Sports Tournament, the Aurora Sports Festival, Stepping Into the Arts Music Program, and several summer camps. He also coordinated several city events, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations.

Upon his retirement, Mr. Rogers was recognized with the creation of the Fred Rogers Community Center in 2009. He believed that our youth are essential for our community’s future success, and it is estimated that Mr. Roger’s advocacy work impacted the lives of more than 25,000 Aurora children. In 1996, he traveled as part of a group to meet with former Alabama Governor George Wallace to offer his forgiveness for the Governor’s racist views, which ultimately led to the Governor repenting his past remarks.

Fred Rogers always taught Aurora’s youth to work with compassion in order to be good and productive citizens. I am proud to represent Aurora, and I like many others, know that the incredible legacy left by Mr. Rogers on the City of Aurora will provide a blueprint for our youth and community for years to come.