

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 Rodgers 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, and many others, know that the incredible legacy left by Mr. Rodgers on the City of Aurora will provide a blueprint for our youth and community for years to come.

HONORING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF MORRISTOWN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 90th anniversary of Morristown National Historical Park as a unit of the National Park Service.

Morristown National Historical Park is a treasured part of New Jersey's Eleventh Congressional District and an important part of our nation's history. During the coldest winter of the Revolutionary War—from 1779 to 1780—George Washington and the Continental Army camped in Morristown, New Jersey. Centrally located between New York City and Philadelphia, Morristown was a strategic location for the Continental Army.

Recognizing the important history of the park, the 65th Congress established Morristown National Historical Park. It was signed into law by President Herbert Hoover on his last day of office, March 2, 1933. As a member of the 118th Congress, I am grateful for the work of my predecessors in making Morristown National Historical Park the first national historical park in the United States, marking the start of a robust national historical park system that has educated and enriched the lives of generations of Americans in the years since.

Today, whether walking, biking or joining guided tours, visitors to the park can experience our nation's history firsthand. Visitors can see where the troops built cabins for their encampment at Jockey Hollow or tour the Ford Mansion that served as George Washington's headquarters. Over its long history, the Morristown Historical Park has preserved the history of the Revolutionary War while providing countless memories for its visitors from NJ—11 and around the world.

With the 250th Anniversary of our Nation right around the corner, I look forward to gathering with my family and my fellow Americans to mark this historic milestone at the crossroads of the American Revolution—Morristown National Historical Park.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING: THE PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE ACT

HON. HAKEEM S. JEFFRIES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following statements from key individuals and organizations in support of the Richard L. Trumka Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act of 2023:

President Joe Biden: "A union is about working people having each other's backs, making sure you get the pay and benefits you deserve. That's how we rebuild the middle class. Employers aren't supposed to undermine that. The PRO Act will make sure your right to join one is protected. Pass it."

Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi: "The right of workers to organize is a basic right that improves working families' lives & strengthens our economy. Richard Trumka was a champion of this right. Proud to support the PRO Act named in his honor, which empowers workers to fight for fair wages, benefits & dignity."

President Liz Shuler, AFL-CIO: "The PRO Act is how we level the playing field. It is how we stop the intimidation, the lies. This is how we let workers, not wealthy corporations, decide for themselves if they want the power of a union."

AFL-CIO: "For too long, employers have been able to violate the NLRA with impunity, routinely denying working people our basic right to join with co-workers for fairness on the job. According to the Economic Policy Institute, more than 60 million workers wanted to join a union in 2022 but couldn't. As a result of this ongoing trend, the collective strength of workers to negotiate for better pay and benefits has eroded, and income inequality has reached levels we have not seen since the Great Depression. The PRO Act would restore the original intent of the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) that gave working people a voice on the job so we can negotiate for higher wages, better benefits, a safe workplace and protection against discrimination."

Communication Workers of America (CWA): "The PRO Act, just reintroduced in the House & Senate, is the most significant piece of pro-worker legislation we've seen in decades. We're not going to stop fighting until we get it passed."

AFSCME: "Change begins with the Richard Trumka Protecting the Right to Organize Act. This vital piece of legislation would hold union busters accountable and allow thousands of working people to experience the union difference. It would give them the opportunity for a true voice on the job, leading to fairer wages and safer workplaces. In a country with rampant wealth and income inequality, unions are a proven solution. This isn't just about economic justice; this is about democracy. Workers deserve the freedom to form strong unions and to use their voices at work without fear. We urge Congress to pass the PRO Act swiftly."

International Brotherhood of Teamsters: "More workers are forming unions than ever before and yet, we continue to face challenges around income inequality and rising healthcare prices. I corporations take advantage of workers in the name of maximizing profits. American workers need the PRO Act to solidify the gains they have made and to fight back against systemic inequalities."

United Steel Workers (USW): "With some of the most significant labor reforms the country has seen in over eighty-eight years,

the PRO Act targets loopholes in worker organizing laws. The legislation, should it become law, would help ensure companies fairly negotiate and are held accountable during the collective bargaining process. It also protects the achievements of newly organized workers by establishing a much needed process for first contract between companies and newly certified unions, allowing for mediation, and when necessary, binding arbitration. When workers choose to use systems set up by our government that allow for a voice at the job, they should work in a timely and efficient manner. The PRO Act will reestablish that pact between Government, employer, and worker."

National Nurses United (NNU): "Across the country, nurses have been subject to intimidation and retaliation from their employers because of their efforts to unionize. The PRO Act would provide critical protections for nurses who want to organize collectively and, in turn, would help improve patient care. The dire need for this legislation has been made all the clearer during this pandemic. Due to employer neglect, nurses have been forced to struggle together for the most basic safety protections at their hospitals and clinics. Union organizing has led to improvements in infectious disease protocols, staffing levels, workplace violence prevention programs, and safe patient handling programs, all of which directly improve patient care."

American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE): "With the re-introduction of the PRO Act, members of Congress face a choice. Legislators can stand with American workers whose legal rights are being trampled by private employers to the detriment of the nation. Or they can stand with the ultrawealthy elites whose status depends on the continued oppression and exploitation of working-class Americans."

United Automobile Workers (UAW): "For too long, employers have been able to violate the law with little consequence, routinely denying working people their basic right to join with coworkers and have a voice in the workplace. Time and time again, workers have fought for a union only to be met with coercion, retaliation, and intimidation by employers seeking to prevent workers from exercising their fundamental rights such as illegally firing workers, holding captive audience meetings, and threatening to close plants. The PRO Act would address these and other impediments. UAW urges Congress to pass the Richard L. Trumka PRO Act and send it to President Biden's desk for signature."

House Labor Caucus: "We are proud to support the Richard L. Trumka Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act. This critical, bipartisan legislation will ensure all workers have the right to organize and collectively raise their voices for dignity and respect. The PRO Act would reverse decades of anti-union policies, strengthening the labor movement. It empowers workers to join a union, holds companies accountable for obstructing unionization efforts by creating enforceable penalties, and ensures free and fair union elections. This bill will help make sure every worker that wants to join a union can. Union membership is an essential pathway to the middle class and with the PRO Act, we can ensure every worker's rights are protected."

Unemployed Workers United: "Thanks to Rep. Bobby Scott and Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick for standing with workers to introduce the PRO Act in Congress Standing up for working people is not a Democratic or Republican issue—it is an American issue."

Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA): "The PRO Act would empower millions of Americans by strengthening protections for workers who choose to

join a union and bargain for higher wages, better benefits, and safer working conditions. Too often when workers join with co-workers to form a union, employers work against them in every way possible—from retaliation and dismissal to bad faith bargaining. The PRO Act will level the playing field for America's working men and women. LIUNA urges Congress to pass this important legislation."

RECOGNIZING WAYNE EVANS

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Wayne Evans who will receive the Saint David's Society of Lackawanna County President's Award for outstanding contribution to Welsh heritage in Northeastern Pennsylvania. He will be honored at the organization's 130th annual gathering on March 4, 2023.

Wayne grew up in Scranton, Pennsylvania and graduated from Scranton Central High School. He continued his academic career at Penn State University. He spent much of his professional career working for Verizon Communications as an engineer. Following his retirement from Verizon, he started Wayne Evans Realty in Scranton.

In addition to his professional pursuits, Wayne has been a lifelong dedicated community volunteer. He has served as the president of the Greater Scranton Board of Realtors and the Architectural Heritage Association. Wayne is passionate about uplifting his beloved hometown and has dedicated significant time and effort to serving his community and fellow citizens. He was president of the South Scranton Residents Association and a member of both the Ethics Board and the Historic and Architectural Review Board for the City of Scranton. He served as the finance chair of Scranton City Council from 2014 to 2019, and he held the title of mayor in 2019. Additionally, he was appointed to the Judicial Conduct Review Board for the Commonwealth by former governor, Tom Wolf.

Wayne's dedication to his community and fellow citizens also earned him positions on the boards of a diverse group of organizations. He sits on the boards of Keystone College, Howard Gardner Multiple Intelligence Charter School, Scranton Tomorrow, NeighborWorks of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and the Scranton Lackawanna Industrial Building Company (SLIBCO). He is also vice president of the St. David's Society, and no one celebrates Welsh heritage, history, and culture with more enthusiasm than Wayne.

Wayne and his wife Nancy have 4 sons, Kyle, Morgan, Christian and Jeremy and 7 grandchildren.

I'm honored to join with the St. David's Society of Lackawanna County to celebrate Wayne's unparalleled contributions to his community and his promotion of Welsh heritage in our region. May he continue to find fulfillment and purpose by serving others.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF NADINE GERBER

HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional member of the Olympia, Washington community. I would like to recognize Nadine Gerber's distinguished service and dedication to the success of our students.

Nadine Gerber is the President of the McLane Elementary School's Parent, Teacher and Student Organization, or the PTSO. Intended to be inclusive of all members of the McLane Elementary community, the PTSO has made it its mission to enhance learning experiences for students, aid teachers, and support families as this Olympia school re-emerges from the pandemic.

One of the group's greatest achievements has been the After School Enrichment program. Starting in full force after schools reopened in the fall of 2020, Nadine's After School Enrichment program seeks to shore up deficiencies in students' socio-emotional development caused by distance learning, as well as offer parents an affordable childcare option as more and more households transition back to in-person work.

Nadine first partnered with Discover Aquatics, a swimming center within walking distance of the Olympia school, to provide students with swimming lessons. She also founded two faculty and parent-led clubs, one focused on gardening and the other on running, that allow students to engage in these activities at no cost to families.

As the After School Enrichment program grew in popularity, Nadine was able to expand the extracurricular program to include theater classes, a comic books club, and 3D printing and game design introductory classes, made possible in part by partnerships with local businesses and the South Sound YMCA.

Over the past few years, Nadine has seen scared students who wouldn't dip their toes into the pool turn into strong swimmers, participants in the program's running club embrace challenges head-on to become confident cross-country athletes, and curious children tending to their above-ground garden plots blossom into full-blown gardeners. All the individual and collective growth seen in McLane Elementary's children can be attributed to the consistent efforts of Nadine as PTSO President and her tireless leadership of the After School Enrichment program.

That is why Nadine Gerber, a proud community leader, is my constituent spotlight.

RECOGNIZING MRS. JENNIFER POOLE, CONSTITUENT SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Jennifer Poole, on the occasion of her retirement after 20 years of

service to the United States House of Representatives.

Mrs. Poole began her career as a single mom on March 3, 2003, with the Office of Congressman John Linder (GA-07), and continued her service with the Office of Congressman Tom Price (GA-06) and then the Office of Congresswoman Karen Handel (GA-06). Mrs. Poole has been an invaluable member of my staff since 2017. She has worked cases related to every federal agency through the years, but excelled in working with Social Security, Internal Revenue Service, and Medicare cases. She has successfully completed thousands of cases, with immeasurable benefits being returned to our 11th Congressional District constituents. Guided by her faith, Jennifer has made a significant difference to Georgia constituents during some of their most challenging times.

Jennifer serves with uncommon zeal and tenacity; but more than that, her compassion and kindness are extraordinary. She exemplifies the very best of public service, and is an inspiration for us all. It is because of her dedication and impact to the community, that she will be greatly missed by our office and constituents. We wish her nothing but the best in retirement, allowing her to spend more time with her husband Scott, and children, Frankie and Mollie. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Poole for her 20 years of exemplary service.

I thank Jennifer. God speed.

HONORING DR. PAUL BERG

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the many contributions of Dr. Paul Berg to the science community. Dr. Berg passed away on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at age 96. This loss is deeply felt across our community.

Paul Berg was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1926 to a Russian Jewish immigrant couple, Harry and Sarah Brodsky Berg. While he grew up in modest circumstances, his mother encouraged his passion for science. He graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in 1943. Penn State University in 1948 with a B.S. in Biochemistry, and from Case Western Reserve University for his PhD in Biochemistry in 1952.

After his graduate work, Dr. Berg became a postdoctoral fellow with the American Cancer Society from 1952 through 1954. He worked at the Institute of Cytophysiology in Denmark and the Washington University School of Medicine. From 1955 through 1959, he was an assistant professor at the Washington University. Then, he was asked to help open a new biochemistry department at Stanford University. He was a professor at Stanford, where he was named Robert W. and Vivian K. Cahill Professor of Cancer Research Emeritus. He taught from 1959 through 2000. While he was a professor teaching biochemistry to graduate students, I was an undergraduate who was a friend to some of those grad students. Dr. Berg inspired them, tremendously. I remember well the optimism and excitement his teaching inspired his students, my friends.