

lives of many people throughout the communities of Madison and Durham and the State of Connecticut as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent leaders as devoted and compassionate as No-reen. Her absence will be felt throughout the region, and I offer my sincere condolences to her family and friends during this time. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring No-reen's life and work.

HONORING TIMOTHY BURKE ON
HIS 26 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Timothy Burke on his retirement from the City of Vacaville, following an incredible 26-year career devoted to serving the people of Vacaville. Throughout Mr. Burke's public service career, he has demonstrated a sincere commitment to improving his community and an unyielding zeal for addressing the pressing challenges faced by the residents of Vacaville.

During his tenure as a public servant, Mr. Burke served as Assistant Engineer, Associate Engineer, Senior Engineer, and most recently, as Assistant Director of Public Works and City Engineer. From his first role as Assistant Engineer, Mr. Burke has played an instrumental role in revolutionizing Vacaville's infrastructure, demonstrating his staunch spirit of innovation and leadership.

Throughout his career as an engineer, Mr. Burke approached every challenge presented to him with ingenuity and resourcefulness. He worked tirelessly to improve Vacaville's public systems, making them more efficient and prioritizing the concerns of his community. Mr. Burke's engineering efforts played an indispensable role in ensuring the safety of Vacaville residents.

As the Assistant Director of Public Works, Mr. Burke collaborated with Vacaville land developers to negotiate countless agreements to ensure the stability of Vacaville's infrastructure. In these negotiations, he demonstrated his great commitment to serving the needs of his community.

Mr. Burke's remarkable career is characterized not only by his wealth of knowledge and profound engineering skills, but also by his spirit of kindness and empathy. His patient guidance and persistent optimism left an indelible legacy on the people of Vacaville and Solano County.

While his presence will surely be missed, Mr. Burke's 2 decades of service to the residents of Vacaville will leave a long-lasting impact. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for Mr. Burke's dedicated service to the people of Vacaville and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GEORGE
BRYAN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of George Wilkerson Bryan, Sr. George was born in West Point, Mississippi, in 1944. He was the son of John H. Bryan and Catherine Wilkerson Bryan and the youngest of 4 siblings. George was a devoted husband and father and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in West Point, Mississippi. Throughout his life, he devoted his energy and passions toward his family, his friends, his businesses, and golf. He had a deep and positive impact on the people in his life.

A 1968 business administration graduate of Mississippi State University, George began his business career in 1964 at Bryan Foods, his family's West Point-based meat products manufacturing company, which was acquired by Sara Lee Corp. in 1968. After working in cost accounting, George became production manager and vice president of sales before being named Bryan Foods president in 1974. He was named Sara Lee Corp.'s senior vice president in 1983 and served the position until 2000. George served as chief executive officer of Sara Lee Foods and chairman and director of the American Meat Institute.

A tireless champion of business, civic, and charitable endeavors, George also served as general campaign chairman for the United Way of the Mid-South; a 30-year director and member of the Audit, Trust, and Compensation committees of Regions Bank; and past president of the Chickasaw Council Boy Scouts of America. He was named an "Outstanding Mississippian" in 1979 by then-Gov. Cliff Finch and was inducted into the West Point Hall of Fame in 1992 and West Point "Citizen of the Year" in 2000. George was named MSU's College of Business and Industry Alumni Fellow in 1992, College of Business Alumnus of the Year in 1996. He was named MSU's National Alumnus of the Year in 2000 and was a longtime board member of the MSU Foundation.

George served in 4 components of the Armed Forces: U.S. Marine Corps; U.S. Army; U.S. Army Reserve; and Army National Guard, where he was mobilized as a combat engineer during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Later in his military career, he served under the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, DC, as an advisor to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission in the 1980s. He retired as a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and was the recipient of the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal.

In 1988, George and his wife, Marcia, were co-founders and owners of his hometown's Old Waverly Golf Club, one of the South's premier golf destinations and home to Mississippi State men's and women's golf programs. He led in bringing the U.S. Women's Open to Old Waverly in 1999—an achievement that earned him the Jackson Clarion-Ledger's 1999 "Sports Person of the Year" award. George was a cofounder of Mossy Oak Golf Club, which also serves MSU's golf programs and

was recognized in 2018 as one of Golf week's Top 100 Modern Golf Courses.

George Bryan is survived by his wife, Marcia Lavender Bryan, and their children: Suzanne Lavender Bryan, Brentwood, TN; George Wilkerson Bryan, Jr. (Amy, West Point, MS; Laura Bryan Williams (Shane), West Point, MS; and Nancy Bryan Campbell (Matt), Oxford, MS. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kimberly Bryan; father, John H. Bryan Sr.; mother, Catherine Wilkerson Bryan; sister, Catherine Bryan "Kitty" Dill; brother, John H. Bryan Jr.; and brother-in-law, Robert Donald Harrell, Sr.

HONORING HOWARD GANTER FOR
44 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE
ARC JEFFERSON—ST. LAWRENCE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Howard "Howie" Ganter for over 40 years of service to The Arc Jefferson—St. Lawrence, formerly Jefferson Rehabilitation Center. Since 1978, Howie has served The Arc in many capacities, culminating in his promotion to Chief Executive Officer in 2009.

Howie began his career at Jefferson Rehabilitation Center in 1978 as a Recreation Therapist, where he was an exceptional provider of services for people with disabilities and truly embodied the vision of the Jefferson Rehabilitation Center. Under Howie's tremendous leadership, Jefferson Rehabilitation Center merged with St. Lawrence NYSARC and established The Arc Jefferson—St. Lawrence. During this time, Howie successfully led these organizations through a smooth merger, while never losing sight of their missions to enhance the lives of people they serve to help them achieve their hopes and aspirations.

Howie's immense passion for serving others extended beyond his career at The Arc. Howie served on numerous committees and boards and volunteered countless hours to many organizations dedicated to helping those with disabilities. He served as the President of 1 World Foundation, where he coordinated shipments of needed supplies for people with disabilities in underserved areas all over the world. Additionally, Howie was the President of DOHL Development Corporation, a for-profit corporation that employs and trains nearly 100 people with disabilities providing them with vocational independence and confidence. Howie's motivation to make the world a better place for everyone, especially for those with disabilities, led him to lead a life of service even above himself.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize Howie's immense contribution to his community that has assuredly left an indelible impact for generations to come. His dedication to serving those with disabilities and tireless support of The Arc should serve as an inspiration to us all. I congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement, and I wish him the best for all of his future endeavors.

SUPPORTING THE OMNIBUS AP-
PROPRIATIONS AND CONSOLI-
DATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2023

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as we begin the 118th Congress and the new year, I want to take a moment to voice my strong support for the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, Public Law 117–328. Given that this legislation will help so many, it is fitting that we enacted this bipartisan bill during the holiday season—a time of kindness and caring for others.

As people struggle with higher costs, this law provides substantial help paying for food, housing, health care, childcare, and education. For example, a few notable provisions include:

It increases affordable housing funding by 8 percent, including an expansion of vouchers for 12,000 households at risk of homelessness;

It ensures that the 40 million children on Medicaid and CHIP have uninterrupted access to health care through the year by offering continuous coverage;

It expands high-quality childcare and pre-school by increasing the Child Care and Development Block Grant by \$1.9 billion and Head Start by \$950 million;

It invests in mental health services for Medicare beneficiaries by expanding the physician workforce, creating a new outpatient benefit, and extending telehealth flexibilities for 2 years;

It helps improve customer service by the Social Security Administration for seniors, people with disabilities, and survivors with an additional \$785 million;

It lowers food insecurity with an additional \$13.4 billion for the SNAP program and by giving 29 million kids healthy meals during the summer with the creation of a permanent summer food program;

It increases Pell Grants by \$500, the largest increase in over a decade;

It helps lower energy costs with \$6.1 billion for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program or LIHEAP;

It helps individuals, families, and communities affected by disasters with \$27 billion; and

It strengthens retirement for Americans.

I am very proud that this law includes 3 of my bills and over \$24 million to help my local organizations and constituents via community projects funding.

The law includes The Jackie Walorski Maternal and Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act of 2022 that provides historic funding for the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program that funds evidence-based home visiting proven to improve mother and child health, family safety, and child development.

It includes the Retirement Parity for Student Loans Act that improves retirement savings and lowers educational debt by allowing employers to make 401(k) matching payments for employees making student-loan payments, helping younger workers who currently cannot afford to save for their retirement to begin saving much sooner.

In addition, the law includes key provisions of the Unclaimed Savings Bond Act that will help locate bondholders and heirs of unclaimed bonds, helping ordinary Americans claim the over \$33 billion owed to them. Illinois citizens are owed over \$1 billion in matured unredeemed savings bonds. Under current practice, Treasury has required bondholders and heirs who cannot produce the physical bond from redeeming those funds unless they are able to provide the serial number and other detailed information. This requirement likely affects poorer and elderly bondholders who face the most challenges in retaining all of their personal records and who hold a significant percentage of these bonds. Working with my colleague, Ron Estes, and other Ways and Means Members, the law included a fix to ensure that Treasury makes every effort to provide each state with the complete information, including the serial numbers, for bondholders in that state. Helping bondholders and their heirs redeem their investments is the clear purpose of the statute, and I will work with the executive branch to ensure it is carried out.

Finally, this law delivers over \$24 million to help my local organizations and constituents via community projects. These projects will: increase access to quality health, substance abuse, and mental health services; expand affordable and transitional housing; improve higher education for minority men; expand community well-being programs to improve community safety and economic security; help modernize one of our cherished local museums; improve the trauma-informed care system for children on the south and westsides; and provide high-caliber programming to youth.

I am proud that the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, does so much to support individuals, families, communities, and businesses—improving well-being, safety, and economic security. I look forward to seeing all the goods things that this law does unfold during 2023.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF DALE CLARMONT

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Dale Clarmont for his 35 years of service in the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department. Over his time working for the people of North Michigan, including more than 2 decades as Sheriff, Dale has shown considerable poise and professionalism while working to make his community a safer place.

Upon graduating high school in 1979, Sheriff Clarmont started his 8-year military career with the United States Navy as an Aviation Electronics Technician, later returning to the Cheboygan area to raise his family. Dale soon started his time in the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department as a dispatcher in 1987, quickly cementing himself as a key part of the department and an ideal candidate for county Sheriff in 2000. He would go on to hold this position for 22 years, until announcing his upcoming retirement in January of 2023.

Throughout his distinguished career, Sheriff Clarmont prioritized his community's safety

and well-being above all else. Dale's longtime devotion to our country is commendable, and the impact of his work on his fellow officers and the people of the Cheboygan cannot be overstated. We owe Dale our utmost gratitude for his continued effort to better himself, his colleagues, and the community he has served for the past 35 years.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Dale Clarmont for his decades of combined service to the United States Navy and the Cheboygan County Sheriff's his local Sheriff's Department. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Dale and his family and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO GERALD "BUD"
CHITTOM

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Gerald "Bud" Chittom, a larger-than-life restaurateur, musician and promoter of Memphis' iconic blues throughfare—Beale Street—and my friend. Bud passed in 2018 after a career opening and managing dozens of Memphis area restaurants and night clubs. He was awarded a Beale Street Brass Note in 2011 with the inscription "A Man You Don't Meet Everyday," putting him in the company of fellow Brass Note honorees, B.B. King, Isaac Hayes, Elvis Presley and Sain Phillips. Bud will be honored this week by the Downtown Memphis Commission with its Vision Award, which will be received by his daughter, Caitlin. It's well-deserved. Bud was instrumental in the renewal of Beale Street, creating the Blues City Café at Second Street, founding Jerry Lee Lewis' Café and Honky Tonk at 310 Beale, and driving business to other venues on Beale and his restored Earnestine and Hazel's on South Main Street, now world-renown as the Nation's best dive bar. He didn't rest until the area's revival as a mecca for tourism and music lovers was assured. A bass player himself, he often sat in with bands playing venues up and down the street. After I successfully passed the Tennessee Education Lottery as a Tennessee state senator, Bud and Blues City Café co-owner, Wilbur Hensley sold me the first lottery ticket in Tennessee in 2004. The Vision Award recognizes Bud's contribution to our community, and I commend the Downtown Memphis Commission for saluting him, and congratulate his family and friends for making him a part of our lives.

HONORING JAY PENDERGRAPH ON
HIS 19 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jay Pendergraph upon his retirement from the Wheatland City Council. Throughout Mr. Pendergraph's tenure on City Council, he fervently advocated for his fellow